



# NEWSLETTER

## Municipal Corner:

Issue: January 2025

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### Strategic Planning Open House

The Gilbert Plains Municipality would like to invite all ratepayers & residents to our Strategic Planning Open House. There will be numerous topics discussed as an open discussion!

**Date:** Tuesday February 11, 2025

**Time:** 5:00 - 8:00 PM

**Location:** Gilbert Plains Recreation Complex

Arena Concession Sitting Area

### Manitoba Good Roads Association

The Manitoba Good Roads Association is based in Portage la Prairie. The association was formed in 1909. They are promoting well maintained roads, commercial facilities and residential properties. They advocated for improved commercial opportunities, road safety and even advocated for a share of gas tax revenue for road improvements as early as 1940! We are overjoyed to announce the recipients of the Manitoba Good Roads Association's Home Ground winners for District 5:

**Leclaire Shield for the Best Urban Home Grounds:** Donna & Edwin Meyer

**Rebeck Shield for the Best Country Non-Farm Home Grounds:** Wayne & Gaylene Dutchyshen

**Oatway Shield for the Best Farm Home Grounds:** Blaine Green

### Gilbert Plains Senior Housing Community Meeting

Join us and SML Construction for a Gilbert Plains Senior Housing Community Meeting. We are excited to invite you to an important meeting regarding senior housing in our community. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts, ask questions, and learn about updates and future plans for senior living options.

#### **Agenda:**

- Community input and feedback session
- Discussion on eligibility, amenities, and services
- Questions and answers

#### **Meeting Details:**

Date: January 14 2025

Time: 1:00-3:00 PM

Location: EMS Building

Address: 102 Main St. N. Gilbert Plains

Whether you're a senior, caregiver, or community member, your input is invaluable in shaping the future of senior housing. We look forward to seeing you there!

For questions or more information, please contact Scott at 204-572-5758



## **By-Election**

With the resignation of Trent Crowe from Council, a by-election will be taking place.

**Nominations will begin on February 5 and close on February 11, 2025.  
Election Day being March 19, 2025.**

For more information please contact Senior Elections Officer, Sandra Falk at [seogilbertplains@gmail.com](mailto:seogilbertplains@gmail.com) or 1-204-768-0069



## **Letter to Agricultural Producers:**

Gilbert Plains Municipality has recently committed to addressing the flooding and drainage issues throughout the municipality and will be taking on a large drainage project over the next few years. In this project, the municipality will be surveying all municipal waterways and ditches in order to make a drainage plan that benefits the entire municipality.

With that being said, please be advised that the Gilbert Plains Municipality will be reclaiming many road allowances that agricultural producers have been encroaching on over the years in order to ensure adequate drainage. Please consider this your notice that should any crops be planted within the 99 foot municipal road allowance (south of the correction line) or the 66 foot road allowance (north of the correction line), the municipality may remove them without notice or compensation should they be a hinderance to the ongoing drainage project.

We appreciate your cooperation as we work towards addressing the many drainage concerns within the municipality.

## **Snow Removal Policy:**

Please be advised the Gilbert Plains municipality will no longer be removing snow from ditches unless absolutely necessary to save a dwelling. The municipality will continue to open culverts however, the onus of clearing snow from ditches will be the adjacent landowners responsibility should they want to.

A permitting process has been put in place as outlined in the policy, and must be followed. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline to apply for the snow removal permit is **January 31 of each year**. With the implementation of this policy, we will be granting an **extension to February 14** for this 2025 year only.

For more information or to receive a copy of the new policy, please contact the municipal office.

## **Drainage Policy:**

On any given year, the municipality receives many drainage requests from landowners. As the municipality works through and prioritizes its projects for the annual drainage plan, many smaller projects are deemed to not have as much benefit to the overall municipal drainage system compared to others. These projects are often left on the drainage list for several years.

The municipality would like to offer an alternate to the landowners wanting these minor drainage projects to be completed in a timely manner. This “two-tiered drainage policy” should help attain this goal. The purpose of this policy is to; a) allow property owners to fund drainage or perform minor drainage requests in municipal ditches, and b) establish guidelines through defined process to perform this work. This policy will ensure a fair and equitable process to get the work done safely and according to the standards of the Gilbert Plains Municipality and provincial regulations.

For more information or to receive a copy of this policy, please contact the municipal office.




## **Road Use Bylaw:**

Council has given third reading and passed a new Road Use Bylaw which allows the municipality to charge companies for the maintenance, repair, restoration, and for the shortening of the lifetime of municipal roads.

Agricultural producers are exempt from the Transport License and fees portion of the bylaw however, producers may be fined for travelling on closed roads without following the proper procedures.

For more information or to receive a copy of this policy, please contact the municipal office.

**Gilbert Plains Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the following:**

-  **BURN PERMITS are REQUIRED YEAR-ROUND**
-  **They are free of charge**
-  **Available from The Municipal Office during office hours**

**Once a burn permit is in place, before burning, please be mindful of wind conditions, always have a fireguard, never leave a fire unattended, and ensure there is a nearby water source.**

**The ONE and ONLY time when a burn permit is not required is when the fire is contained in a structure that is enclosed on all sides that consists of non-combustible material and covered with a non-combustible grate or mesh screen.**

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**Gilbert Plains Waste Disposal Site Hours**

**Summer Hours (May 1 - September 30)**

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Wednesday: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm  
Thursday: Closed  
Friday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Sunday: Closed

**Winter Hours (October 1 - April 30)**

Monday: Closed  
Tuesday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Wednesday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Thursday: Closed  
Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm  
Sunday: Closed



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**Centennial Park Campground Seasonal Site Draw:**

Centennial Park Campground offers seasonal site holders to renew their current seasonal camping site. This affects the number of sites available for a draw. A minimum deposit of \$100 is required on or before February 21, 2025, to become an applicant for a seasonal site.

The remaining seasonal fee would be required from successful applicants immediately following the draw on March 6, 2025. A draw will be held at in the Council Chambers of the Municipality of Gilbert Plains. Seasonal sites are available from May 15th – Sept. 30th.

For more information, please contact the Gilbert Plains Municipality Office.

