

Carberry Newsletter

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Looking for a volunteer opportunity?

There are many ways to get deeper into your community, and one of the best is to offer your time as a volunteer to a cause that moves you. There are openings for a citizen representative in several places at the moment; the Library Board needs one, the Health Action Committee needs two, the Museum Board could use one, the Recreation Board needs a few, too.

If you would prefer something more "hands on" you could offer to help with the Day Lily Garden, where there is always room for someone to keep the weeds at bay and the beds edged and watered.

Why not drop in to the Town Office and get some more details? It could be the start of something really rewarding.

Advice from the RCMP:

Fraud Prevention



The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre is warning people about fraudsters impersonating Canadian banks.

The "bank investigator" scam involves someone calling and claiming to be from a bank, the police, or an online retailer. The fraudster advises that there has been a breach on your bank account and asks for your help in an ongoing investigation. There are many variations of this scam.

Most recently, we have heard reports of callers convincing people to send an *Interac* e-Transfer® to their own cell phone. The caller provides instructions, including a security question and answer for the money transfer, and then asks for additional banking information that enables them to access the *Interac* e-Transfer and deposit it into their own account.

As always, we ask that you remain vigilant when receiving calls that appear to be from a bank or credit union, the police, or any retailer asking for information. Please remember we will never contact you and ask for personal details or identifying information and you should never provide a caller with any authorization codes. If you suspect a call might be fraudulent, it's always safest to hang up and call us back at 1.800.728.6440

Public Open House

MONDAY MARCH 24, 2025, 6:00 P.M.

CARBERRY COLLEGIATE GYMNASIUM

You are invited to a public open house hosted by Landmark Planning & Design Inc. and WSP Canada Inc. on behalf of Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure (MTI) regarding a design study for improvements at the PTH 1 and PTH 5 intersection. As a nearby resident, landowner, business owner or other stakeholder, you may have an interest in this project.



The purpose of the open house will be to provide project updates, share shortlisted intersection alternatives including how they work and how they improve safety, share alternatives evaluation, receive input, and outline next steps. Please RSVP to:

RSVP@landmarkplanning.ca

with the subject line "PTH 1 & PTH 5 Intersection Open House" or via telephone at 204-453-8008.

If you are unable to attend this event or would like to discuss the project in an alternate format, please do not hesitate to contact us via email at RSVP@landmarkplanning.ca or via telephone at 204-453-8008.



"A lie can travel half way around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes."

— Mark Twain

SAVE THE DATE!

Carberry's Wellness Fair, April 24

It is becoming an annual event — Carberry's Community Wellness Fair will be held again this spring. On April 24, in the Carberry Collegiate Gymnasium, there will be displays set up for many kinds of wellness promotion, and the public are invited to join the event at 6:00 p.m. It's Student-led Conferences day, so there will be another reason for any parents to be present. During the evening, Cat Arnold will give the keynote presentation speech for the event, speaking from her own experience of overcoming mental adversity, and the wrap-up will be "Big Daddy Tazz." An important day for an important concern.

This Month's Council News

February 2025 Town Council Meeting

Librarian Laurie MacNevin appeared as a delegation to provide what she hopes will become an annual report on the work of the Library. She is a local resident who has been librarian for the past five years. She feels that a library has a greater mandate than simply to house and circulate books, however important that may be. To empower literacy in its broadest sense, the Library provides digital resources such as tablets and printers both conventional and 3D, games, puzzles, art displays, and a meeting space for diverse groups and clubs. Cardholders can access eBooks, videos and audiobooks for free. She hopes to keep the library a reliable source of accurate information, working with many other community organizations and resources. She provided compelling statistics about the library's use over the past year. Council was impressed and thanked her for her work, encouraging her to make another report when the statistics for 2025 become available.

The second delegation was from Lisa Adriaansen, who has for some time now been the lead caretaker of the Day Lily Garden at the north end of the town with other volunteers. She was present to discuss the future of the garden beyond the mowing and hedge trimming that Parks & Rec provides. She agreed to continue as a resource and a volunteer, but was concerned that for enough to be done, some help from the Town was needed. The park is wholly on Town property, so its claim to joint workers is reduced. Young 'Green team' members might be assigned, but gardening requires both energy and expertise, so Adriaansen might be asked to contribute her advice and oversight. A suggestion has been made to hire a Community Gardener, but to find someone with the skills and the energy for the work to accept a part time seasonal position is unlikely. One way or another, council felt they could "figure out a way" because of the importance of the impression the park leaves on residents and visitors in its prominent location. Adriaansen thanked the Town for funding the twice yearly "bee" when a large work crew comes from Acadia Colony to weed and tend the beds, and was in turn thanked for her efforts on the park's behalf.

The land of Lyons Estate Ltd. at Wheatland and Wellwood Roads will be subdivided into three parcels; one for Lyons Estate, one for what is now occupied by OTTER, and one along Wellwood Road to be developed commercially.

The closing date for nominations for the by-election for Councilor has been reached, and two candidates have been accepted: Samantha VanDamme and Lisa Dobbin-Waters. The election will be held on March 18 in the Drop-In Centre, with an advance poll on March 8 in the same place.

The sudden announcement that BMO is withdrawing its branch from Carberry and sending their clientele to a branch on Rosser Ave. in Brandon, has caused CIBC to consider a presence in Carberry. Both banks will hold information sessions on March 5, and others are being contacted by the EDO

Carberry Collegiate has been selected as a site for PISA [Programme for International Student Assessment] testing; students born in 2009 will be tested for their comprehension of Reading, Mathematics and Science in a program that compares their aptitudes across 77 countries.

The CAO got 22 responses to his RFP for a facilitator for the Town's next Strategic Plan. Council will help him choose among them, all at close to, but a bit over the estimates. He would like to introduce "social prescriptions" to address mental and physical health concerns. Selected individuals and practitioners might prescribe such things as a gym membership, or a park pass, art class, etc. and the cost would be covered. The means and amount of the required support is to be discussed. April 24 has been chosen for Community

Wellness Day to be held again at the Collegiate. It is the student-led conferences day, which may bring out more people. Many resources will be available, and the keynote speaker will be Cat Arnold. "Big Daddy Tazz" will wrap up the night.

The EDO reports that the paperwork for the highway billboards is complete and awaiting signatures from the landowners. She will apply for a grant to cover the cost. The problem with the lights along the west side of Main Street may be related to a failure of one of the lampposts; Hydro has been asked to investigate. She continues to negotiate with Golden West Broadcasting, who will report in person to the March meeting. She has sourced a couple of trailers for a parade float to be hauled by the new Town SUV. For the RMWF she has prepared 'swag' and merchandise. The mayor and Councilor Rea will help out. Public Works were busy January with snow but are starting to prepare for spring. They complain that some vehicles have sat on the road all winter making plowing difficult.

The Fire Department received a generous donation for a drone with thermal imaging which will be helpful both in searching for hot spots and for finding lost people outdoors. They have purchased a new compressor for filling their breathing apparatus.

The mayor wishes to take action against the effects of barking dogs. They are a menace to the quality of life, particularly in the summer months when people wish to be outdoors and untroubled by the annoying sound. We have by-laws about nuisance sound, and an animal control officer. To be part of the solution, please fill out and sign a complaint form.

March 2025 Town Council Meeting

A delegation from Golden West Broadcasting presented a proposal to use their coordinated communication services to strengthen Carberry's brand and reach a younger demographic. They offer the reach of their three local radio stations (CFRY 920 AM, Mix 96.5, and Country 93.1) and their website PortageOnline, along with their marketing and creative services for a yearly retainer. Six daily 30" spots and 1,500,000 website ad impressions over the year would cost \$66,522 +GST.

Next delegation was Joel Penner, the new planner at Cypress Planning District. He is a red seal tradesman who has lived and worked in the Sidney area for some time.

The audit of 2024 is underway, council passed the draft financial statements, and salted away the year's surplus into reserves.

Council has been advised of the short list of designs for the intersection of Highways 1 & 5. We shall shortly hear which one will be recommended to MTI.

The by-election to fill the vacancy on council will be held March 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The candidates are Lisa Dobbin-Waters and Samantha VanDamme.

Work is being done to establish at least one Community Safety Officer in the Blue Hills Detachment area. Depending on the uptake, they may be shared among participating municipalities. The ongoing costs for one officer — salary, automobile, radio and the like — will be about \$70K, and the start-up costs — car, uniform, equipment, office equipment and supplies — will add over \$40K to the first year. This would be covered by a per capita levy that depends on the population of the areas served. Before recruiting a candidate, there is a lot of preparatory paperwork for the Justice Department to set up how the CSO would be administered and empowered. The by-laws that they would enforce will have to be harmonized so that the officer would have the same duties and powers throughout their catchment.

There has been great news from the engineer for the lagoon expansion. The possibility of changing the lining material from clay to sand has reduced the cost from almost \$16M to more like \$8M. 75,000 yards of material are involved in the lining. The cost and the distance it must be transported

"Do not fear failure but rather fear not trying." — Roy T. Bennett

in the lining. The cost and the distance it must be transported are both eased.

Council supported the Carberry and Area Future Childcare Development Committee with a grant of \$3,000 to assist with legal fees.

The CAO's report details many advocacy initiatives; with CEO Slate of PMH a very positive meeting to discuss facilities, staff, recruitment and ongoing needs; with Minister Glen Simard of Municipal and Northern Relations to discuss the Code of Conduct, the effects of amalgamation and elections; with the Westman Cabinet representative Jason Gobeil, who will be an asset in communications with government. In response to several concerning social media posts from the Manitoba Nurses' Union he reached out and offered support for their efforts on behalf of staff and patients. With MTI, he and council discussed concerns about the intersection of highways 1 & 5, and about the paving of Main Street. With Staff Sergeant Wikander they discussed traffic, crime prevention, visibility and the details of the CSO program.

To subdivide for the new daycare, Stickle Avenue west of Dufferin will have to be officially opened. The facilitator for the strategic planning discussions has been chosen; a timeline for the sessions will be set up.

The highway billboards await their last landlord's signature. The EDO did a From the Ground Up grant proposal for them and their lights; \$7436.00 would cover 50% the cost. We will hear back by the end of March. With the MLA she met with 'Total Freedom' at their acreage and discussed their hopes of becoming more involved in the community along with their charges. They may be able to provide gardening help at the Day Lily Park. With the Neepawa EDO she is discussing training in health care and ECE fields, drawing from both communities to keep each other's training programs full. Neepawa has opened a chapter of Habitat for Humanity that would cover this area. The Chamber will be asked if they can gather up enough support for a build here. The EDO attends the winter fair at the end of the month and will need some help to wrap up the week. An 'after 5' event will be held March 25 to present council members (including the newest) to the public at a casual open house. The Chamber is working to update their sign at the entrance to the CPCC. The new daycare committee meets monthly, with a sub-committee meeting weekly with Cooperatives First. A survey of 111 people helped determine the size of the need which will affect staffing. The closure of the BMO branch has set up a stir among competing financial institutions, two of which held meetings in Carberry on March 5.

Public Works spent most of February scraping streets, hauling snow, and ditching, opening culverts. They have managed some of their own equipment repairs at a considerable cost saving compared to calling in the dealers. They propose a renovation of the Public Works office and bathroom costing \$10-11K, hoping it will be approved at the budget discussions.

The Health Action Committee has been working with Neepawa's clinic to share training opportunities. Neepawa will not get another LPN course this fall, but there are many health care jobs to train for in the area. The committee is still looking for two new members, one as fundraising chair and a member at large.

The Drop-In has received responses to the tender for painting their interior. The price to replace the commercial dishwasher came in at a shocking \$8-10K, but Mayor Muirhead was able to source a reconditioned unit for \$4K.

Your museum in 2024

The Carberry Plains Museum Board had a fairly good year, although we are still not to the levels of visitors we would like, that we had prior to Covid shutdown.

We had four events throughout the year: A visit by Canadian historian, Gordon Goldsboro in April; a Farmers' Market barbecue in July, a Dessert Party in August, and a concert by the Strathclair Community Chorus in November. The Gordon Goldsboro event was part of our mandate of promoting local history, and was fairly well attended. While these events did make money, we would have welcomed more attendance at each event.

With the initiative taken by Brad Wells and Randy McDonald, our fire display was opened on Homecoming weekend in August. There are still a few details to finish up, but we give thanks to them for producing this addition to our museum. As it is in a separate building, it can be viewed at any time. It is a welcome addition to our display and a link to our fire brigade, who were having trouble looking after their historical equipment. Our thanks to Curved Edge builders who got the display done in time for the opening.

We were blessed in early 2024 to have a mild winter, but the only very cold spell caused our furnace to fail. Unfortunately, this led to additional problems with our water system and there has been some fall-out from this which we hope will be settled in early 2025.

We have plans to incorporate a display using our medical artifacts, and removing some of the workshop display (to be incorporated later into an outside building – also a later plan.)

We open the museum from mid-June to early September. We had four employees: Kathy Hume, Diane Muirhead, Jessica Cox, and Donnalene Bouvier.

Our board consisted of Co-Chairs Gloria Mott and Marion Whitmore; Secretary Lorna Muirhead; Citizens: Brad Wells, Randy McDonald, Melanie Lavich and council representatives John Anderson, Mike Sudak, Rob Kommer and Gerond Davidson. Teresa McConnell at the town office efficiently takes care of our financial reports. We regretfully accepted the resignation of Lorna Muirhead at the February 2025 meeting. We will miss her hard work as a secretary and her enthusiasm and talents at events. We welcome Debbie Rea to our board as a town council representative. Marion attends the Chamber of Commerce meetings to keep us in the loop of what is going on in the area. The museum can then participate or contribute to various promotions taking place.

We are grateful to the Province of Manitoba, The Town of Carberry and the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford for their financial support in the way of grants. We are thankful to the Community Foundation granting us opportunities that aid us with community projects.

Most of all, we are thankful for our Board of hard-working members who give freely of their time and energy to make the Carberry Plains Museum an important asset in our community.

Does the idea of participating in keeping local history alive, interest you? We would welcome new board members!

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 reports.

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

"If there's a single lesson that life teaches us, it's that wishing doesn't make it so." – Lev Grossman

Be sure to follow
[facebook.com/carberryparksandrec/](https://www.facebook.com/carberryparksandrec/)
For all the latest programs, games, and classes.
Don't miss out!

Youth Business Fair

A great opportunity for ages 6-17 to experience being entrepreneurs for a day! They are in charge of developing a brand, creating a product or service, building a marketing strategy, and then opening for customers for our one-day marketplace.

May 10, 2025, 10:00 - Noon



Carberry Community Hall

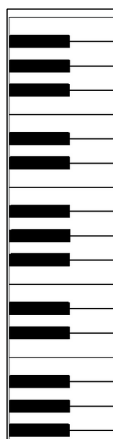
To register, email crbyarts@gmail.com

Or scan the QR code

Vendor spaces still available!

Presented by the Carberry Plains Arts Council

"Time is a drug. Too much of it kills you." — Terry Pratchett



Piano Recital

Carberry United Church
Saturday, March 22
10:00 a.m.

Everyone welcome
Free admission

Please bring a donation for the Carberry food cupboard

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE INFORMATION KIT

The Health Action Committee encourages all residents to complete an E.R.I.K. (Emergency Response Information Kit) available through Service for Seniors at the Carberry Drop-In Centre. It is most beneficial to assist emergency personnel that may be responding to your 911 call.

Carberry Plains Archives



Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays
And Thursdays

Carberry 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

Gopher says

We know it's spring soon, but that doesn't mean the roads get any safer — drive to suit the conditions, and don't make us come and get you, or worse still come and help the ambulance get you.

And remember, as soon as the roads are finally dry again, it will be wildfire season, and then we really don't want to be coming to get you out of trouble — that's BIG trouble!

Please: take care!

Recreation Opportunities

Every week

Tots' Time, Mondays at the Hall, 10:00 - 11:30 am.

Hall walking at R.J. Waugh, Monday to Thursday, 6:00-8:00 pm.

Coffee & Chat, 10:00 - noon
Wednesdays at the Drop-In

Seniors' Fitness, 10:30 - Noon
Fridays at the Drop-in

Special Events

March 28 - "Paint the Ice"
5:00 - 8:00pm at the CPCC

-Nishelle

Mental Health Crisis?

Help!!

Call or text 988

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at the Library

Preschool Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:10 a.m.

Stories and crafts for toddlers

Weekly Programs

Chess Club - all ages and skill levels. Thursdays 3:30 - 5:00 pm

Games Club - Wednesdays 3:30 - 5:00 pm. Come in and play games such as Magic the Gathering, Catan with us. All ages and skill levels welcome.

Minecraft - Thursdays, 3:30- 5:00 Join a server and play creative or survival with your friends. Limited spots available.

Monthly Programs
Readers' Teas- Apr. 8, May 14, Jun. 11 at 2:00 p.m. Enjoy conversation with other readers, treats, tea, and a story read aloud. No registration necessary. Everyone welcome.

Chess Tournaments Saturday Apr. 5 & May 3, 12:00 - 1:00 pm. All ages and skill levels welcome - including beginners!

Garden Club Saturdays, Mar, 22, Apr. 26, May 24 - 1:00 pm

Special Events

Murder Mystery Fundraiser
Friday March 28, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Join us for a night of books, drinks, food and murder. Tickets \$20.

Preschool Egg Hunt
Wednesday, April 9, 10:30 am.

International Canadian Film Day
Wednesday April 16, 4pm come and watch *Ballerina* (an animated family film)

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

Lunch at the Drop-In

Piano Lessons Spring Session

— To register for the spring session, please contact the Carberry Plains Arts Council at crbyarts@gmail.com

or 204-834-6617

Wake me again in May... maybe the snow will be gone

