



THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WHITEMOUTH

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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2009

COUNCIL

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Councillors:

Allan Besel 348-2887

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Regular council meetings are on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month commencing at 6:00 pm.

ADDITIONAL CONTACTS:

Waste Management Facility: 348-2125

Whitemouth Library: 348-2112

Whitemouth River Planning District &

Whitemouth-Weed District: 348-7138

New to You Store: 348-2313

Any community organization interested in putting a notice in our June 2009 newsletter, can submit their requests to the RM Office by May 29, 2009.

WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

Recently a survey was done on how the residents of each Province were buying into their respective recycling programs. There was quite an out cry when it was found that Manitoba was right at the bottom of the list. It was found that 89% of Manitobans recycled on a regular basis. Nova Scotia, who ranked first in the survey, has a 95% compliance rate. I generally don't put much credence in surveys like these because they are usually biased. The expression 'follow the money' should always be kept in mind when reading these reports. Somebody has to fund such a survey and although I don't know who paid for it, I can guarantee it wasn't the Government of Manitoba or the Manitoba Product Stewardship Corporation. An example of how these things can contradict each other, in August 2008, Angus Reid did a survey that showed 70% of Saskatchewan and Manitoba residents recycle and manage their waste properly. The national average was 58%. Personally, I like the Angus Reid survey! Nova Scotia does have the best record for recovery of recycles but they have put a huge amount of money and effort into

achieving this. I am not dumping on them for what they have accomplished, in fact I tip my hat to them but it should also be known that the cost of recycling programs in Manitoba is \$44 per person, while their costs are just over \$100 per person. Virtually anything can be accomplished with the right amount of money. Other numbers that don't show up in this type of single question survey, are the actually tonnage of recycles collected and the types of materials collected. Manitoba recycling programs are geared more towards recovering the entire recycle stream. This includes some very low valued materials, with the objective being to keep them out of our landfills. When it comes to the actual tonnage of recycles stream recovered, Manitoba ranks right up there at the top with Nova Scotia and Saskatchewan. Closer to home, our own recycling program ranks very close to the top when it comes to other programs in Manitoba. For 2008 we collect over 75 kg per person which puts us in the top 48 out of 183 programs. So long story short, no matter what the surveys say, we are doing a tremendous job. Keep up the good work.

SPRING ROAD RESTRICTIONS

Road restrictions will be placed on all municipal roads within the municipality. Please take note that on or after 6:00 am Monday, March 23, 2009 and continuing until May 26, 2009 (may be delayed up to May 31 if start date is delayed due to late thaw) there will be restrictions on all axle units, 65% of normal loading. The same provisos apply as for operations of vehicles on highways in the Province of Manitoba. Call the office if travel exemptions are required. More information regarding Spring Road Restrictions may be obtained by:

◆ Fax polling (204) 945-6499

◆ On the internet:

<http://www.manitoba.ca/mit/srr/index.html>

This webpage can also be accessed from the RM website under business links.

◆ By calling the Highway Info. Services at (204) 945-3704, or 1-877-627-6237.

DOG LICENSES

All dogs over the age of 3 months in the municipality must be licensed annually and vaccinated against rabies. Dog licenses for

2009 will be available at the R.M. office in January. The cost of licensing:

◆ \$5.00 for spayed/neutered dog

◆ \$10.00 for non-spayed/non-neutered dog

Replace lost tags for \$1.00

Dogs are not permitted to run at large within the limits of the municipality. All dogs must be in the control of their owners at all times. The Animal Control Officer shall apprehend and confine any dog which is running at large and which is not properly licensed and tagged. Always remember to "poop & scoop".

DUST CONTROL

Residents wishing to have Dust Control placed on municipal roads fronting their property are asked to contact the Municipal Office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.) The cost of dust control is \$.80 per foot. This cost includes two applications. Deadline for requesting dust control is May 8, 2009.

BURNING PERMITS

- **Burning Permits** are required from April 1st until November 15th under authority of The Wildfires Act.
- Burning Permits can only be obtained from your local Manitoba Conservation Office.
- No Burning is allowed before 6:00 p.m. or when winds exceed 15 km/h unless authorized by a Natural Resource Officer.

For further information or to obtain a permit contact MB Conservation:

Hadashville 426-5313 - Seven Sisters 348-4004

SEVEN SISTERS SEWER SYSTEM

Reminder to business owners. By-law 473/06 stipulates that *an interceptor for grease, acceptable to the Municipality, shall be installed by the property owner in all kitchen and dishwasher waste pipes found in hotels, restaurants, and institutional and commercial buildings, unless otherwise determined by the municipality. The property owner shall maintain the interceptor in good working order.*

PUBLIC MEETING

April 16, 2009

Whitemouth Recreation Association Hall
61 First Street, 7:00 p.m.

NEHA Upcoming Events

Cancer Prevention/Community Presentation: March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Meet Whitemouth's new Nurse Practitioner, Vicki Landry, and learn why men and women aged 50+ are encouraged to get screened for colorectal cancer. Thursday, March 26th at 10:15 am, at the Whitemouth Community Hall, Senior's Side (left side of the hall). Marilyn at 348-7191, ext. 4240.

Our Health-Our Communities-Our Future A Chronic Disease Prevention Initiative (CDPI) Conference highlighting youth in the communities of Iron Rose & Beausejour-Brokenhead. How healthy are youth & others who live in Iron Rose & Beausejour-Brokenhead? Join us as we explore what we can do to "create a healthier community" in which we live, work and play. Date: Wednesday, April 29, 2009. To register, contact Susan Borkowsky at 268-6728. Conference held in Beausejour. FREE: No reg. fee & lunch included. For more info, call Marilyn at 348-7191, ext 4240.

EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE

EMO Team:

Our team is now nearly complete. We are only missing a Public Information Manager. If you are interested, please call either the RM of Whitemouth (348-2221) or your EMO coordinator, Adriana Pausenwein (348-7040)! We are also working on the emergency plan and it occurred to us that in case of an evacuation there will be people out there who would need additional assistance. If you feel that for whatever reason you would like to have our special attention in case of an evacuation, please contact the RM of Whitemouth Office (348-2221)!

RURAL WATER PIPELINE

Residents on the R.M of Whitemouth, Seven Sisters and Hydro Townsite Rural Water Pipeline are reminded to phone in your water meter readings to the municipal office by March 31, 2009.

2008 PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

CONGRATULATIONS!

1st Place: *Seven Sisters Falls*

Photo submitted by *Peter Panufnik*

2nd Place: *Tracks at Darwin Station*

Photo submitted by *Colin Smith*

3rd Place: *Does the Nose Give Me Away?*

Photo submitted by *Tiffany Sitar*

1st place received a *Dinner for Two from Jennifer's*. The top three photos will be featured in the 2009 RM Booklet! Thank-you to all participants! All entries can be viewed in the photo gallery on the RM website at www.rmwhitemouth.com. A BIG Thank-you to the Judges Rick McCalder, Fred Senkow & Hermann Saxler!

TWO RIVERS RESOURCE FOR SENIORS UP & COMING EVENTS!

Computer Course

We are currently running a Level 1 computer course at the Whitemouth School. If you

want to learn the basics of your computer, consider signing up for a future course. Level 2 may be offered at a later date depending on interest. To register, call Darlene at Two Rivers 348-4610.

Pole Walking Demonstration

Come learn how to turn a simple walk around the block into an efficient aerobic, total-body workout! By just adding poles to your walk you will strengthen and tone your whole body, lessen impact off lower joints by 26%, burn up to 48% more calories, increase cardio min. of 20% and naturally correct body posture. Attend the **FREE Pole Walking Clinic on April 28** at the Whitemouth hall at **1:00 pm** or at the Seven Sisters Hall at **7:00 pm**. Poles will be available to try out. **ALL AGES WELCOME**. For info., call Therese @ 348-2448 or Darlene @ 348-4610.

WHITEMOUTH LIBRARY

The library's current focus is on book categories that are shown to be most in demand. To all the mystery readers out there, we have greatly expanded the *who-done-it* section and there's also a growing interest in local authors and stories. You'll find some interesting new material as well as older ones that you may have missed. In addition, we've recently purchased new books by Canadian authors. You may also want to check out the new selection of about 400 PLS books.

Then, of course, there's always the regular stock of over 6000 books, as well as a selection of DVDs and videos.

On Sunday, March 22, a number of library members will be staffing at a Casino Bingo at the McPhillips Street Station to raise funds for needed library furniture. A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers for their dedication and hard work. Without their support the library would not be able to function. But the library can always use more help. If you, or any friends or neighbours, would enjoy volunteering as a librarian or be involved in programs such as Outreach or Fundraising, for just a few hours per month, please contact Lieni Sikkenga at 348-2120.

Check our website for opening hours, current events and contact information. Go to: www.rmwhite.mts.net and click on the Whitemouth Library link.

2009 KIDSPORT APPLICATION FORM

The KidSport program is a national charity that is administered in Manitoba by Sport Manitoba and is designed to assist children 18 and under from financially disadvantaged families so that they may participate in organized sport programs. Financial assistance is disbursed up to a maximum of \$300.00 in a calendar year per athlete for children between the ages of 5 and 18 to help offset the cost of registration fees. Provincial Sport Organizations must recognize planned activities. Preference is given to children being introduced to a sport that is affiliated with organizations recognized by Sport Manitoba. For more information on the KidSport program please feel free to call their office at 268-2172 or toll free @1-866-

774-2220. Application forms are available at the RM Office.

'09 BEAUTIFICATION COMPETITION

The Manitoba Good Roads Association would like to extend an invitation for residents to enter the annual beautification competition. The categories are: **Best Farm Home Grounds; Best Country Resident Non Farm Home Grounds; Best Home Grounds in an Urban Centre**

Entries are submitted from May-June and the judging takes place in July or August during a two week time frame. Judges follow a criteria sheet to score the home grounds. The criteria include categories such as general plan or layout of the yard, shelter belts and ornamentals, fruits and vegetables, decorative plantings, and lawn care. It is the discretion of the judges and the guidelines they follow that determine who wins a category. For more information on judging criteria or the competition, please contact Terra Van Deynze at 239-1035 or email at mgra@mts.net. **Your entry must be submitted through the municipal office.**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

HUGE AWANA FUNDRAISING

GARAGE SALE

May 16, 2009

Whiteshell Baptist Church
Corner of PR 307 and PR 408

Proceeds to the Awana Club Program
Contact: John van Leeuwen – 348-2213

MOM'S PANTRY FUNDRAISER

Support the Travel Club

Mom's Pantry forms available in March!

Contact Whitemouth School
for dates & forms 348-2595

GRAD BINGO

April 9, 2009 7:00 pm

Elma Community Club

Bake Sale & Raffle, Bring your own chips!

WHITEMOUTH FLEA MARKET

AND TRADE SHOW

May 10, 2009

10:00 am – 2:00 pm,
Whitemouth Curling Club
\$20.00 / Table (prepaid)
Contact Kyla 348-3477

LIONS PARK PICNIC

May 30, 2009

Whitemouth Lions Park Campground
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Free hotdogs, juice & dessert!

Contact: Don Malkoske – 348-7777

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION DAY

June 6, 2009 in Whitemouth

Garage Sales, Business Specials &
Giveaways (food & drink)!

Visit the Whitemouth Library
for a book & bake sale!



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