

Carberry Newsletter

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Are you ready?

Here comes the Prairie Harvest Festival

General Election 2026

**The Municipal General Election
is coming this October!**

Registration for the offices of Mayor and Councillor is now open and will remain open until September 22, 2026.

Reminder: All candidates are required to register with the Senior Election Official before accepting contributions, fundraising, incurring campaign expenses, or borrowing money for their campaign.

If you have any questions, please contact Callie Sudak at acao@townofcarberry.ca

Voting for the General Election will take place on October 28, 2026, at the Carberry Community Hall. We encourage all eligible voters to participate and make their voices heard.

Be sure to get out and vote!

A new face in the Town Office



Please welcome **Amanda Dane** to the Town Office, where she has taken up the position of Finance Clerk to cover for a maternity leave. Without her, we'd probably burn out our CAO, who would have to do two whole jobs.

Don't Forget!
**2026 Property taxes are
due on September 30**

Saturday, August 22, is a date you want to keep open.

Don't leave town, the action will all be here! It's a free festival, with something for just about everyone. For the day, Main Street will be closed to vehicles from Third Avenue up to the park; Fourth Avenue will be closed from Toronto to Selkirk. A street market will be set up on Main Street from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. To fend off hunger and put some variety in your diet, there will be a selection of food trucks in the parking lot at the head of Main Street from 11:00 a.m. on. For the youngsters, the CP park will become their zone from noon until 4:00 p.m., with all kinds of fun laid on. For more mature tastes, the Legion will host a Beer Garden, and from 5:00 p.m. on there will be live music until 11:00 p.m.



"I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me." - Noel Coward

This is a free event that a lot of community minded supporters have made possible. Be sure to thank them.

To keep up to date with the latest developments, be sure to follow the festival on Facebook.

From the Fire Department:

The fire department has been busy recently with some school and day camp tours educating the children about what we do.

We also had the chance to use the Practical Training Site with the MESC in Brandon. This happened to be on one of the hottest days of the year.

Therefore this summer when temperatures rise into the 30's remember to stay hydrated and limit your time in the direct sun.

Also remember your pets in these temperatures as well especially if you have them in the car with you.

Stay safe and have a great summer.

Fire Chief

This Month's Council News

May 2026 Joint Councils' Meeting

Kelly Marnoch of Guild Insurance had prepared a proposal to insure the Carberry Plains Community Centre to compete with the coverage provided by the Western Financial Group for AMM. He offered detailed comparisons of the types of coverage that would be involved. He noted that though Town or RM staff and volunteers would be covered for injury and liability, users of the CPCC should get their own coverage and provide Joint Councils with a certificate that they are co-insured. If a change is decided on, the premiums can be pro-rated to the day the change takes effect; there is no time constraint. Marnoch was thanked for his proposal and the well-prepared comparisons of a very complicated coverage.

The next delegation was from the CNCL Fire Department, represented by Chief McCallum and a group of his officers. They were there to explain and defend their recommendation of the Pierce BX pumper in stock at Commercial Emergency Equipment Ltd. The price was competitive; the competitors would have to build their units from scratch which would take longer than the mandated retirement of the present unit it replaces; it can be driven by anyone with a class 4 license with air (which most of the firefighters have); the five-man cab would enable the firefighters arriving in it to start work at once safely; and the price guarantee had just been extended to the end of the week of the meeting. The Joint Councils passed a resolution approving the purchase, but each municipality had also to pass a resolution before the guarantee deadline. Asked how to prepare for the next mandated equipment purchase, McCallum suggested that each municipality set aside \$25,000 each year, along with the \$25,000 that comes annually from the casino for fire coverage. This would put \$750,000 into the reserve, along with whatever will be left after this purchase and the \$300,000 the retiring unit will fetch.

A resolution upgrading the Fire Department's wages was tabled to be discussed *in camera*.

The meeting accepted the offer of Philip Balabanski to supply a 2010 GMC Sierra for \$13,000. Half the cost will be borne by the Carberry Plains Cemetery, and the remaining half will be split evenly between Carberry and NCL.

Local Link Consulting had prepared an unofficial budget for work and acquisitions at the campground. This included hooking up the water, the washroom/shower/mechanical building, a cook shack, a tent for the maintenance compound, trees, seeding and irrigation, plus 8% for a consulting engineer. Somewhere near \$400,000 plus the 8%.

For the campground, Councils accepted the quote of Reilly's Home Hardware for the supplies needed to install irrigation pipe to the campground and approved hiring Sandhills Electric to accomplish the installation.

They also approved the purchase of a container to house equipment at the site from Strongbox Containers of Neepawa.

For use as an office at the site, Councils approved the purchase of a 10' x 24' cabin from Premier Buildings in Glenboro.

To carry through the period until the washroom facility on site will be completed, Councils approved the rental of a two-stall portable washroom trailer from King's Services of Winnipeg.

Appearing from Winnipeg by Microsoft Teams, Western Financial's Kristin Keating and Charmaine Virtuccio spoke about the insurance presently covering the CPCC, to compare with Guild's offer. AMM's plan does not require any co-insurance on the property; their limit of expenses and the liability limit are both five times as high. They also have a self-insurance component which regularly rebates when claims are below the maximum. CAO McConnell added that

the customer service she has received from Western has been exemplary. The meeting agreed to call Marnoch to see if they can make a comparison "apples to apples."

The meeting accepted a quote from Back Road Transport to shift the pile of concrete and the burn pile with a bulldozer. A procedure for handling concrete including crushing and extracting the rebar should be developed to save space and money.

The Joint Foreman reports that indoor sports at the CPCC and baseball at the diamonds are under way, and the water is on at the Museum and Gingerbread House.

The Manager of Arts and Recreation is seeking details of improvements the clientele for her programs would like to see. She has summer programs for both young and old. She is organizing a Canada Day celebration at the pool.

A plaque commemorating the WWI ace and pioneering bush pilot Wop May will be dedicated on Sunday June 7, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at his childhood home on Simcoe Street.

The new doctor assigned to Carberry will be welcomed for a visit with her husband and family on June 17.

The Fire Department's level 1 and level 2 trainees will be given their practical tests on June 13 and 14. On June 20, they will host their annual Firefighters' Texas Breakfast fundraiser at the Fire Hall.

The museum has completed its outdoor display building and is working to stock it with memorabilia from the early years of potato growing in Carberry. They intend to formally open the display during the Prairie Harvest Festival on August 22. Service for Seniors has set up a number of day trips throughout the summer and is working on grant applications. The handivans are running smoothly.

The Daycare's subdivision has at last been approved. Public Works has visited the site to determine how the water and sewer will be connected to the building.

Reece Anderson sent a letter requesting that the Town and RM address the issue of litter escaping from the Transfer Station and blowing onto his adjacent land. He hopes to graze cattle on the land and is afraid for their health if something isn't done. The Joint Foreman has offered to pull a crew of his staff from their regular duties to handle the problem in the shortest time.

Carberry Collegiate's Youth in Philanthropy class are looking at presenting new benches for the ball diamonds, starting with the SE diamond.

The mayor is concerned with the increasing number of children seen on electric scooters without helmets. The devices can go quite quickly and have tiny wheels which can lose integrity and cause loss of control. Helmets should be mandatory; parents should insist. They protect against serious, even fatal injury.

June 2026 Town Council Meeting

Since the last meeting the Council held two special meetings, one to appoint a Weed Inspector, and one to commit to the purchase of the pumper required by the Fire Department.

From the meeting of the Joint Committee, a truck was purchased, the costs split between the cemetery board and the joint municipalities.

Several equipment purchases for the campground were approved — irrigation pipe, a storage container, a campground office, and a washroom trailer. Bulldozer work at the Transfer Station was approved.

Civic addresses were assigned for the lots in the Wells Subdivision on Kingsnorth Bay.

A policy for the collection of garbage and recycling was approved, which should reduce some of the confusion around glass recycling.

Youth Councilor Boganés gave the last report of his term of office.

All difficult things have their origin in that which is easy, and great things in that which is small. -Lao Tzu

The CAO commented on the civic addressing she developed with the ACAO and on the glass/waste pickup policy she reframed. She has been meeting with Public Works and the Fire Department to consider the staged expansion of the network of fire hydrants into the new lots in the west.

The U of M Rural Medical Week has passed, with four students coming to shadow the physicians at the hospital, and lots of other entertainment:

Applications to register as a candidate for mayor are now open, with applications for councilor to open on June 30. Any changes to the Voters' List should be forwarded to the ACAO as elections officer.

Public Works built a fence at the north end daylily and dog park, and a road for the new Daycare. The work on the back lanes has been aided by the quality of the gravel provided by Mitchell; it packs much better.

With the assistance of many P&R staff and some volunteers, the field downwind of the Transfer Station has been cleaned up and can pasture cattle again.

Dr. Maharajh's equipment is in place, waiting only on final inspection and certification.

This day was the start of the Farmers' Markets, which will be held every Tuesday night from now until August 25.

Carla Dawn Smith has been hired as the interim office clerk.

July 2026 Town Council Meeting

A revision of the Traffic By-Law, which adds stop signs to the intersection of Wheatland Drive and Wellwood Road, was given first reading.

The week of September 21-27, 2026, was declared to be Rail Safety Week at the instigation of CN Rail.

Council approved a \$2 per capita grant to STARS Air Ambulance, who have been a lifesaving service to many members of our community.

The U of M Aggies' Bedpush will be coming through Town on Friday, September 25 at around 3:20 p.m.

Council approved the assignment of '600 Wheatland Drive' as the civic address of the new campground location.

Uses of the money that was once called the "Gas Tax" but is now the "Canada Community Building Fund" [CCBF] must be reported to the CCBF. Council accepted the 2025 Annual Expenditure Report as prepared by the Exchange Group.

Council approved the purchase of established trees for the cemetery from Koinonia Nursery. The costs are to be shared 50/50 with North Cypress-Langford.

Tenders were requested for the construction a walking path along Stickle Avenue from Dufferin Street to Main Street. The bid of Zenith Paving was accepted, on condition that it be completed before September 1, 2026.

Council will send the final payment of \$717,011.27 to Commercial Emergency Equipment for the new fire truck. The costs for this will be shared 50/50 with NCL. The machine isn't yet in the Fire Hall; it has been delivered to the shop where it will receive its modifications.

Council agreed to approve sponsoring the Prairie Harvest Festival in the amount of \$500.

A new guestbook and its protective case are in place at the cemetery. Because of the weather, most of the plants had to be replaced. The ACAO sourced them from several greenhouses and wants to thank them for their help and generous deals for the replacements. The replanting involved the staff and a lot of volunteers without whom it couldn't have been possible, and to whom thanks are due.

The new doctor, Dr. Hanan Almanama and her family were welcomed to town with a meal and a tour of the amenities, including registration of her children at the schools. A local realtor will help find a home here, and the children enjoyed a tour of the Fire Hall.

Applications for candidate registrations for Mayor and for Councilor are now being accepted.

At the Transfer Station there is a serious skunk problem. About 20 of them are infesting the place, which is difficult to deal with. To place the new Town dumpsters on the north side of the station, the compost pile will have to be moved, and the drainage of the site improved. The bulldozer that moved the cement pile can be called back.

Some monuments at the cemetery are leaning as the ground softens beneath them. The problem of lifting them while repair work is done is difficult for the taller old ones.

At the Museum, more old equipment is arriving to populate the display of early potato agriculture in the area. The display will be opened during the Prairie Harvest Festival.

The White House is in need of some repairs and/or cosmetic improvements. Skirting and insulating the foundation, plugging holes and covering vents would be good value for money spent, showing the Town is a conscientious landlord.

The Board of Revision date has been set for October 13, 2026.

Stride Credit Union will hold a Grand Opening of their building at 10 Main Street on Wednesday August 12. A community barbecue, a ribbon cutting ceremony, and tours of the new facility will be featured.

The Prairie Harvest Festival Committee's Farmers' Market is picking up speed after a slow start in June.

The campground should be open in a couple of weeks.

The mayor is dissatisfied with the performance of the Commissionaires. For the large cost of their contracted presence, no improvements are visible. He asked the CAO to investigate terminating the Commissionaires' contract.

He also urged the Council to take seriously the decisions which are to be taken as their four-year term comes to an end. They will give shape to the community for years to come.

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"Think of how stupid the average person is, and realize half of them are stupider than that." - George Carlin



The Cemetery is in great shape... For a good reason

The cemetery is a beautiful park, and an amenity for the Community. Each year it must be brought back from winter's sleep, and this year brought back again from the ravages of a sudden downpour when it was just finding its feet. To do this, the Parks staff and a large group of volunteers put in some stressful hours. The results speak for themselves.

Thank You to all the staff and volunteers who helped with planting at the cemetery this year. We are in your debt, we couldn't do it without you.

Be sure to include the cemetery in your walks (or runs) — Boost the health benefits of exercise with the health benefits of a beautiful sight.

News from

Carberry/NCL Arts & Recreation

The pool has been busy this summer! We had Paddle Bros lure us into relaxation twice, and then we had Fitness with Jenn — Aqua Zumba—get us moving in the water!! Teen Swim was a hit, and we also had a couple of glow swims. A great summer at the Carberry Pool! A big thank you to our lifeguards for keeping us safe all summer!

Summer Day Camp was full of fun this year, seeing 51 campers registered, and most weeks had 20-24 campers. Our staff were amazing keeping these campers busy. We did crafts, played games, watched movies, went for many walks, played at the park, visited the library and swam in the pool. The camp also visited Willowview Farms, Sprucewoods, the Fire Hall, Melaine Green's Farm, and Summer Shack for ice cream! **A HUGE THANK YOU** to Mr. Elmhurst for driving us to all these places! He was so generous and donated his time and bus to us this summer. We had 8 themed weeks — Barnyard Palooza, Superheroes, Nature Explorers, All Star Sports, Splish Splash, Our Community, Ahoy! Pirates and Art Ventures. We had a great summer with the campers!

Canada Day we had over 150 community members take advantage of our free swim and BBQ! It was great to see so many people out!

We had the Pickleball Roadshow come out and host a free clinic to youth ages 10-17. We had 8 youth registered for this; they had a great two days learning new skills.

Upcoming this fall for Arts & Recreation: A trip to Pilot Mound to visit Wooden Gate Cidery, Kathleen Lagasse is coming back for another afternoon of crafting, After School Arts will start back up as well as Tots Time—watch social media for those registrations! We had a great summer here in Carberry and North Cypress Langford!

Robyn

Seniors! Don't forget you have a date every Wednesday for

Lunch at the Drop-In

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PRAIRIE Harvest FESTIVAL
A DAY OF COMMUNITY, MUSIC & HARVEST > FUN! <

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST 2026

- A STREET MARKET**
ON MAIN STREET
FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
- A STAGE WITH LIVE MUSIC**
IN THE VICINITY OF THE LEGION
FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M.
- A BEER GARDEN**
HOSTED BY THE LEGION
- A KIDS' AREA**
AT THE CP PARK
FROM 12:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
- FOOD TRUCKS**
IN THE PARKING LOT
OPPOSITE THE BAR
FROM 11:00 A.M.
- AN ARM WRESTLING COMPETITION**

Good Times. Great People. Strong Community.
EVERYONE WELCOME!
SUPPORT LOCAL. SHOP LOCAL. CELEBRATE TOGETHER.

Service for Seniors Summer Events

July 27 – Lunch at the Greens' Farm

August 7 – Brandon for the day

August 21 – Clear Lake Day Trip

August 25 – Lunch/High Tea at
Shady Lane Tea Room

for more information or reservations, call
Deb at (204) 834-6613 or servsen@wcgwave.ca

Carberry Farmers' Market

presented by
Prairie Harvest Festival

Tuesdays, 5pm-7pm
until the end of August
at the **CP Park**

Follow "Carberry Farmers' Market by PHF" on Facebook for up-to-date lists of vendors, BBQ fundraisers, entertainment, and more



my windowsill never changes

at the *Library*

Summer Reading Program – Starts any time, prereaders, readers, teens/adults all welcome! Register to participate.

Weekly Events

Story Time Wednesdays, 10 am for ages 3-5. Stories and crafts

Library Adventures Tuesdays, 1:00-2:00 p.m. ages 5-8

Library Explorers Thursdays, 1:00-3:00 p.m. ages 8-12

Chess Club Wednesdays, 1:00 pm (will change to 3:00 pm in fall)

Magic the Gathering Saturdays, 1:00-5:00 pm. All ages and skill levels welcome. Your own cards or ours. We play Commander. Other play styles welcome.

Monthly Events

Seniors' Tea Tuesday, 2:00 pm Aug 11, Sep 8, Oct 13.

Garden Club third Saturdays

August 15, Sep. 19 @ 2:00 pm

Fibre Arts Nights second Thurs.

Aug. 13, Sep. 10 7:00-9:00 pm
Knit, sew, crochet and visit! No experience necessary. We have yarn to share.

Drop In Book Club, Thursdays 7-9 pm, Aug. 6, Aug. 27, talk to a librarian for details.

D&D One Shot: "Monster Meadows"

Fri. Aug. 14, 12-4:00 pm. DM Laurie MacNevin. Contact the library to sign up (limited spots)

We will be closed on:

August 1 — for Terry Fox Day (and Lughnasadh)

Transfer Station Hours

Year round

Monday – 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesday – 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday – 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday – 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Closed on Statutory Holidays

Hey! Did you know?

you can now recycle paper coffee cups (but not their lids)

2027 is an assessment year for Property Taxes... so?

The Assessment people at Manitoba Municipal and Northern Affairs are tasked with keeping assessments as close as possible to current market value. They get as close as two years previous, there's always a short lag time to figure it all out. When they're done, the playing field is as level as possible. If you have improved your property, or are in a rising market, your taxes will rise. If nothing has changed, you'll probably decline a bit. In Carberry, 863 properties were assessed, 397 went up and 466 went down. If you question your assessment, you can contact an assessor at assessmentbrandon@gov.mb.ca and find out why. He can help you present your case to the Board of Revision which will sit on October 13, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Town Office.