

Carberry Newsletter

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Carberry Emergency reopens!

In what Premier Kinew hopes is a first step in a crusade to improve primary care for rural Manitobans, our ER reopened with a roster of three physicians. Premier Kinew sympathized with our plight as the previous government allowed our last physician to leave without replacement and affirmed his government's commitment to restore and improve access to primary care in rural Manitoba. Carberry will serve as a model for many more local improvements.

He gave great credit to the work of the Mayor and the HAC, who have tirelessly promoted the community's concerns and worked collaboratively with his staff and that of the Health minister.

Minister Asagwara gave credit to the excellent nursing staff (it was Nurses' Week) and to the nurse practitioners who have kept the clinic and care home safe during the absence of physicians.

Asagwara spoke of the efforts the government has made to restore staffing levels across the province in all health-related fields.

Councilor Sudak, who has long been an advocate of improved ER, EMT and paramedicine service, spoke of his relief that coverage is being restored to rural Manitoba.

As a spokesperson for the HAC, Loretta Oliver restated the importance of restoring service to this hospital, and fulfilled a promise made to the premier and the minister that if they reopened the ER, "there would be hugs and homemade cookies."



Premier Wab Kinew along with Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-term Care Uzoma Asagwara, proudly announced the reopening of Carberry's ER on May 10. Flanking them on the left were Loretta Oliver of the HAC and Mayor Muirhead. On the right, Councilor Sudak and Donna McIntosh, chair of the Health Action Committee.

News from the EDO:

New sign for the top of Main Street

Parks & Rec staff are to be congratulated on the upgrade to the top of Main Street, with a new planter box and one of the new wayfinding signs.

Tourism Westman will be holding an awards gala on June 12, and people from Carberry are nominated in six categories:

- Employee of the Year – Callie Sudak. Callie has been nominated in recognition for all that she has done to keep our buildings and recreation sector welcoming and promising for locals and visitors.
- Volunteer of the Year – Deanna Letkeman. Deanna sits on many boards in the community and all of them play a part in tourism to Carberry. She is the Chair for the Splash Park Board, which will draw in people once it is completed, but also brings in visitors during the fundraising campaigns that they are currently hosting. She is vice-president of the Ag Society, the treasurer for Carberry Minor Hockey and co-founder of the Children's Christmas Store.
- Event under 5K – Homecoming. The Homecoming event that takes place in August has been a draw for locals and visitors for the past 2 years.
- Event over 5K – Carberry Ag. Society Fair and Races. Each year for over 125 years, this event has brought people to our community.
- Partnership – Jolene Balciunas and Alyssa Hall with Main Street Market and Studio. These women have worked together to open a new store in town and it is thriving.
- Small Business of the Year – Callaghan's Lounge. Ian and Steph have been very creative with bringing in a small business to the community that features classic meal items at a reasonable cost.

Congratulations to all the nominees!



This Month's Council News

March Joint Councils Committee

This was Councilor Rea's first meeting of the Joint Councils' Committee.

The committee agreed to commit to a site for a daycare facility in the southwest corner of the rec lands. The exact placement and whether the land is donated or leased will await professional advice. The new Daycare Committee has set a fundraising goal of \$20,000 to get the site and services into place. Unless there is news from the new government, it is assumed that it will be built here. Plans call for a capacity of 60, where the province's RTMs held 50. Costs are estimated at \$800K-\$1.1M of which 60% would be available from the government(s), and 40% would have to be locally raised. Sixty places will not even clear the waiting list at CCCC, and daycare is at such a premium that there may be applications from as far as Brandon. If it fills too fast, they can consider a second facility.

The Joint Services Agreement is still under negotiation during the *in camera* portion of the meeting.

A new 3-year lease for the physicians' suite at Lyons Estate was agreed on, with the costs divided equally among the Town, NCL, and the CACF.

Carberry Minor Ball has been awarded the Provincial U13 Baseball championships, so the diamonds need improvements. Minor Ball's wish list is costly; they will be invited to discuss priorities, and the costs can be presented to the budget discussions.

The valuations of all buildings for insurance purposes have been received, and there were some shocking rises. 122 Main Street went from \$700K to nearly \$1.4M. The meeting discussed seeking local cover instead of AMM's plan. The CAO will investigate what is available.

At the Transfer Station, the start of charging for some loads has caused people to leave without going over the scale, or without stopping on it. There have also been problems explaining that the attendants need to know your address to save you from paying.

The Manager of Leisure Services is working with CACF to paint and tidy the skate park, for which they have a dedicated fund. During a bonspiel, an elderly spectator became disoriented, went onto the pool deck, and was locked out there by the automatic door. This was possible because the changerooms were open and the exit door must not be locked.

The Arts Council had a successful recital by the BU Chorale at the Hall. They are looking forward to a Children's Business Fair on May 11.

The Health Action Committee have been asked to host a meeting at the clinic, and the list of participants is exciting — the Minister of Health and an ADM, executives from Prairie Mountain Health, and several physicians who have been looking for ways to expedite the certification of Internationally Educated Health Professionals [IEHPs].

At this year's Homecoming, a social will be held to celebrate the Fire Department's 125th year of service. Next year, Grand Valley Mutual Aid will host the Manitoba Fire Chiefs' convention.

April Town Council Meeting

The public hearing to present the Town's Financial Plan will be held on April 15.

After an uneventful public hearing, "Cannabis Retail Store" was added to the Zoning By-law as a conditional use in an IG (Industrial General) Zone.

A delegation was received from Tess McPhee and Catherine Arnold, of Home Counselling and Wellness (HOME) who hope to establish a group home in the building once known as 'Journey Villa.' OTTER Lodge (an acronym — Overcoming Trauma Through Everlasting Relationships) is a pilot project to assist mothers recovering from trauma or addiction and seeking to reunite with their children aged 12 and under. The facility would foster an "attachment based" program that teaches the skills and responsibilities recovering mothers will need to bond with and support their children — learning to play, receiving financial and mental health counseling in a closed and supportive environment. For the duration of the therapies, the children would be home-schooled on site. During the day there would be seven practitioners present, and at night never less than three, with 24-hour video surveillance, and a driver on call to address health or safety issues.

The proponents, who have clinics in Brandon, Minnedosa, Oak Lake, and two First Nations, want to integrate with the surrounding community, and feel their project would position the town as a forward and caring community, a model for future projects.

A public hearing had been called to hear the request of Lyons Estates, the owners of Journey Villa, to be granted a Conditional Use Order to establish a group home in an RG (Residential General) zone. All landowners within 100 metres of the proposed site had been notified. The result was a "standing room only" council chamber. Development Officer Andrews first explained the nature of a Conditional Use Order, and Brad Wells spoke for Lyons Estates, citing the benefits of increased population of both clients and staff, the progressive nature of the project, and the goal of uniting mothers with their children. Arnold and McPhee then spoke to the vision they have for their group home.

The floor was opened to those who attended, and the reactions ranged from enthusiastically positive, citing the need and the skills of the presenters, to the fiercely negative, fearing an untried program and the loss of property values. On both sides, the short warning time was condemned. Over all, the positive voices outnumbered the negative by about two to one. The intervenors were thanked for their concern and their participation, and the CAO apologized for the delay in sending out the information, hoping that the new Town website will make for an improvement in transparency.

The decision on the Conditional Use Order was tabled to allow Council and the administration to devise conditions that would best represent the concerns of the community.

Development Officer Andrews advised Council that the Planning District intends to have her work towards certification for 'Part Three' permits — the complex ones for larger, more complicated buildings. She has learned the requirements and codes for such buildings, and now needs four years of supervision by a qualified mentor. A mentor has been selected, and the fees for the permits he supervises will cover his expenses. What the municipality would need to pay is the additional costs of insurance for Errors, Omissions and Liability. Because farm buildings are Part Three, the rural municipalities will need to participate, but the Town might consider abstaining because there are fewer needs, and the province can issue the permit. However, Council agreed to participate, as the quicker approval might well facilitate larger developments in town.

The council committed to providing up to 2 acres of land in the future recreation development area for a new daycare facility, in cooperation with the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford. This is an agreement in principle; to place and set up the parcel will require changes to the Zoning by-law, a decision on where precisely it will be, and whether the land will be transferred or leased.

The HAC met with the Minister of Health and their Deputy, four physicians, the Chief Medical Officer, and representatives of the Town, NCL, and the Health Region. Carberry's ER is hoped to reopen on or around April 15, with the doctors taking a rotation of 12-hour shifts. PMH and Shared Health will be filling out the necessary support roles. Moreover, a physician of our own is promised "soon."

Lyons Estates will continue to supply the visiting physicians' suite for the next three years.

A committee of councilors, staff, and administration will draw up a list of details that must be handled before the campground is opened. The most serious is the need for water treatment and a building to house it. It may not open this year.

Smaller blue bins for residential glass recycling will be ordered and will be available once delivered.

Detailed plans are prepared for the Mental Wellness Day. At the High School the breakouts will deal with the problems of screen time; sleep and mental health; and knowing your baseline. Supper will be laid on for the presenters, and the evening session will be highlighted by the presentation of Chris Beaudry, followed by a sequence of the same breakouts. There will follow a presentation on the 988 mental health/suicide hotline. CAO Stephenson was congratulated and thanked for his work in preparation.

The building for the Transfer Station will require engineering approval. Stone & Sky Developments will do so. The cost will be shared 50/50 with NCL and Sandhills Electric will install a heating/air conditioning system in the Drop-In Centre at a cost of \$17,312.45 plus taxes. This too will be shared 50/50 with NCL.

At CC, Kaycee McCorquodale was acclaimed as president of Student Council. A questionnaire about uses for the Drop-In Centre drew 225 responses out of a student population of 320.

The CAO reports that "Coffee with the Mayor" was successful and will be repeated. He attended an MMA webinar on Asset Retirement Obligations, which will be required on all subsequent audits.

The EDO successfully promoted the Town's branding at the RMWF, and thanked those who came to help. She will extend the campaign to bus benches and a highway sign. She put promoters, Paul Zacharias, and Stride Credit Union together to propose a hotel project. The improvements to the south end of Main Street may be highlighted by a cannon sourced through the Legion. The church building at Second and Main Street has been bought and refurbished and is open for business. The Daycare Committee now consists of 13 members, starting to take the mandated introduction from the province.

The library needs an exit that does not open to the adjacent building's land, and a stucco repair or replacement with metal siding. A water line filter may be needed before their drinking water is approved. They may draw down the Criddle bequest to protect their Metis flag and acquire a work of indigenous art.

The town cleanup is scheduled for the week after the May long weekend. A fire risk bulletin board is suggested as wildfire season approaches.

Youth Councilor Downey is resigning with the end of term; his graduating year's schedule is too demanding. He was thanked and congratulated for his work and his maturing during his term.

The new website is up and running, and follows a "3-click" rule; nothing is to be more than three clicks away. Video is embedded.

Reporter McNeily expressed disappointment that the March issue of the Newsletter had only made it out to the public in April, missing the announcements related to Spring Break. He invited Council and the public to consider the best ways to deliver the news and to let him know.

April 15, 2024 Special Meeting

A public meeting was held to present the Financial Plan for 2024 and to give it first reading. Questions were asked about the effect on the budget of the carbon tax, but no opposition was given to the plan at this meeting or by correspondence.

April Joint Councils Committee

A delegation from Carberry Minor Ball attended to discuss the upcoming season, hosting the 2024 U13 Tier 3 Provincials on July 12-14, and to clarify who is responsible for certain duties and facilities at the ball park. A number of concerns were discussed and addressed, and a plan moving forward.

The Buildings Committee is issuing tenders for a number of projects, and several projects are already committed. The plans for the building at the Transfer Station may have to be adjusted to provide for an accessible washroom.

The Mental Wellness Fair takes place tomorrow. Parks and Rec vehicles will receive a new logo. Both councils will be shown the draft. The Lieutenant-Governor will be in town on Thursday.

April 29, 2024 Special Meeting

A public meeting was held to continue the discussion of the Conditional Use Order CU-03-24-C, which would establish a residential care facility in an RG (Residential General) zone. Applicant Lyons Estates Ltd. and the intended lessees presented their plan, and members of the public discussed their concerns. After due consideration of the matter, the public hearing was adjourned, and Council approved the application with the condition that a Development Agreement be entered into that addressed the concerns expressed, and that the order might be revoked if there was a failure to comply.

May Town Council Meeting

Council considered a Variation Order for Resurrection Life Ministries to reduce the rear setback for a proposed two-story youth ministry building that may incorporate a daycare. The public hearing drew several neighbours, who had concerns about drainage, and increased traffic and reduced parking in the area. Most of the concerns would be addressed in the required building permit/development agreement; the VO was only about placement on the lot. The VO was passed.

Amy Denbow of the Assessment Office presented the 2025 assessment for the Town of Carberry. Though assessments rose on average 12%, the corresponding reduction of the mill rate should mean that most taxpayers will see little if any change.

Council agreed to share in the costs of securing a Part III designation for Development Officer Andrews.

A by-law to establish a reserve fund for Emergency Measures became law, as did the by-law establishing the 2024 Financial Plan. A reserve fund for Child Care Development received its first reading.

Premier and Health Minister have formally reopened the local ER, staffed with a rota of three doctors taking 12-hr. shifts. A good

start towards full-time opening. More good news has been hinted. Council and HAC were credited with expediting the event. Dr. Maharaj is to be credited with setting up the program.

For the June AMM District, Carberry will endorse resolutions from Souris-Glenwood asking for help with provincial road infrastructure in town, and for the right to set speed limits within town boundaries.

The Mental Wellness Day is judged a success at the school and in the evening. About 100 attended the evening. Plans for next year are already in hand. Thanks were given to CAO Stephenson.

Main Street will be closed for the evening of Friday August 23 (the weekend of Homecoming) to allow the Fire Department to host a celebration of their 125th anniversary. Also, Council will support the Plainsmen Cup golf tournament by fielding a team of four staff members.

In support of SWRRT, a letter will be sent to Manitoba Housing to advocate the granting of housing funding outside of Winnipeg.

Carberry Minor Ball, who have been awarded the 13U Provincial Baseball Championships for 2024, sent a 'shopping list' of repairs, upgrades and maintenance to the ball diamonds, which they would like to see completed before the tournament. Council discussed them and will take their ideas to the Building Committee and Parks and Rec, whose budgets should cover most of the list.

The \$500 Town scholarship for a Carberry Collegiate grad will again be awarded.

A citizen rep to the WMRL board is being sought.

From CC, 22 students left for a Quebec trip. Eight students (one being Youth Councilor Downey) will learn to use drones to spot diseases in agricultural crops and urban forestry. The Spring Band Concert takes place June 5.

Public Works is in spring cleanup mode and has placed nearly ten tons of cold-mix asphalt to repair holes in the town's paving. An upgrade was required for the fire pump.

The EDO has had the sign at the south end of Main Street replaced, and has other signage planned. She's planning a "Welcome Home" sign competition to be judged on Homecoming Day, with all entrants brightening the town for the event and beyond. She has local nominees in six categories entered for awards at the Tourism Westman gala. The new Daycare Committee is up and running, with a dozen individuals and three municipal appointments. Fundraising has started and research into design and building has begun.

The Fire Department wants to thank the teams from Shilo, Neepawa and Austin who turned out recently to help with extinguishing a grass fire and simultaneous structure fire at a separate location, and to Callaghan's for refuelling tired firefighters. The annual Firefighters' Texas Breakfast will be cut a little short at noon this year because members of the department will be headed to Dauphin for a memorial observance of the tragedy of June 15, 2023.

Municipal and Northern Relations are proposing a Medical First Response program, which would enable municipalities to field qualified first responders who are not members of the College of Paramedics.

Blue Hills RCMP will hold a golf tournament on June 27 at Shilo Country Club.

The administration will mediate a dispute over fencing between neighbours and the Cypress Planning District.

The Lieutenant-Governor was in town to deliver food to the food cupboard and birthday congratulations to members of the Drop-In.

With spring, demolition can resume at 33 Main and the old town shop.

Westman Aerial will again be spraying fields near the town limits.

Carberry will offer to host AMM's Western District Convention next year.

Slow down and watch for kids now that they are playing outdoors.

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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

BLUE HILLS RCMP

GOLF TOURNAMENT

JUNE 27, 11:00 AM
SHILO COUNTRY CLUB

TEAMS OF 4, \$100/PERSON
SCRAMBLE - SHOTGUN START

Carberry Plains Museum

Admission Prices

Adults.....\$6.00
Students, 6-18.....\$4.00
Children, 5 & under....free
Open daily from 12 noon until 5 p.m.
June 15 to September 1

For info, or regarding a tour or if
no one is there: Marion 204-834-3728;
(cell) 204-901-3728
Gloria 204-834-2668;
(cell) 204-725-6263

Carberry
Plains
Archives



Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays
And Thursdays

Service for Seniors events

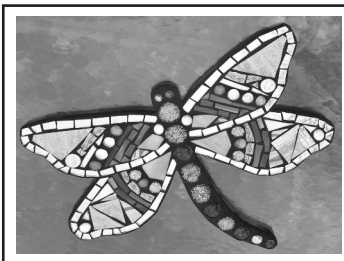
May 31 –Off to Austin, then a quick
hop to Portage for some grub!
June 7 – Out and about to Brandon
June 21 – Get ready to feast at the
Red Barn in Kelwood MB, then
meander our way back to Neepawa
and finish off with ice cream,
of course!
July 24 – Get ready for a boot-stompin'
good time at Music in the Park –
Killarney with some straight up
Country tunes! Don't forget to pack
your trusty lawn chair for a toe-
tapping adventure!

Call or email Debbie (204) 834-6613
or servsen@wcgwave.ca

And don't forget:

- Lunch Wednesdays @ Drop-in
- Card games Mon/Wed/Fri
afternoons @ Drop-In

MAKE A MOSAIC DRAGONFLY



WITH GLITTER & BITS
MOSAICS

Learn to cut and shape pieces to build
your own mosaic dragonfly
Register online: www.carberryarts.ca
or email crbyarts@gmail.com
Register by May 31 with \$60,
all supplies provided
AT CARBERRY HALL
SATURDAY, JUNE 8
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Recreation News

Swimming Lesson registration has
opened, visit our social media page for
links to the online registration form or
email Callie at rec@townofcarberry.ca.

Keep watching our social media
page for information on lap swims,
aquafit, and adult swim lessons
happening at the pool this summer!

The volleyball nets have been set up
in the outdoor rink area.

Step 2 continues to run on May 30,
June 13th and June 27th from 5:30-7:30
in the Old Town Hall basement.

Last chance to stop by the rink to go
through the lost and found bin before
items are disposed of.

Callie

CARBERRY'S SUMMER ONLY STARTS

ON **June 15** at 7:00 a.m.
With the

FIREMEN'S BREAKFAST served until Noon

Then you can take in the wonders
of the Town-Wide Yard Sale,
and
Visit the Museum (open specially
from 10:00 a.m. To 3:00 p.m.)

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at the *Library*

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 – June 8, 11 a.m.
Friendly local competition

Summer Reading Program

sign-ups start June 22 – *Adults too!*

Art Exhibit – Opening June 21,

7-8 p.m. Submissions from all ages,
all media, accepted until June 1

Minecraft Club

Wednesdays, July 17, 31,
Aug. 14, 28, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Learn to... Thursdays, July 25,

August 1, 8, 15, 29, 3-5 pm
Learn new skills and games with
our weekly "Learn to" program,
check in for topics.

Dungeons & Dragons

July 20, Aug. 7, 21. Delve into the
world of D & D with our hand-
crafted campaigns. Multiple DMs
for different skill levels.

Please register in advance.

Mario Kart Tournament

July 13, 12 p.m.

SmashBros Tournament

August 17, 12 p.m.

Readers' Tea for Seniors

Tuesdays - June 11, July 9,
August 13 at 2:00 p.m.

They're coming!

July 5-7



The Carberry Fair & Races

Wake me again in July...
After the Fair & Races.

