

Carberry Newsletter

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Protect your Mental Wellness

Mark your calendars April
23rd for
*"How are you out of 10
today?"*

A mental wellness event in cooperation with Carberry Collegiate. During the day, the school will have different session for the students on mental wellness, and in the evening we will have mental health resources, a keynote presentation with Chris Beaudry, former assistant coach with the Humboldt Broncos. Also, the evening session will offer the same breakout sessions as the students, and a demo of 988.



New life for the PCH Courtyard

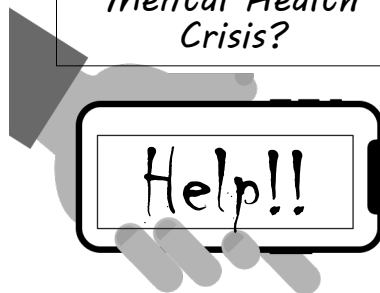
We are excited to announce that PMH will be cleaning out the majority of the Courtyard at the Carberry Health Centre/ PCH as well as an area around the existing gazebo on the north side of PCH. A committee has been formed to include Management, Nursing, the PCH Activity Director along with any PCH residents who are interested as well as a family/ community member. This is going to be a major project but it has brought back a lot of excitement from everyone that uses or has utilized the areas involved. Landscaping drawings will be sent to the committee for review which at some point we will put them on the Town of Carberry website. If you are interested in donating to the project drop a cheque off at the Hospital Business Office made out to "Prairie Mountain Health" and in the memo line, please mark "courtyard project". In the near future, the committee will set up other donation payment options. Thank you!

The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it." - Terry Pratchett

The Chamber is flourishing

Carberry & District Chamber of Commerce has reached a total of 88 Chamber Members for 2024. Businesses working together for our community. There have been several additions of sub-committees by the Chamber, so you may see more events and Chamber Members present in the upcoming weeks, months and years. If anyone is interested in joining the Chamber or has questions, contact 204-834-6616.

*Mental Health
Crisis?*



Call or text 988

Going to the Fair?

EDO is attending the Royal Manitoba Winter Fair again this Spring Break to promote the Town of Carberry. Top of the list will be the growth and development of businesses and available land to build and settle in the community. Karra will be in the Manitoba Room from March 25th to the 30th. Stop by for a visit.

Save the date! Children's Business Fair

Carberry Community Memorial Hall
May 11, 2024, 10 a.m - 1:00 p.m.

Children 6-17 are given the opportunity to make, showcase and sell a product on their own.

Accepting vendors Now!

<https://www.childrensbusinessfair.org/carberry-manitoba>



Advice from the RCMP

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre – Fraud Alert

Text messages claiming to be from the Canada Revenue Agency have been reported. The message will include the victims full name and SIN. A payment is requested to be sent to a phone number. CRA will never ask for a payment via text message. Providing your personal information puts you at risk of identity theft.

Report suspicious texts, emails and phone calls to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre @ 1-888-495-8501 (antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca)

If you believe you are the victim of identity theft or have lost money to a scammer, also report to your local RCMP Detachment.

This Month's Council News

January Joint Councils Committee

The Joint Services Agreement between the two is on NCL's table now but will be back for the next meeting.

Daycare is badly needed. The province gave out 25 RTM daycare centres last year, and Carberry would have been high on the list for the second distribution. It is hoped that the new government will carry on, but so far no word. The EDO is recruiting for a committee to facilitate the arrival of a daycare facility, whether from the province or of our own building. Step one is to meet the conditions that were required of the first distribution — two acres of fenced land with services and a guarantee of free rent for a specified period. The ideal site seems to be on the jointly owned Rec lands, at the corner of Dufferin and Stickle. It wouldn't compromise plans for the Rec lands and is appropriately zoned. Motions supporting this will be presented to both municipalities' next meetings.

The Fire Department was given a raise of 5% for a year, based on the existing minimum wage, as promised when the wages were adjusted last year. A bonus of \$5/month was added to compensate for the department's use of personal phones as pagers.

CAO Stephenson has been organizing this year's Mental Health and Wellness Fair originally established in response to the number of suicides in the community. To date, keynote speaker Chris Beaudry, an assistant coach of the Humboldt Broncos has been secured, paid for by PMH's Healthy Together Now. The event will take place in the Collegiate gymnasium, which is well equipped to handle the event and its audio-visual requirements. Councils will be asked for support.

The Fire Department handled 105 calls in 2023, a new record. 44 involved motor vehicles, 13 involved structure fires.

The lease for the apartment rented for visiting health professionals at the Lyons Estates is up at the end of February, and though there is no dissatisfaction with the Lyons Estates, it was agreed that due diligence required that it be put to tender.

With the departure of Keith Loney, a new Weed Supervisor must be named. NCL has chosen Shelley Rowland, and the Town asked to be added to her duties on a fee-for-service basis.

The intersection of Highways 1 & 5 was the subject of a media event in Dauphin. The premier and his minister presented a list of three solutions: A) a traffic circle; B) a widened median; and C) a layout called an R-CUT that is finding success in Europe and only now in North America. In it, all vehicles turn right, and then U-turn if need be. The result is that all vehicle interactions are either right turns or merges. \$12 Million has been committed to the project; the work is to be completed by 2025 and will serve as a template for other intersections in the province. The province has committed to funding memorials to the victims of the crash both in Dauphin and here. Carberry and NCL will have to choose where such a memorial would go and what would be involved. Dauphin organizers are already seeking talks.

The committee accepted with regret the resignation of Craig Derksen as Parks and Recreation Foreman effective January 19, 2024.

It was noted that the annual seminar on weed control issues of the Municipal Weed Supervisors' Association will be held in Carberry at the Community Hall in March as it has been for some time. It is a practical location even without Loney's participation.

Manitoba Hydro is scheduled to attend to the Hall's gas meter soon, and Parks & Recreation are taking over the maintenance and repair of the building.

At the Transfer Station, the scale is to be recalibrated, and fees for loads for the roll-offs will be charged as of February 1.

The Health Action Committee met with PMH. There are some remaining problems with the hiring of Dr. Tannasee, despite the Health Region's having directed us to him. Until he is allowed to practice in Manitoba, he sits in the U.K. The mayor and the CAO went to Virden to meet with the premier about the problem, and the only thing that can be said is that "all is not lost."

The Fire Department had its most successful Firemen's Ball. Unit 104 had to have tires replaced when after a blowout it was discovered that the ones in use were 25 years old. A changeout rotation will be established to use tires only 5 years as recommended. The old ones will easily find buyers, as they will have little mileage on them. The chief, Deputy, and mayor were welcomed in Dauphin at the announcement of the work on the intersection.

Manitoba's Minister responsible for Accessibility has announced modifications to the Accessibility for Manitobans Act which will enforce an Accessible Transportation Standard Regulation requiring

all transit and paratransit operators to create accessibility measures, policies and practises documents, publicly available. This will affect the operation of bus services, taxis, and school busses.

February Town Council Meeting

Lt.-Col. David Cronk, the Base Commander of CFB Shilo, and M.W.O. Adam Harris, a Carberry resident member of the base complement, attended to cement the relationship between the town and the base. They were thanked for their support of the town's Remembrance Day ceremonies, and various ways the two could interact were discussed. Cronk provided the contact information for the editor of the *Shilo Stag*, which also has a web presence.

A second delegation was from Ray & Leslie Johnson of Resurrection Life Ministries, along with Rena Booth-Navid of Youth for Christ and several members of both organizations. They are embarking on an ambitious program called "Carberry – City of Destiny." Step one is a youth event this summer at the fairground, leading to a "Powerhouse for Youth" and children's resource centre built on their property at Third and Fanny. To keep youth and attract industry to town, they draw on Ray's brother's experience with megaprojects in BC, and propose a water bottling plant on the aquifer drawing its energy from a geothermal installation. Outgrowths from this would be freeze drying of vegetables and then greenhouses selling hydroponically grown vegetables on the world market (as is happening already in BC). They anticipate that the profit per acre of greenhouse vegetables will exceed that of potatoes, and compete for farmers' contracts.

Second major project would be a bible college accredited for trades and technology, building on the developed expertise in geothermal and filling a deeply felt gap in training Canada wide. Third project would be a conference/arts centre with a capacity of 1500-2000, and fourth would be housing for up to 150 students of the college.

The program is to be run as a cooperative, bringing economic, social, and spiritual growth to the community that owns it. Johnson has a charitable license from the CRA, and is in touch with donors. He anticipates a broad interest in the idea from many investors, not least from the First Nations.

Council marveled at the extent and ambition of the scheme, and welcomed the first practical stages as they will be presented. Johnson was cautioned that aquifer water is jealously allocated, with agriculture being a high priority. As for the specific plans, the first step will be to talk with Cypress Planning, and also with the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford in whose lands much of the development would be done. Johnson has already been in talks with the EDO. He and his delegation were thanked for their enthusiasm and creativity.

Development Officer Andrews attended to present a by-law to amend the Zoning By-law to add the retail sale of cannabis to the list of conditional uses for an industrial general zone. The regulations would match those for Cannabis Retail Sales in a commercial zone. As with all by-laws, the procedure requires three readings of the by-law to be passed. The first was given, and referred to Council.

A motion was passed to offer a \$1 per-capita donation to STARS Air Ambulance.

As discussed at the Joint Councils' Committee, it is hoped to establish a daycare on the jointly owned Rec lands at Stickle and Dufferin. Whether an RTM from the province, or something developed on site, it is badly needed. A committee is being set up to facilitate the project.

Council confirmed the use of the first Thursday of the month as an 'administration day' on which the office door will be closed to the public. The practise has been helpful, and no complaints have been received.

As decided at Joint Committee, the firefighters' base rate of pay was raised to 5% above the minimum wage, effective January 1, 2024. A further allowance of \$5/month was approved for the use of firefighters' personal cell phones as pagers, with the costs shared 50/50 between the Town and NCL.

Callie Sudak's wage was raised retroactively to July 30/23 to compensate for her extra duties until a new foreman for Parks & Rec can be hired. Costs shared 50/50 with NCL.

The project cost estimates for the lagoon expansion are now out of date. Tetra Tech was contracted to prepare an update. The granting agency will accept the new figures for the grant.

The committee for Homecoming 2024 is asking for road closures of Main from Second to Fourth, and Fourth from Selkirk to Toronto. The expansion was expected after last year's success. Financial and in-kind support will be decided at the budget meeting.

The Mental Wellness Day events will be held in the Collegiate's gymnasium. A major concern of the events will be to promote and explain the new Mental Health Hot Line, 9-8-8. Students will receive an explanation, followed by breakout sessions on this and other pillars of health. In the evening at the same venue, the keynote speaker will be Chris Beaudry, the assistant coach of the Humboldt Broncos, and a survivor himself of another bus crash. He will speak on moving on from grief and trauma. There will follow another 9-8-8 demo, and breakout sessions as earlier. A feature of the event will be a "memory wall" on which participants may put memories or tributes or thoughts. Council agreed that signage like that used for Crimestoppers or Neighbourhood Watch could be put in place around town publicizing the 9-8-8 Hot Line.

Council approved the proposal presented by TAC Ventures for solid waste and recycling disposal over the next five years.

Council accepted the quote of Smart Electric to upgrade the gas meter at the Community Hall to accommodate the emergency backup generator.

The EDO has been very active in the Southwest Region Round Table of EDOs, hosting meetings and mini forums. SWRRT is nominating her for a 'Rising Star' award at the EDAM conference in Portage this year. Her EDAM training is progressing quickly. A committee of six, with advice from the Carberry Child Care Co-op is forming to expedite the placing or building of a new daycare centre. She is advancing and promoting the affordable housing project at First and Dufferin. Another business is setting up in the Bailey Building selling western clothing, feed, and tack. The first of the wayfinding signs has been installed.

The Museum's furnace failed, and their well froze up in the cold. Dr. Tannasee remains particularly interested in Carberry. The mayor and CAO Stephenson have been talking with the premier's personal assistant Seon Smith, who assures him that pressure continues on PMH, the College of Physicians and Surgeons, and the University of Manitoba to get Tannasee approved for practice here in Carberry.

Councillor Anderson reported that the surgery on his ear was successful and made an awesome difference to his quality of life. Clear hearing and better balance. He was up and out of bed long before he was supposed to be and feeling great.

There will be a by-election before the next meeting. The candidates were wished well.

The CAO noted that Curl Carberry had been looking at staging a major event at the CPCC until COVID put an end to it. They are taking up the challenge again and looking at an event combining Junior and Senior Provincials and the McCain Classic. This would take place in 2026.

Education taxes have been in steady decline for seven years, but the new government has taken the cap off raises. BPSD, like many other divisions, will be raising their levy by at least 3%.

February Joint Councils Committee

Daycare was the first concern. In both municipalities the lack is felt; Carberry Child Care Co-op has a waiting list of over 100. A solution to the problem would be an incentive to move to this area. The province distributed 25 RTM daycare centres, and Carberry was high on the list for the next distribution when the government changed. The EDO has formed a committee to facilitate and expedite a building with or without provincial help. First an appropriate site must be secured, then fenced and serviced and given a guarantee of free rent for the operator. A site at Stickle and Dufferin on the Rec lands has been suggested. It's jointly owned, easily reached, and has been cleared by the Rec Board. Each council will have to discuss and approve the parcel. If approved, the committee will cost out the necessary services and fencing, and start on costing the building if it will be needed.

Next discussion was of Carberry's mandated need to name a Weed Supervisor, despite the few occasions when pesticides can be used in town. The Town usually names the same person as the RM and negotiates an appropriate fee. Rather than use a percentage of the overall cost, NCL agreed to prepare a cost-recovery fee-for-service agreement.

Farm Credit Canada has donated \$2,000 for upgrades to the ball park's concession building, and because Carberry has been awarded the U13 Boys Baseball provincials in early July there are other details needing improvement. This is the first time in recent memory that provincials have been held here and the Minor Ball committee will want many upgrades. The on-site campground will quickly fill, the fairgrounds will be used and the new campground would be used if available.

Now that users are charged for using the Transfer Station, what about non-residents? Taxpayers of the joint municipalities are

covering administrative and staffing costs, so they aren't charged except for large loads like mattresses and construction waste that go in the roll-off bins. Evergreen has no wish nor mandate to accept waste from outside the member municipalities. Staff will be asked to keep track of the origin of any vehicles crossing the scale to see if this is really a problem. Some fence panels will be bought to make sure no one leaves without crossing the scale.

The new gas meter has been installed, so the generator can soon be installed at the Hall.

Spring Mass Registration will take place on Wednesday, March 20. A Children's Business Fair will be held on May 11.

Gordon Goldsborough will speak at a fundraiser for the Museum on April 21.

March Town Council Meeting

Debbie Rea, who was successful in the March 6 by-election, took her seat and was congratulated and welcomed.

The draft Financial Statements for 2023 show an encouraging overall surplus over \$55 thousand.

By-law 06/2023, which establishes a Special Service rate for providing recreational services, was approved by the Municipal Board, and was given its second and final readings to become law.

By-law 02/2024, which would establish a reserve fund for Economic Development, received a first and second reading.

A meeting of the New Daycare Committee has been called for the 20th. Four members will be attending a mandatory introduction course from the Ministry of Education and Early Childhood Learning. When the location is settled, the committee will operate as though there will be no RTM facility from the province. If the province restores the program, we'll be even more ready.

Council appointed Shelly Rowland, who is the Weed Supervisor for North Cypress-Langford, as the Town's Weed Supervisor for 2024. A fee-for-service agreement will be negotiated with NCL.

The Health Action Committee was disappointed that Dr. Ahmed did not show for his tour of the town's facilities. A meeting with Glenboro's committee didn't take place either. Despite this, there were some apparently positive developments still only to be discussed *in camera*.

The Town will buy ten signs promoting the '988' Suicide Crisis Helpline to place around town.

Perhaps because of the weather, the turnout for the by-election was only 166, compared with ±600 last time.

Carberry Minor Ball has been awarded the U13 provincial baseball championships, to be played here in the second week of July. A grant from FCC will upgrade the concession stand, and further grants will be needed to improve fences and bleachers. Parks & Rec will spruce the diamonds up into a showplace.

At the Transfer Station, requests for addresses have sometimes been met with hostility. The public should be assured that the aim is to weed out non-residents' garbage, which adds an unnecessary burden to taxpayers' costs.

A cannabis retailer in Holland wants to open a branch store in town. There are several businesses to vie for a license; it's a good sign that they want to locate here. Council has no problem with accepting whomever the LGCA may approve.

There have been problems with parking along Main Street. Now that there are more stores filled up along the street, any day-long parking — of both the residents and the store staff — should be reduced. This would make the businesses more accessible to their customers.

A three-year Collective Agreement has been negotiated between the Operating Engineers Local 987 and the Town on behalf of the Public Works employees which Council ratified.

The EDO will attend the RMWF, and has sourced "swag" enough for that, the Carberry Fair, and for the Homecoming. She will be promoting Dream Concepts Designs' affordable housing project at RMWF, too. She is researching ideas about sharing the Drop-In between students and seniors. She has a meeting scheduled for April 4 with the Shilo Military Families Resource Centre to

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Want more detail? Sooner?

...then give your contact info to Tricia at
admin@townofcarberry.ca, and she will put you
on the distribution list for the full minutes.

You could even call her at (204) 834-6628

discuss sharing resources. Her project for a stage at the end of Main Street is in development, with a price tag around \$140,000. A new business has located in the Bailey Building – Bar 66 Tack & Trade – and several others are getting ready. The church at Main and Second has been purchased and will be operated by a local business. She will nominate local enterprises for awards at the Tourism Westman Gala, and lead a delegation there on June 12.

Chris Beaudry, the Keynote Speaker at the Mental Wellness Fair on April 23 will be paid from a Healthy Together Now grant from PMH. The Chamber is fundraising to cover the other expenses of the event.

Councilor Rea absented herself while Council discussed approval of (her daughter) the EDO's attendance at the EDAM Conference in Portage la Prairie. She will receive registration, mileage, meals and accommodations. Rea then returned.

This is the 125th year of the Carberry Fire Department, and an event to mark the fact is being planned.

A picture was taken with the Reeve, Mayor and staff receiving a cheque of \$15,000 to the Service for Seniors from the Age-Friendly funding.

A letter from Jordan Dickson drew attention to a sequence of shockingly tasteless misogynist, sexist and ableist posts on social media by a local business. Though the publicity they received reflected badly on the town, there is little that Council can do about anyone's freedom of speech. Council will reply to Ms. Dickson agreeing that the posts were disgusting and insisting that Council's own views and policies ban any such behaviour; they wish to present as a welcoming place for a diverse and gender-neutral population.

A letter from the Ministry of Health assures the CAO that work continues to expedite the accreditation of Internationally Educated Health Professionals [IHEPs].

Care will be taken to insist that subcontractors take care where they leave large piles of snow, and do not work close to the school when children are arriving or leaving. Visibility from a loader cab is not good enough for their safety.

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Andrea Epp

will be at the Drop In Centre on April 11, at 2:00 p.m.

Talking about the importance of wills, powers of attorney, and enduring powers of attorney.

Carberry Service for Seniors will review or supply Advance Care Planning toolkits

RSVP to Debbie at (204) 834-6613 or servsen@wgcwave.ca

Recreation News

Sportsman Gala is on April 5th at CPCC.

Last day for summer day camp registration is April 30th. Sign up is done online on the YMCA Brandon website.

Swimming lesson registration will be opening soon, we are finalizing the schedule to offer more lesson times to accommodate families.

If you missed the Mass Registration, email me at rec@townofcarberry.ca for the group's contact info. That would be for:

- Lacrosse
- YMCA Day Camp
- Home Town Fitness
- Dog Obedience Class
- Minor Baseball
- Soccer
- Golf Lessons (youth and ladies)

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Be sure to follow

facebook.com/carberryparksandrec/
For all the latest programs, games, and classes.

Don't miss out!

Piano Lessons

With Irene Wong-Montgomery

Spring session from April 8 until June 19
every Monday or Wednesday

Ages from 5 on up

For information or registration
email: crbyarts@gmail.com



from the Arts Council

EASTER EGG DECORATING

For ages 2-12

March 28, 4 - 5 p.m.

In the basement of 122 Main Street

Register at crbyarts@gmail.com

Registration Deadline March 25 at noon

Let's talk about

Hearing Loss

Chad Bodnarchuk will share his experience, and what he's learned about today's hearing aids

At the Drop In, April 25, 7:00 pm

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admin@townofcarberry.ca**

at the *Library*

Spring break:

Preschool Story, Egg Hunt, Craft

Tuesday March 26, 11 a.m.

Mario Kart Day Wed. March 27

11 a.m., Ages 10-14 Please

register w/ mackenzie@wmrl.ca

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:10 a.m.

Stories and crafts for toddlers

Chess Club

Thursdays, 3:30 - 5:00 pm.

All ages and skill levels

welcome (Grownups too!)

Chess Tournaments

All ages and skill levels

welcome — April 6, May 4,

11 a.m. Friendly local

competition

Yu Gi Oh - Learn to Play

Wednesdays, 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Try out this classic collectible

card game in a fun and

friendly setting.

Cards provided.

No experience necessary

Readers' Tea for Seniors

Tuesday March 12,

April 9, May 14 at 2:00 p.m.

Spring Book Sale — May 11-18

Grab some new spring reads

and support the library too!

Did you know? Shut-in patrons can ask for home-bound deliveries. Just call (204) 834-3043 and tell them the sort of thing you'd like them to deliver.

Gopher says:

As the time change has passed, once again we remind you to test your smoke alarms and change the batteries as needed!.

Please: take care!

Wake me again in May...
Unless it's still snowing

