



Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone

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2021 Newsletter

Edition 1

Reminders & Announcements

Municipal Office still Closed to Public

Due to Covid-19, the Municipal office is closed to public walk-in traffic. We will be accepting visits by appointment. If you need to visit the office in person, please call ahead or knock on the front door. We strongly encourage people needing assistance to avoid coming directly to the office, but to contact us by phone or email.

2019 and 2020 Overdue Taxes

Tax Sale Processing Deadline

Municipal taxes for 2020 were due on October 30th, 2020. If you happened to miss this deadline and also have 2019 taxes still owing on your property, your property will incur tax sale costs.

For all rate payers who have 2019 and 2020 taxes owing, a letter was issued stating which properties are owing for 2019 including arrears and penalties. This amount is due by Friday, February 26, 2021.

Commencing March 1, 2021, tax sale costs will be added to your property as well as monthly penalties until tax sale date or until 2019 taxes have been paid in full.

Council Meetings

All regular council meetings held by the Municipality are accessible via computer, tablet, smartphone or by using your telephone, through Zoom. If you wish to attend an upcoming meeting please contact the Municipal Office and specify which meeting(s) you would like to attend.

Email: admin@westlake-gladstone.ca

Phone: (204)385-2332

The Municipality will no longer be offering Dust Control. If you are applying calcium privately you must notify the office by **April 30th** to have your property added to the map for consideration during gravel spreading and grading. Please keep in mind that if you notify us by April 30th, we will make every effort to preserve your calcium, but if the road requires maintenance, we are permitted to do so.

Office Closures

February 15 - Louis Riel/ Family Day



Mayors Message

As we get 2021 under way, has anyone noticed a difference?

Your WestLake Gladstone council has started the year off with some preliminary budget meetings and a public hearing in regards to Waste and Recycling pick up in our towns. I would like to again thank everyone who participated in the event in a positive way. This is yet another step towards more fair and equitable taxation, however it's change, and it can be frightening!

By the time this is printed I'm sure the COVID-19 restrictions will have changed again. However, as of now its good to see that more businesses have re-opened, and I'm sure we are all eager to see more restrictions lifted. Our little corner of the world appears to be doing a great job, so let's keep it up.

There will hopefully be a few exciting projects to announce in the weeks ahead. Council has worked hard on securing some new business in our area that will have multiple spin offs attached. We are very close to seeing some big announcements!

As spring is just around the corner, we will look forward to warmer weather and longer days.

Let's all remember to stay positive and safe, but more importantly be kind.

Wishing everyone a happy end to winter, and fresh start in the spring.

Mayor Kinley

Safely Dispose Needles and Syringes with Sharps Containers

Sharps are **not recyclable** and they **do not belong in household waste**. When you dispose of sharps incorrectly, it can cause serious health risks to many people, including members of our public works team who collect curbside waste. To ensure the safety of everyone, we ask that all used needles and other sharps are immediately disposed of into a proper sharp disposal container. This reduces the risks of needle sticks, punctures and cuts from loose sharps. If you do not have a proper sharp disposal container, you can dispose of your sharps at the Gladstone Pharmacy.



Municipal 101

Your Guide to Local Government

Council provides guidance and sets the standards for the services and administration within the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone. These are people who love the communities, and take the needs of ratepayers into consideration when making decisions.

The four primary responsibilities of Council are:

1. **Decision making:** Making fair decisions based on discussion and a majority vote. Decisions take into consideration the expressed concerns of the public, municipal policy, research/info gathered at public hearings.
2. **Governance:** Passing local by-laws and developing policies. Policies and by-laws provide consistent guidance and for staff and the public on matters such as taxation, street lights and protective services. Public input is welcomed and valued when it comes to proposing by-laws and policies.
3. **Representation:** Council members are democratically elected rate payers. They listen and engage with the public, and serve interests of the municipality as a whole.
4. **Stewardship:** Council strategically plans for the future, and makes sure resources and finances are being used responsibly.

Every council member must comply with the Council Code of Conduct and avoid conflicts of interest. If you have an issue that can be solved on the municipal level, take it up with Council. In our next newsletter, we will take a closer look at Conflict of Interest requirements.

Looking for Meeting Agendas, Minutes, Municipal Notices, By-Laws and much more? Visit our NEW Website at <https://westlake-gladstone.ca/>

Agendas: <https://westlake-gladstone.ca/p/council-meeting-agendas-minutes>

Minutes: <https://westlake-gladstone.ca/p/council-meeting-agendas-minutes>

Notices: <https://westlake-gladstone.ca/p/local-notices>

By-Laws: <https://westlake-gladstone.ca/p/documents-forms>

Prepayment of Taxes Discount Rates

January	2.0%
February	1.5%
March	1.0%
April	0.75%
May	0.50%
June—Sept	PAR

E-Service Request

Notice a road that requires grading, icy side walks that require salt, or even to notify the Municipality that your garbage was missed. Simply visit our website and fill out an E-Service request. Once your request is submitted, it will notify the appropriate party.

<https://westlake-gladstone.ca/p/e-service>



Stay tuned for the Financial Plan Hearing! More information will be posted on Facebook and our Website.

Communication Corner

What is Mental Health?

Mental health includes our emotional, psychological, and social well-being. It affects how we feel, think, and act. It may also determine how we handle stress, relate to others, and make decisions.

Mental health problems are common and help is available.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

SAMHSA7: 1-877-726-4727

Or visit: <https://www.mentalhealth.gov/basics> for more information.

Snow Clearing Reminder Message from Public Works:

A reminder to all landowners, that when removing snow from your driveway please make sure no excess snow is left on municipal roads or road allowances. When this occurs, the ice and snow become traffic hazards and make it difficult for the snow plows to clear properly. Thank you for your cooperation!

Attention Community Groups:

Please submit Grant requests by **March 1st, 2021**. Visit our website at [www.westlake-gladstone](http://www.westlake-gladstone.ca) for the fillable grant application form.

2020 Year End Report - Coming Soon!

Please stay tuned for the 2020 year end report. The report will be released on our website by February 28, 2021. If you would like a copy emailed, please register for connect at:

<https://westlake-gladstone.ca/p/connect>

Visit <https://westlake-gladstone.ca/p/ditches-drainage> to view our public portal. This public portal provides information on drainage, water way classifications, and nearly all the information you will need when applying to the Province for a Water Control License

Meet & Greet with Council

Coffee with Council is a time for rate payers to ask questions about the upcoming year end report for 2020 and bring forward suggestions for 2021 to Council members.

Plumas: 7:00—8:30pm February 8th, 2021

Langruth: 7:00—8:30pm February 9th, 2021

Westbourne: 7:00— 8:30pm February 10th, 2021

Gladstone: 7:00—8:30pm February 11th, 2021

(Location to be determined)

POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19 REGULATIONS

Municipal Services

Regular Winter Operating Hours

Gladstone WDG

Wednesday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Plumas WDG

Tuesday	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Westbourne WDG

Sunday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Langruth WDG (Closed from 12-1)

Tuesday	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Mark Your Calendar!

- Valentines Day is February 14th!
- Louis Riel/Family Day is February 15th
- Daylight Savings time change is March 8th
- March 17 is St. Patrick's Day! Wear Green.
- April 22 is Earth Day



Accepted E-Waste Material

The following Electronic Waste materials are accepted at all Municipal Waste Disposal Grounds and at the Recycling Center in Gladstone.

Personal/Portable Audio/Video Systems

Home Theater in a Box Systems

Vehicle Audio Systems

Countertop Microwave Ovens

Floor Standing Photocopiers

Cellular Devices and Pagers

Display Devices - televisions and monitors

Non-Cellular Telephones

Home Audio/Video Systems

Desktop Computers

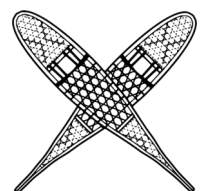
Portable Computers

Desktop Printers

Rec & Leisure

Covid-19 has changed the Recreation and Leisure world. Not everything has to be negative, we just need creative ideas to adapt to change. In these times a lot of programs have been shifted to online.

- Manitoba has announced the Safe at Home Manitoba program to provide support to Manitobans staying home during this critical time. This grant provides \$3 million to a wide variety of Manitoba organizations and individuals who are able to produce free programming such as live streaming of the performing arts, cooking at home classes, at-home fitness programs and home based art programs for children. For more information visit www.safeathomemb.ca
- Do You Want To Run A Class? - We are always looking to plan ahead for activities and programs. If you are an instructor or are wanting to run a class in our municipality please contact Nicole Sellers at rec@westlake-gladstone.ca. We welcome you to join our team!
- Plumas Lions Park is getting an upgrade! Thank you Big Grass for supporting a new shed and multiple games for individuals to use. We were also able to purchase LED solar lights for the gazebo! Thank you Big Grass, Jack Sellers, Sherrie and Mark Wolke, Jake Reimer, Ridge Construction, Building Sustainable Communities, the Municipality and all those who helped.
- Langruth Recreation Committee approached the Municipality to work together to apply for a grant to purchase rubber hockey mats. Although the rink is closed right now, Langruth is eager for restrictions to lift. Thank you Big Grass for supporting the purchase of these mats.
- Westbourne has been doing a wonderful job maintaining their outdoor skating rink! Thank you to the Westbourne Longburn Community Centre Board members. A big thank you to Big Grass for supporting the purchasing of good quality hockey nets!
- Once again ECSF and Big Grass has awarded us funding for COVID prevention products. Gladstone Library will receive disinfectant and shelving. We have more refills for hand sanitizer units, paper towel and soap refills for portable hand wash stations, and 2 electrostatic sprayers with disinfectant. ECSF and the United Way grant provided us with an iPad to run programs on Zoom and provide us the option to allow debit transactions at the swimming pool! Gladstone Swimming Pool also received a grant from Manitoba Coalition for Safer Waters to purchase a spinal board and other equipment. A big thank you to Safe at Home MB for funding 95 pairs of snowshoes for all communities!



Stride Hall Committee

Members Needed

Volunteers are the backbone on any Community Centre and without you the Gladstone District Community Centre (now Stride Hall) is unable to operate and stay open for the community. The Municipality is looking for new committee members to assist at events, plan fundraisers, and be apart of the team!

The Municipality relies on strong leadership to drive change for this great facility within Gladstone. This facility is a gem and is currently being under utilized. Do you have ideas, suggestions and drive to make this change happen? The Recreation and Leisure Administrator is looking for individuals to support her department to execute this change and be ready for social gatherings once again.

If you are interested in volunteering on this committee, enjoy meeting new people and believe in your community centre please contact Nicole Sellers at (204)385-2332 or by emailing rec@westlake-gladstone.ca

Summer Jobs

The Municipality will once again be hiring summer students. If you are interested in applying for any of the positions please submit a resume to:

info@westlake-gladstone.ca by **April 1, 2021.**

Pool - Lifeguards, Instructors, Admissions

Library - One Librarian Assistant

Green Team - Two public works positions

Daycamp - Up to four positions available



Stride Hall Employment Opportunity

Janitor/Custodian

Stride Hall is looking to add a new member to our team. We are looking for an efficient multi-tasker with excellent time management skills and an upbeat attitude. Candidates should be able to perform various maintenance and duties (tasks) and be able to work with little to no supervision.

To be successful in this position, candidates should be detail oriented, have a knowledge of basic maintenance, and have flexible availability. Please visit the Municipal Website for further information or contact:

Nicole Sellers

(204)385-2332

rec@westlake-gladstone.ca

Do I Need A Building Permit?

What is a building permit?

A building permit is a document that provides legal authorization to begin construction of any type of building or structure.

Why is a Building Permit Required?

A building permit is required in order to protect the health and safety of the public. After the application is filed the Assistant CAO and Building Inspector review the project design **before** construction begins to ensure compliance with Building Codes and Zoning By-Law regulations. A **Development** Permit is required for any change in land use or site development.

Permits REQUIRED for

- Finishing unfinished spaces in a home (basement, attics, etc.)
- Repairing of foundations
- Installation of Wood Stoves or Fireplaces
- Installation of pools holding over 24 in. water
- Enclosure of an existing open deck
- Grain Bins and Machine Shops
- Construction of attached or detached garage or carport
- Demolition, removal or partial removal of buildings or structures
- Construction of open decks
- Construction of a detached accessory building

Permits NOT REQUIRED for

- Replacement of stucco, siding or shingles
- Replacement of doors when the opening is not enlarged or reduced in size
- Replacement of an open landing and stairs
- Construction of Fences (under 6 ft in rear 3ft in front)
- Patching, painting, decorating
- Installation of cabinets and shelves

Building Inspector:

David Bueckert (204)857-1896 or (204)685-2247





The Neepawa and District Chamber of Commerce is pleased to host a very special **SHOP LOCAL** event in our community.

We understand this past year has been unprecedented and our community and businesses have faced significant challenges. The Neepawa and District Chamber is here for you!

Over the next 8 weeks, we will be hosting a **FREE BINGO** in support of Neepawa local businesses and those especially impacted by Covid-19. The bingo is a fun opportunity for members of the surrounding community to take part, by ***sharing your activities on social media***, using **@neepawachamber** on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), with an opportunity to **win huge prizes** from the local businesses we are promoting and supporting.

For the next 8 weeks please see our Facebook page, Neepawa Banner & Press and/or Minnedosa Tribune for a copy of our weekly BINGO card, focused on a weekly feature category such as “self-care”, “ag/industrial” or “social services”. You do not have to participate every week in order to win – each week a new prize will be awarded! All you need to do is **post your activities on our social media pages** - take a picture of your bingo card and upload to complete the activities to be entered to win (**Facebook and Instagram** using **@neepawachamber**)! The Bingo card is also a fun way for you to learn more about what these incredible companies do and how important they are to our community.

This year, more than ever, we understand you’ve faced considerable challenges. We hope you will join us in celebrating what this incredible town has to offer.

Your Neepawa and District Chamber of Commerce Shop Local Committee

Pamela Levandosky, RBC Royal Bank

Kerri MacPherson, RBC Royal Bank

Pam Miller, MNP

and the office of Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce

Survey Monuments:

Survey monuments are stakes that are placed by professional surveyors. The cost to replace these markers is paid by you the ratepayers. This costs our municipality up to \$6,000 per year. We kindly ask that no one moves or removes these survey stakes at any location.

Whitemud Watershed Programs:

Visit <https://whitemudwatershed.ca/programs/> to view the variety of programs Whitemud Watershed has to offer!