

Winter 2023/24



RM collecting donations for Interlake Food Bank

Donations of non-perishable food items are being accepted now until Dec. 20 at the RM of Rosser Municipal Office.

All items collected will be taken to the Interlake Food Bank, located in Stonewall.

"It's a way of community coming together for a good cause," said Coun. Lee Garfinkel.

"We hope that those who are able to give at this time of year will join in support of those who are less fortunate."

The Interlake Food Bank serves people in Stonewall and the surrounding communities not served by another food bank.

It is open once a month and located at 293 Main Street, in the basement of the Stonewall Town Hall.

This is not a hamper drive, rather a collection of food for the food bank.

Canned soup, stew, vegetables, fruit, fish and beans are all good choices for food banks. Baby food, peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce are also good suggestions.

If you are able to donate, please drop your items off at the RM of Rosser office, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.

If you are in need of the Interlake Food Bank, call 204-467-9118.



RM of Rosser staff, left to right, Susan Manchulenko, Kim King, Don Dowle, Niki Steinke, Lori Sheldon, Ashley Campbell and Leslie Snell. Non-perishable food donations for the Interlake Food Bank will be accepted at the RM office until Dec. 20.

Message from the Reeve

It's hard to believe another year has come and gone as we are fast approaching the holiday season and the end of 2023.

Rosser has continued to be a very busy municipality and all our Council has committed even more leadership during these times of positive change. There are many exciting things to come in 2024 for the RM, and we will continue to stay dedicated to moving forward positively.

On behalf of all of Council, best wishes to you and your families during this holiday season.

We hope for each and every one of our residents and businesses that 2024 is a good and prosperous year.

Sincerely,
Reeve Ken Mulligan



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Motorists slowing down thanks to digital speed sign

The digital speed signs the RM placed on PR221 in the village of Rosser aim to make drivers aware of the speed they are going and reduce it if necessary.

The signs were placed due to concerns from residents that drivers were speeding through the village.

“Residents had raised the issue that some motorists were speeding and there were safety concerns,” said Deputy Reeve Lee Garfinkel.

“The school is on 221, there are kids outside and the community centre is there too. No one wants to see an accident, and if the signs make drivers more aware of their speed and they take their foot off the gas, it’s a step in the right direction.”



The speed sign on PR221 has motorists more aware of their speed and slowing down.

The signs collect data – including the speed of the approaching vehicle – and the RM will, over time, be able to determine how prevalent speeding is, among other things.

The sign only records speed for informational purposes, tickets are not issued.

Council has recently reviewed a couple months of data. Garfinkel is happy with the early results.

“I was pleasantly surprised that the traffic being monitored is slower than I first thought. There is always room for improvement to help lower the incidents of speeding through the village. Hopefully this article itself will be a good reminder. Please stay within the speed limits.”

Recycling is a good thing and saves taxpayer dollars

Recycling is a good thing – and it not only helps in a big picture kind of way, in that it’s good for the planet, but it helps in a financial way, in that it keeps more money in your pocket.

That’s right, recycling pays.

The RM of Rosser spends about \$80,000 a year for solid waste management, which is broken into the cost to operate the municipal transfer station and to allow for residents to take garbage and recycling to Prairie Green Landfill.

It’s a common misconception that use of the landfill for residents is free. It’s true the RM has an affordable agreement with Prairie Green, but it’s still taxpayer dollars that cover solid waste management.

Recycling allows the RM to reduce the amount it pays for solid waste. Diverting recyclable materials brings money back to the RM through programs by the Multi-Material Stewardship of Manitoba (MMSM) and Waste Reduction and Recycling Support (WRARS) programs.

From 2020 – 2022, the RM received \$48,961.31 back from MMSM WRARS.



Knowing what you can recycle makes it easier. A recycling guide can be found on rmafrosser.com

In 2020, the RM diverted 38.27 tonnes of recyclable materials from the landfill and received \$15,835.37 from the two organizations. The following year, 41 tonnes of recyclables didn’t go to the landfill and the RM got \$17,234.22 in return. Last year, in 2022, 39 tonnes were diverted resulting in \$15,891.72 coming back to the RM.

The RM is encouraging everyone to do their part to recycle as much as possible. One of the best ways to do that, is to become educated on what is recyclable, and what is not.

If you’re going to the transfer station, there is a recycling bin located there. For a list of what is accepted, visit rmafrosser.com/p/rosser-transfer-station

Remembering Carl Simonson



The RM of Rosser Reeve and Council offer condolences to the Simonson family on the passing earlier this year of Carl Simonson.

Carl was instrumental in establishing the Rosser Fire Department and he was its first Fire Chief.

Carl was an important part of the Rosser community and he will be missed.

2023 Rosser Transfer Station HOLIDAY HOURS						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 CLOSED	23 OPEN 9AM to 5PM
24	25 Christmas CLOSED	26 CLOSED Boxing Day	27 CLOSED	28 OPEN 1PM to 5PM	29 OPEN 9AM to 5PM	30 OPEN 9AM to 5PM
31	CLOSED Monday, January 1st					

Volunteers make sure Grosse Isle rink goes on

It's sort of a right-of-passage in Canada to skate outside, your breath clearly visible, feet clearly frozen and a grin on your face from ear to ear.

In Grosse Isle, that right will be enjoyed by generations to come now that Phase 1 of the outdoor rink renovation is complete and new boards are in place.

Monica Baldwin and Greg Johnson are members of the Grosse Isle Rec Club board and were in charge of the rink renovation project.

Baldwin says it was a total community effort and so fun to be part of.

"This rink is the heart of Grosse Isle come the winter, like the ball diamonds and beach volleyball are in the summer," she said.

"A lot of volunteers, young and old, came together to replace the boards. It was great to see the young ones involved, they'll take pride in it and keep up with it. They're the future."

When winter does set in, the rink is a busy place.

"It's well used on the weekends or in the evenings, the lights are often on. The Grosse Isle School kids use it all the time, families and people from neighbouring communities will come to it, just because the location in the bush is an attraction, the shelter it provides and the warm-up shack," she said.

The boards on the old rink were rotting and needed to be replaced so the rink could open this winter. As part of a five-year plan, the volunteer board has been fundraising and applying for grants in recent years and has made many upgrades at the club, including to the ball diamond, dance floor restoration, upper and lower-level beautification in the hall and exterior renovations.

The RM of Rosser provided a grant towards the work, and an \$85,000 grant from the Provincial Arts, Culture and



Clockwise from top left: Jeff Harris and son Brooks remove volleyball post pre-construction; left to right, Madden van Kemenade, Krew Lindsay and Ashton Baldwin; Jim Lindsay, Madden and Rhys van Kemenade and Bryn Lindsay; and Jim Lindsay, Bryce Baldwin and Brook Darragh.

Sport in Community Fund – a 50 per cent matching grant – made the new boards a reality.

Baldwin said community members were critical to the project's success, and it was nice to see generations working together to keep the rink alive.

"We had to remove the old and deteriorating boards and fencing and then replace it with the new boards and chain link fencing," Baldwin said.

"This work was done by community volunteers and it was people of all ages. It's going to be nice for the young ones who helped to look back when they're older and know they helped out."

Their labour saved the club money, which can be put towards other things.

The board is fundraising for Phase 2 of the project that will see the warm-up shack replaced. For more information, check the club's website, grosseislemb.ca

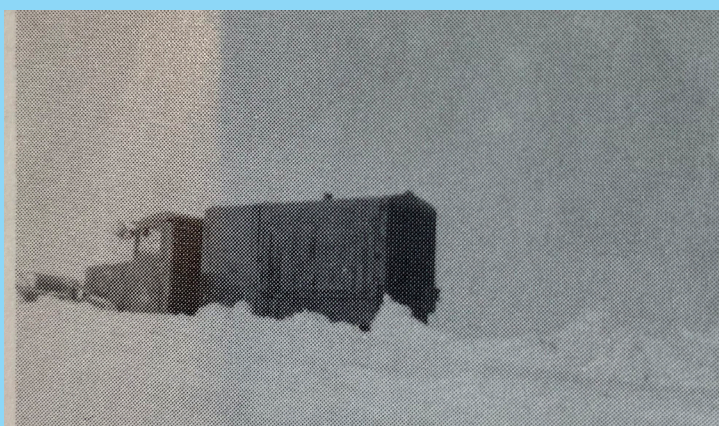
Updated hall perfect gathering spot

The renovated hall is being put to good use as well, with a coffee club meeting daily in the lower level, and a walking club meeting Mondays and Wednesdays from 10am to 11am and then having coffee inside to wrap up the walk.

Upcoming events are posted on the website, and residents are encouraged to check it regularly.

Trivia time

What year did the RM begin clearing roads in the winter, and what is the piece of equipment seen below?



Answer: 1940, Rotary Snowplow

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Community building at Rosser Central CC

They're called community centres for a reason, and that's because they're built by the community.

Rosser Central Community Club (RCCC) recently had its new gym floor installed and it was community members who not only donated to the cause but also did the hard work of installing the floor.

Jessica Beachell, RCCC board member, says the volunteer board wants to thank everyone who had a hand in making it all happen. Besides the new floor, there is a new water fountain and gym equipment.

"Everyone at RCCC wants to send out a huge thank you to the community of Rosser for the donations to the Capital Campaign for the gym floor, water fountain and gym equipment," Beachell said.

"I would also like to give a huge thank you to the RCCC board members and the other community volunteers who helped make this vision a reality! It definitely took a village to get this project completed!"

The community centre is busy, with Mixed Martial Arts, gymnastics and yoga running regularly. A boot camp is on right now and spring and fall volleyball developmental camps take place each year.

Beachell says there's more programs that could run out of the centre, but volunteers are needed.

"If someone wants a specific program ran, for example a lot of people want pickleball, we just don't have anyone to take the lead on running a pickleball league," Beachell said.

"If we have a lead person who's really into pickleball and wants to help run the league and organize it, we'd be more than willing to help them run it and set it up through the club."

Volunteers are always needed, and there is an open director position on the board if anyone is interested. Contact Beachell at rosser.rec@gmail.com

Programs at RCCC

Gymnastics: ages 18 months - 12 years. Fall, Winter and Spring Sessions - more info at Rosser Gymnastics Facebook page.

Mixed Martial Arts: ages 6 - adult. Sundays at 1 pm - runs all year - new members welcome at any time. Contact Nelson at 204-291-4476 for more information or to come and try a class

Harmony Yoga: Mondays 8-9pm - open to all abilities. Contact Jessica at 204-996-6663 or rosser.rec@gmail.com for more information.

Rentals for birthday parties, team wind-ups, team practices, showers, meetings. Contact Andrea at 204-479-6476.

Coming soon: walking group - Mondays/Wednesdays/Fridays 9am - 10am - Contact Arla at 204-461-0692.

Open Gym nights: Nov. 17th and Dec. 1st, 7-10pm. Free! Drinks and snacks available for purchase upstairs.

Coming in Spring: Quiz night and Developmental Volleyball.

Website also coming soon: All programs and bookings will go through the website once it is running.



RCCC board members, left to right, Dawn Klassen, Ashlee Beachell, Jessica Beachell, Andrea Schutz and Nicole Galbraith. Below, volunteers work to install the floor, and bottom, volleyball practice.



Thank you Capital Campaign donors

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