

ROSSBURN MATTERS APRIL 2020



Council Meetings

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, **Council Meetings and Public Hearings are being held by zoom.** As all Council Meetings are public meetings if you wish to attend and listen to the proceedings you can either click on the website link or dial in from your phone. **The link is on our website at** <u>www.rossburn.ca</u> **in the Public Notices.** If you link into the Council Meeting your phone or microphone must be muted to allow you to hear or attend the meeting, but the meetings are to proceed without interruptions from the public. If you wish to attend a Council meeting and speak, you must register <u>in advance</u> as a delegation. Public Hearing dates and Council Meeting Dates are listed and posted on the website, or contact the Municipal Office at 204-859-2779.

A message from Rossburn Municipality Council Concerning the Coronavirus (Covid -19)

These are unprecedent times and the most important item on our agenda is certainly the protection of all Rossburn ratepayers and residents. Our front line workers, Health services workers, Store owners and clerks. We must do our part.

Things to Do.

Social –Physical Distancing: We still need to go out in public for things like essential appointments and shopping. Where possible, spending time outside and utilizing green spaces is also important. In all situation's, keep at least 2 metres or 6 feet from others as much as possible and don't forget how to protect yourself and others.

Stay home as much as possible: Things you can do at home like reading, watching TV, playing games, sitting on your deck, spring cleaning, yard work and cooking are all good things to be doing around the house. Connecting with your kids and spending time that you would normally not have with them. Staying home whenever possible makes us all safer right now.

Shop wisely: There's things we need like groceries, fuel and medicines that sometimes are a priority. Use caution when visiting these places and keep in mind your safety, other clients and the people working there. Try and shop local as much as possible and use their home delivery service to help ease going out yourself. Please remember to not PANIC BUY items, our local stores are doing their best to keep the shelves well stocked. So if everyone just buys what they would normally need, we can all be assured there is enough to go around.

Use technology to keep in touch: We all need to keep in touch with our family, friends and neighbor's especially when keeping with the guidelines of not going out as much. Phone calls, texting and video chats are all great options. Being kind to one another by expanding your close circle of contacts and do a reach out check up phone, text or video call to someone who is alone or with no close family around would have a tremendous effect on that person.

Washing your hands: The 20 second rule of a good hand washing with soap and water should be observed as much as possible when coming back home from being outside. Avoid touching your face as much as possible and make sure you also use hand sanitizer and wipes as additional precautions. Cough or sneeze into the bend of your arm and turn your head away from anyone standing near you as much as possible. Disinfect high traffic areas around you to be on the safe side often.

For detailed information go to www.covid19manitoba.ca We also have been putting updated info on our website www.rossburn.ca as they are sent to us from the different Governmental depts.

If you have travelled out of the country or out of province, **you Must by law, quarantine yourself for 14 days complete.** This does not reflect on how well you feel upon returning or while under quarantine, but the fact that you cannot control who you might have come in contact with that had this virus while away makes you a high risk to your family, friends and the community.

On behalf of the Mayor and Council, we would like to thank each and everyone for helping our community make it through this trying time we find ourselves in.

From the Seniors Coordinator's Desk:

As you are well aware of, our seniors are listed as the highest risk to catch this virus. But they are also the biggest group that are sometimes the most isolated even without this virus. Please take the time to try and safely interact with them. Check on them often and ask them how you can help them. Please remember that to some of them a normal trip to the store, playing bingo or having coffee was a way for them to keep socializing and a benefit to their own wellness.

Seniors Coordinator Marieanne 204 859 3386 rosscomm@outlook.com

Rossburn Municipality would like to thank the MB Youth Fly Fishing Association for their donation. The \$1519 will be used for the enhancement and maintenance at Patterson Lake.

Support and Shop Local

Stay safe, Stay home and let them deliver your needs to your door. If you do need to visit any stores in town, please take the recommended safety precautions so that we can keep our community safe and moving in the right direction to beat this situation.



From the Manitoba 150 Committee, we would like to let you know that any planned activities will be put on

hold until there is a better time frame once the pandemic is over. We are still looking forward to hosting as much as we can squeeze into the year.

Rossburns Business of the Month is Wheatland Building Centre

It was opened in 1991 by Gerald, Raymond and Albert Lysyshin with their father Nickolas, after purchasing an existing building supply business in Rossburn. The Lysyshin family had moved to the Rossburn area in 1977 to farm near Vista and soon after started an accounting business, called Lysyshin Accounting Service. Which has an office located in the Wheatland building at the time. After the loss of their father in 1999 the three brothers have continued to operate their three businesses as well as participating in several organizations and volunteer groups within the community. Wheatland Building Centre offers a full range of building materials and services and will work hard to source the products that you may require for your building projects and hardware needs. The Lysyshin's would like to express their gratitude to the people of the surrounding communities for supporting the Rossburn business community and invite you in to the store to say hello or to see how they can assist you.

March was a month filled with surprises and love for me as I turned 100 years of age.

So many people have touched my heart and made an impact on my life. I'm so very thankful for each and every one. The outpouring of well wishes and flowers from near and far is overwhelming, thank you so much to everyone who remembered me as I reached this incredible milestone.

Special thank you to my family for the lovely party and for all who attended. It was lovely seeing each and every one of you. Thank you to all those that travelled to surprise me, those visits from all of you are the shining star of my day.

Thornton Wilder said it best – " We can only be said to be alive in those moments when our hearts are conscious of our treasures."

Each and every one of you are treasures I carry in my heart.

Thank you so much, Alice Hrubeniuk

Rossburn Museum has cancelled their annual "Manitoba Day" on May 12th, 2020.

The Friends of the Rossburn Fire Fighters Committee, would like to thank everyone who helped to get this event supported and will look at it again in the future.

Rossburn Lions Club

Until further notice, all District 5M13 events will be cancelled. Be kind, be generous, be what a Lion's member stands for and give your help where it is needed the most in our community during these needy times.

Field of Hope & Charity

For many years he Rossburn Lions Club has held a Goods & Services Auction on the July long weekend. The proceeds from this auction enabled the club to provide help to local and area residents when needed for health issue, as well as provide funds for a number of worthwhile community projects.

This year we are trying something different to generate funds. One of our members has generously offered to donate 30 acres of his farmland to be used to grow canola, with the proceeds going to the Rossburn Lions Club.

The Lions Club thanks sponsors, workers, auction participants and other volunteers who helped make the auction a success. We look forward to this new initiative and the support it will provide to those who need support for their medical needs and to projects that benefit the entire community.

"Tough times never last, but a tough community that pulls together always will come out proud of their accomplishment".