



Carberry Newsletter

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What a great new destination!

The University of Manitoba has added Carberry to the list of destinations to which their medical students are sent to shadow rural practitioners and learn how medicine is practiced in smaller centres. It's a great feather in the cap of the Health Action Committee, it acknowledges the vitality of Carberry's Health Centre, now that there are physicians regularly available and a working ER. These four students came to study here, and experience life and practice in our town.



Medical students Josh, Jai, Kale, and James enjoying U of M's Rural Week in Carberry

How would an RCUT work?



"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." — Bernard M. Baruch

On May 22, a large group gathered along the service road at the intersection of Highways 1 & 5, which is to be redesigned to be safer. Landmark Planning and Design, with WSP Canada Inc., have gone through a lengthy process of research and consultation to arrive at a recommendation to make to Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure. Three designs were short-listed. By the most recent presentation, it seemed that their choice was to be a configuration called an "RCUT" a Reduced Conflict U-turn layout that has become quite common in Europe and has been gaining popularity in the States. It has been used on Highway 16 in Saskatchewan. In place of allowing the minor road to cross the major one, it requires vehicles on the minor road to enter the major one and merge across it until they come to a place to U-turn and merge back across the major road to turn onto the minor road again. For conventional traffic it is far safer, if somewhat more time consuming. For a Super-B or a train of 53' trailers it is challenging. For a tractor towing agricultural machinery it is quite impractical. This is farming country, and tractors need to use PTH 5. Long semitrailers of livestock, hay bales, grain and potatoes use it. SMVs like high-wheeled sprayers, and trucks pulling things like augurs use it. No matter how safe it is for light traffic, the RCUT is perhaps not the best choice among the designs to use here. Certainly that is how the large gathering at the intersection seemed to feel.

...and should it?

Carberry Fair & Races
July 4-6, 2025

This Month's Council News

April 2025 Town Council Meeting

After welcoming Samantha Van Damme, the winner of the recent by-election for councilor, the first item of business was to conduct a public hearing into a Variation Order for James Cracknell to reduce front and west setbacks of his business on Fourth Avenue to accommodate an expansion. No objections were made. On adjourning the public hearing, the requested Variation Order was made. A further public hearing was held to present the Town's 2025 Financial Plan. The ACAO had prepared a presentation on the subject, which may be viewed at <https://www.townofcarberry.ca/government/financial-reports> or at <https://www.townofcarberry.ca/government/council-minutes>. The Financial Plan was adopted when the hearing ended.

Several existing by-laws were confirmed, and new ones proposed to regulate the use of drones by the fire department; establish reserves for a CSO and for Joint Entity expenses, and rezone the parcel of the Recreation Open Space to be used for a daycare.

Discussions with neighboring communities about going together on the costs of a Community Safety Officer are continuing.

The project to extend the Town's lagoon is under renewed consideration. A project manager will have to be contracted, and the license for the project will have to be revised to cover the change in lining materials, and the details hardened up in time for putting it to tender in Fall 2025.

Now that there is a full compliment of councilors, the committee appointments and board memberships were reexamined.

The route to Evergreen Environmental Technologies, the Class 1 waste management facility for Carberry, Neepawa, Minnedosa, Minto-Odanah, Elton and North Cypress-Langford, is over PR466 south from Highway 16. The infrastructure of PR466 is inadequate for the heavy vehicle traffic it receives and is becoming a safety hazard. Council passed a resolution requesting the Province of Manitoba to repair and upgrade the road to a safe standard.

Council appointed Alyssa Hall and Anya Parry to the Carberry North Cypress-Langford Health Action Committee.

The owner of the car/truck wash at Third Avenue and Main Street has asked the Town to clarify the parking regulations along Third Avenue. Council discussed the difficulties of specifying the usage of parking spots for a particular purpose, and the precedent it might create.

After a long negotiation, the Joint Services Agreement between the Town of Carberry and the Municipality of North Cypress-Langford is ready for signatures. Council ratified the (sixteen page) agreement as presented.

The CAO reports that Cheryl Christian, of GovFox, will lead the renewal of the Strategic Plan, and hopes to set a date to get acquainted.

The "White House" the Town bought across from the hospital has seen lots of use. Four medical students have been assigned to Carberry for UM's week of rural placements. A chiropractor from Brandon intends to open a weekly clinic in town.

April 2025 Joint Councils' Meeting

First off, the newly elected Fire Chief, Clyde McCallum, appeared before Council to be confirmed, introduce himself and talk about his concerns and plans. McCallum has been a member of the CNCLFD for 15 years. He also serves as a Captain with the Southport Fire Department. His supporting officers will not be announced until the 30th. He mentioned that he has a couple of lockers open at the station and is actively recruiting firefighters. Asked about the possibility of

a fire ban, he assured one would be posted soon if there is no rain; conditions are very dry.

The meeting congratulated McCallum on his promotion and wished him well. They also thanked outgoing Chief Keith Loney for his many years of service.

A joint procurement policy has been drawn up specifying how purchases of any size may be ordered and paid for. The Committee adopted the policy as presented.

Clyde McCallum was officially appointed as Fire Chief of the Carberry North Cypress-Langford Fire Department.

The U of M posts first year Med students for a week in spring to shadow rural physicians and see how medicine is practiced outside of an urban centre. Carberry has been added to the list of destinations, and has been assigned four students this year, whom the EDO has placed in the "White House" and the physicians' suite at the Lyons Estate. She has also laid on a variety of experiences for them to enjoy while they are here.

The CPCC ice is out and the space cleared for pickleball and lacrosse. The admission booth, the sound booth, the dressing rooms and the shower stalls are getting refurbished. A grant from the CACF will cover a permanent projector and motorized screen for the Hall. At the campground, the aggregate supply and placement has been contracted to Tri-Wave, and extra trees are applied for from Free Trees for Public Spaces.

The Fire Department thanks outgoing Fire Chief Loney for his many years of service, and thanks Janice Udey for her years keeping the department's books. They welcome incoming Chief McCallum, whose experience as a councilor and as a career firefighter will be an asset to the department.

Joel Penner, the new development officer at Cypress Planning, is having 'red tape' difficulty getting started on his Part IX training but has been very busy with inspections, finding several occasions where work has been done without permits, and has called the builders to account. He will be an asset to the Planning District.

Councilor Sudak noted that at the AMM the announcement was made that firefighters may now offer medical first response. He pointed out that there is no provision for financial support for the necessary training or equipment. The Advanced First Aid course that would be a minimum requirement costs about \$1,300, and the time to take it is not covered either. He was able to ask the Minister of Health about the costs and was told that municipalities and individuals are on their own. He characterised the MFR provisions as a download of provincial responsibility to the municipalities.

May 2025 Town Council Meeting

The meeting began by hearing a delegation from Cheryl Christian of GovFox, who has been selected to facilitate the updating of the Town's Strategic Plan. This was the opening meeting, or "Kickoff" of what is planned as a carefully staged series of meetings with a whole range of stakeholders and affected parties. There will be detailed interviews with each councilor and with staff, questionnaires for the public, a selected focus group with no councilors present, and an examination of the StatsCan demographics of the town. Ms. Christian wants the Strategic Plan she facilitates to be a "living document," one that will come up in all deliberations, asking "How will this align with our Strategic Plan?" As to the timeline, the questionnaire should be ready to go out with the tax notices, the focus group will meet in June and July, and the final document should be ready by August or early September.

A rally is being planned about the apparent front runner in the intersection design at 1 & 5. It will be held on Thursday May 22nd at 7:00 pm.

I'm not afraid of death; I just don't want to be there when it happens." - Woody Allen

Plans to further the utilization of a Community Safety Officer are continuing, with meetings scheduled bringing together the municipalities involved, the RCMP, and members of the Justice ministry. The negotiations should attempt to get funding help for the deployment of CSOs, so as not to be left with the situation found when firefighters are permitted to act as medical first responders, but none of their training, supplies, or wages are covered by the government — a clear case of responsibility downloading.

The June District meeting of the AMM will be held this year in Brookdale. It is a valuable opportunity to add concerns to the list that AMM lobbies government for in the name of all Manitoba municipalities. Deadline for adding a resolution to the agenda is June 1. Council will be on the lookout for policy changes that would benefit all municipalities. Mentioned were the funding of CSOs and firefighter paramedics.

With Councilor Sudak recusing himself, Council passed the list of Designated Officers of the Carberry North Cypress-Langford Fire Department agreed by the joint councils:

Chief Clyde McCallum

Deputy Chief Grady Stephenson

Captains Bart Witherspoon, Mike Sudak, Dell Carritt, and Inspector Steve Denton.

Youth Councilors from across the province will meet at 1:00 p.m. for a tour of the Legislature and a meeting with the Premier. Youth Councilor Boganis will attend, chauffeured in the Town's mini-SUV by the mayor and CAO.

Jocelyn Barnstable was appointed the citizen rep for the Town of Carberry to the board of the Western Manitoba Regional Library.

The request to the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for a speed limit reduction on PTH 351 at the western end of town is still pending.

"Rural Week" for U of M medical students is coming up this month, when first year medical students are billeted out in rural areas to shadow physicians in general practice, learning the constraints and advantages of rural living. Carberry will receive four of them, and the EDO has found them billets (two in the "white house" and two in the physicians' suite at the Lyons) and planned a busy week for them finding out about the town and its amenities while they watch rural medical practice up close and personal.

CC's grade ten students have just taken part in the PISA — the Programme for International Student Assessment — tests which compare students' abilities across 81 countries, administered by the OECD. Provincial exams in English and Mathematics start soon.

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Advice from the RCMP:

With the warmer weather, there are more pedestrians, bicyclists and children out and about.

Please be cautious while driving in town, and if you are walking or riding a bike, be aware of your surroundings.

Do you have a crime to report, but wish to remain anonymous? You can file a report with Manitoba Crime Stoppers

Phone 1-800-222-8477 or Website:

www.manitobacrimestoppers.com

Or Brandon Crime Stoppers:

www.brandoncrimestoppers.com

Carberry Recreation is seeking donations

We are seeking your gently used toys, games and books for our Tots Time, Summer Camp, and upcoming programs. If you have any other items could be beneficial for these programs, please feel free to reach out to me.

We are looking for the following items:

- ▶ Reading books
- ▶ Games & puzzles
- ▶ Playdough toys
- ▶ A small preschool slide
- ▶ A preschool play kitchen
- ▶ Toys such as dolls and legos
- ▶ Sporting equipment
(e.g. soccer ball, basketball, skipping ropes)
- ▶ A decent quality large carpet

Contact: Nishelle Clow, call or text 204-834-6623
rec@townofcarberry.ca

"If you don't know where you're going, any road'll take you there" — George Harrison

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

Be sure to follow
facebook.com/carberryparksandrec/
For all the latest programs, games, and classes.
Don't miss out!

Don't forget to set aside
August 23 for
Homecoming Festival
2025
DON'T MISS IT!

Save the date!

At the Carberry Fairgrounds
...Camping available



LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE

BE SURE TO GET YOUR TICKETS
PURCHASED FROM

carberrysplashpark@gmail.com

ATTENTION

Please note that the ball diamonds are
NOT
intended for use as a dog park.
We encourage all residents to make
use of the designated dog park
located at the north end of town
within the Day Lily Park

**ONGOING PEST CONTROL
TREATMENTS ARE BEING
CARRIED OUT AT THE BALL
PARK, WHICH MAY POSE A
HEALTH RISK TO OUR PET'S
HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Thank you for your understanding
and cooperation
Parks and Recreation

Recreation Opportunities

Every week

Seniors' Coffee & Craft, 10:30 - noon

Tuesdays at the Drop-In

Coffee & Chat, 10:00 - noon

Wednesdays at the Drop-In

Soon

Roller skating at the CPCC starts soon!

Sign up for swimming lessons at

www.facebook.com/carberryparksandrec

Sign up for summer camp -- use the QR
code on the camp poster

-Nishelle

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough." — Mae West

Carberry Summer Camp General information:

- New air-conditioned location
- Daily outings around town
- Swimming every Mon, Wed. & Fri.
- Responsible and experienced staff
- Themed weeks and activities
- Don't miss out on your summer camp experience!

July 7-August 29, 7:30 - 4:30

\$150/week Ages 5-11

To register:



Or contact Nishelle at
rec@townofcarberry.ca

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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- Jun.11, July 8,

Aug. 12 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 June 7, 12:00 - 1:00 pm.

All ages and skill levels welcome - including beginners!

Are you 50+?

Join us at the Drop-In Centre!

Drop-In fee \$2 per visit

- Cards Mon Wed & Fri @ 1:00
- Coffee & Crafts Tue. @ 10:00
- Pool Tues. @ 9:00 & Thurs. @ 1:00
- Bring you own craft 1st & 3rd Thurs 10:00
- **Lunch** every Wednesday Noon, \$12

Everyone welcome!

Summer starts with the Firemen's Texas Breakfast at the Firehall

June 14, 7:00 - Noon

New York Strip or pork loin
Eggs, toast, beans, home fries

Full Breakfast \$15

*In-town delivery
available*

**Phone 204-834-
6607**



Wake me again in July...
I can't miss the Fair & Races



We're Hiring!

Lifeguard/Instructor

Do you have

- NLS Lifeguard
- Swim for Life
- Standard First Aid
- CPR Level C ??

Send a resume to Nishelle:

rec@Townofcarberry.ca