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RM OF EAST ST. PAUL

## Curl ESP hosts Senior Provincial Championships

CurlESP proudly hosted the Strathcona Trust Senior Men's and Pharmasave Senior Women's Provincial Championships from March 19th - 24th.

The event showcased the best aged 50+ men and women curlers from around the province.

Co-chairs Donna Smiley and Don Nazeravich put together a dedicated, hardworking group of over 80 volunteers who did their utmost to ensure competitors, sponsors and spectators experienced the best CurlESP has to offer.

Though there was no local team on the men's side, East St. Paul was represented by two teams on the women's side.

ESP's two teams were skip Kim Link, third Colleen Kilgalen, second Renee Fletcher, and lead Pam Namaka plus alternate Karen Fallis.

The other ESP rep was skip Lori Pellissier, third Wendy Nykoluk, second Bev Atkins and lead Cathy Burtnack.

Congratulations to both teams.

Winners of the women's championship were Marlene Lang and her St. Vital team of Pamela Kok, Jackie Hendrickson, and Patti Ulrich.

On the men's side, the champs were Dave Boehmer and his Petersfield team of Dale Lott, Sean Bracken, George Hacking, and alternate Scott Szydluk.

Local sponsorship was huge! The sponsor's community spirit for helping out local events like this sets them apart from many.

Although spectators came from across the province, the most supportive spectators were from our community.

They generously purchased 50/50 and Silent Auction tickets and cheered on their favourite teams.

Organizers proudly listened to the compliments and praise from the competitors. They've curled in so many different facilities and were quick to say that East St. Paul is most definitely one of the best.

The CurlESP Board of Directors, curlers and staff sincerely thank all those involved in making this Senior Provincial Championship such a successful one!



CurlESP President Deb Palson, left to right, with ESP Coun. Orest Horechko, and championship co-chairs Donna Smiley and Don Nazeravich at the opening reception.



East St. Paul team Pellissier and below team Link.





The East St. Paul Emergency Response Committee (ERC) has started the planning process for the 2025 spring runoff and flood risk. An initial meeting was held on March 18th.

All information regarding river levels, flooding potential etc. is taken directly from the Province of Manitoba, namely the Hydrologic Forecast Centre. It is imperative for everyone to understand the province will be the sole source of information the ERC will be using to plan for any possible flood issues our municipality will face this spring.

We encourage you to refer to the following provincial web site [www.manitoba.ca/flooding](http://www.manitoba.ca/flooding) for the detailed flood forecasts and information.

The initial flood outlook report was issued by the province on February 27th with the second coming out on March 25. The February report indicated the level of winter precipitation was normal in most areas. Soil frost depth was considered deeper than normal. Frost depth plays a major role in flood forecasting as the deeper the frost, the longer it takes for soil to thaw. Frozen soil prevents precipitation from being absorbed into the ground leading to an increased risk of overland flooding. According to the province, the ice thickness on the Red River is considered slightly thicker than last year.

The March report put the risk of spring flooding at low for areas along the Red River and reported ice cutting has been completed on the Red River. There was a significant snowstorm on March 27/28. The impact of the storm has not been determined at the time of printing.

The ERC uses river levels measured at the James Street pumping station for planning purposes. When the Red River level reaches 21.0 feet (James), flood mitigation work needs to take place in our municipality. The March 25th provincial report predicted the following Red River levels as measured at James:

- Favourable weather: 6.6 feet
- Normal weather: 11.7 feet

- Unfavourable weather: 17.6 feet

Favourable weather includes a slow freeze, thaw cycle with little to no additional precipitation. Unfavourable weather means higher temperatures with a rapid thaw taking place and substantial precipitation.

The Red River Floodway is not expected to be operated under favourable or normal weather conditions but could be operated under unfavourable future weather conditions.

#### This is what you need to know:

- Stay away from retention ponds, creeks and the Red River. Once the ice starts to break up and water flows increase, it will create very dangerous conditions.
- The ERC will publish updated flood information on the East St. Paul web site [www.eaststpaul.com](http://www.eaststpaul.com) and through other social media on a regular basis.
- Be wary of rumours. Contact the administration staff in the municipal office if you have any questions and someone from the ERC will provide you with the answers.
- There is some risk of overland flooding in some areas of the municipality due to snow cover and frozen ground. The amount of flooding will depend on the thaw rate.
- Once the Red River starts rising and the flow rate increases, there is an elevated chance of ice jams forming which can cause a rapid rise in the river level in some areas. The river will be monitored on an ongoing basis.
- The RM has a substantial inventory of sandbags ready for use.
- Public works staff have been clearing out ditches and opening culverts using portable steamers.

The RM of East St. Paul Emergency Response Committee is diligently monitoring all information being provided by the Province of Manitoba and is committed to keeping the residents of East St. Paul up to date with 2025 flood information.

Waste Connections of Canada will be offering the residents of East St. Paul, the ability to leave their large household items at the curb side for pick-up during your regular scheduled garbage day service.

The large item pick-up service will commence the week of Monday, April 14 and will end on Friday, April 25.

Large Items that may be left for pick-up can include but are not limited to:

- mattresses
- sofas
- furniture
- stoves
- dishwashers
- washers
- dryers
- humidifiers
- toilets
- barbecues (without propane tanks)
- empty hot water tanks
- empty water softeners
- carpet
- treadmills
- tires without rims up to 60 pounds

#### Please do not leave items such as:

- glass or mirrors
- televisions
- computers & monitors
- dvd players
- vcr's
- stereos
- microwaves
- refrigerators
- freezers
- bar fridges
- propane tanks
- dehumidifiers
- water coolers
- batteries
- renovation materials
- landscaping materials
- any items containing hazardous materials

There is a 75 lb limit for all items and a 5 ft length max.

If you have any questions, please call the Operations Department at (204) 668-8336 or [operations@eaststpaul.com](mailto:operations@eaststpaul.com).



# East St. Paul Day is back

The second annual East St. Paul Day will take place on Saturday, June 21, 2025.

The day will be a celebration of vibrant community spirit, with activities, entertainment, and opportunities for neighbours to come together in fellowship.

A community parade will be followed by activities throughout the day.

The first East St. Paul Day was held last June and was a big hit. The parade route down Hoddinott was lined with people from one end to the other.

More details about the schedule will be released closer to the event.

The RM wouldn't be able to offer this amazing day without the help of the community. There are a number of ways to get involved, and we are looking for Sponsors, Volunteers and Parade participants.

Help spread the word about East St. Paul Day 2025. We can't wait to see you there!



# Don't let spring melt reveal your dog's mess



Dog owners are reminded that picking up after your dog isn't just the courteous thing to do, it's the law.

The RM's Animal Control Officers have received numerous complaints about the amount of dog feces being left along the Duff Roblin Parkway Trail north of Garven Road.

It's unsightly and unsanitary - imagine stepping on a pile of poop unknowingly and then spreading it everywhere with every step, your car and your house - and it's also against the law.

The RM's By-Law 2022-11, Section 3.1 (d) states:

No person shall permit a dog to:

(d) defecate on property other than the owner's without immediately removing the excrement and disposing of it in a sanitary manner.

The fine for your dog pooping and you not scooping is \$268.

Please have consideration for your neighbours and pick up your dog's business everywhere in the municipality.

## Spring road restriction in place now until late May



The RM implements Spring Road Restrictions every year to limit the allowable weight a heavy truck can carry on Municipal roadways. Generally, restrictions are in effect from early March until late May. This is all weather dependant and the RM follows the Provincial recommendations for start and end dates.

All municipal roads are classified as Class B roadways with a maximum weight rating of 20,000kgs. There are many East St. Paul roads that are designated as no truck routes, including Wenzel. The complete listing of roadways is available in the annual Spring Road Restriction Notice the RM issues.

During spring thaw, no truck routes are posted at 65 per cent of normal axle loads to limit the weight commercial trucks can carry on roadways and avoid serious damage to the surface and base layers of the road. The exception is Hoddinott Road, which is restricted to 90 per cent of normal axle loads.

Infrastructure repairs, such as damaged roads, are paid for through tax dollars. Restricting overweight trucks helps save East St. Paul roads and taxpayer dollars. Roadways are especially susceptible to damage during the spring thaw as the road base cannot support the surface as well. Wet, soft ground conditions also make the ground less stable.

Highways and roads that fall under Provincial jurisdiction have higher weight restrictions because they are built to higher standards to accommodate heavier loads. All weight regulations on Provincial roadways are enforced by the Department of Transportation or other Provincial Peace Officers.

The RM's Community Safety Officers enforce weight restrictions on municipal roads.

**EASTER PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 19, 2025  
 TIME: 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
 PRICE: \$10/PERSON 4 & UNDER FREE

PANCAKES, SAUSAGES, COFFEE & JUICE  
 PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY  
 EASTER CRAFT

REGISTER ON OUR WEBSITE  
 PAYMENT DUE AT EVENT (CASH OR DEBIT)  
[www.eaststpaul.com](http://www.eaststpaul.com)

**KIDS SUMMER CAMP**

RM OF EAST ST. PAUL

REGISTER APRIL 10

ACTIVE - CREATIVE - FUN

More information available on our website:  
[www.eaststpaul.com](http://www.eaststpaul.com)

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**KIDS IN THE KITCHEN**

Get those chef hats on & prepare for some delicious cooking & baking activities! Each week, children will make a delicious meal or snack. All recipes will be provided at the end of the class.

MAY 7 - JUNE 11  
 6-730PM

6-12 YEARS OLD

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There are a few changes to our taxes this year, which the RM would like to inform you about.

Firstly, the River East Transcona School Division is raising its taxes by 25.75%. This increase will have a huge impact on property owners. In 2024, an East St. Paul home valued at \$500,000 would have paid just over \$1,000 in taxes to the school division. This year, that same home will pay more than \$1,900 in school taxes. Note these numbers are after the regular Provincial rebate is factored in.

The RM of East St. Paul has no control over this, however, is required to collect the taxes on the property tax bill.

The RM is voicing our concerns appropriately. Our CAO has sent a letter to the Opposition Progressive Conservatives questioning this large tax increase, and the issue was raised in the Manitoba Legislature last month. The RM has asked the Province to review the school division's increase. After years of the former PC government's freeze on school taxes, this increase feels unnecessarily large.

The second noticeable tax adjustment is due to 2025 being a property reassessment year. Properties are reassessed by the Province every two years. This year, after the assessment changes, the RM of East St. Paul's overall assessment rose by approximately 22.7% (from \$998 million to over \$1.22 billion).

That means your home will likely be assessed at a higher value this year. A home assessed at \$500,000 last year, would be assessed at \$614,000 in 2025. This increases your property taxes.

Remember - all of these increases show up on your property tax bill, even though the RM has no control over them.

I encourage residents to contact the River East Transcona School Division and your MLA to oppose the school division's tax increase. This will provide support to the letter and opposition the RM has already actioned.



**Wanda Slawik**

We are living in a world where speed and instant communication shape our ways of relating to each other. Wanda's mission is to bring the meaning inherent in the moment; to open our eyes to the brilliant and diverse reality of our lives. Through her art Wanda connects with the rich visual and spiritual mosaic that is Winnipeg. Her paintings, sketches and textiles serve to capture the moments when simple human connections become art. She often works fast as light, colour and form change rapidly, as do our feelings and perceptions. The world inspires her in many ways, but Wanda's true calling is to show us the reality of human existence. She is a witness to our time.



**Brenda Hedberg**

Brenda began painting for the first time in 2012, when art classes were offered in Teulon. At the time, she lived on a country acreage. As a result, her subject matter was rural scenery, such as ditches and marshes, crops in bloom, her flower-filled yard, and even outdoor clotheslines. Some of these paintings are displayed here. She paints in acrylics, mostly from her own photos.

She is involved with the Gwen Fox Gallery in Selkirk, and also has her paintings in Warehouse Artworks Gallery in Winnipeg. To contact her: Call 204-785-9835 or email bshedberg50@gmail.com



**JUNE 21 2025**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
East St. Paul Day

SEE YOU AT  
**ESP DAY 2025**  
more information coming soon - [www.eaststpaul.com](http://www.eaststpaul.com)

The Rural Municipality of East St Paul

**Proposed 2025 Pesticide Program**

Public notice is hereby given that the Rural Municipality of East St Paul intends to conduct the following Pesticide Control Programs during 2025:

- To control noxious weeds on road allowances, boulevards, parks and green spaces within the Municipality. The projected dates of application will be from May 1, 2025, to October 15, 2025.

The pesticides to be used include:

- Mecoprop-p
- Dicamba
- Glyphosate
- Trillion
- Banvel VM
- Octylphenoxypolyethoxyethanol
- 2, 4-D
- Milestone
- Navius Flex

- To control the following insect pests including mosquitoes, cankerworms, forest tent caterpillars and elm bark beetles. The projected dates of application are May 1, 2025, to October 15, 2025.

The insecticide to be used will include:

- Foray® 48B (Bacillus thuringiensis var. kurstaki - Btk).
- Pyrate® 480EC (chlorpyrifos)
- Vectobac® (Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis - Bti)
- DeltaGard® (deltamethrin)

Any person may, within 15 days after this notice is published, send a written submission to Manitoba Conservation and Climate regarding the control program or register with the Department their written objection to the use of pesticide next to their property to:

**Manitoba Environment and Climate Change  
Environmental Approvals Branch  
Box 35, 14 Fultz Boulevard, Winnipeg MB R3Y 0L6**

