



Your COMMUNITY

FEBRUARY EDITION

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Community Safety Officers have successful first year

January marked one year in operation for the East St. Paul Safety Officer Program and it's been a productive and successful year.

"The first year of the Community Safety Officer Program has been a great success. We've seen a meaningful impact on public safety, reduced crime rates, and an increased sense of security within our community," says Mayor Carla Devlin.

"The partnership between our CSOs and the RCMP has been instrumental in achieving these results, and I want to thank the officers for their dedication and commitment to East St. Paul. We look forward to continuing to build on this momentum."

The Manitoba Safety Officer Program is a community-driven approach to improving safety and well-being. One of the core princi-

ples of the program is maintaining high visibility within the community, a proven method of reducing crime rates. Because Community Safety Officers (CSOs) work closely with the RCMP, they are able to respond very quickly when calls come in.



The RCMP and CSOs have formed a partnership that allows them to work together to make East St. Paul a safer community.

The program has been well received by residents who have had contact with the CSOs. Like anything new, when the program began in January 2024, there were a lot of questions. But through high visibility patrols and help with

a social media presence, the community has come to appreciate the extra level of security. During the year, several new programs aimed at community safety were initiated.

Vacation Home Patrol Program

Since the inception of the Vacation Home Patrol Program, CSOs have been attending residences to ensure there is no suspicious activity and will ensure your home is secure while you are on vacation. This initiative has been well-received, and to date, the CSOs have not had to report any break-ins to the RCMP, highlighting the effectiveness of this proactive approach.

Buy and Sell Exchange Zone

For residents engaging in online sales, the CSOs have implemented a Buy and Sell Exchange Zone in the RM Administration Building parking lot (3021 Birds Hill Road). This designated, monitored area allows for safe transactions, with surveillance cameras ensuring peace of mind for both buyers and sellers. The response to this initiative has been overwhelmingly positive, and it's proving to be an effective crime prevention measure.

Community Events

The CSOs took part in the ESP Day parade, engaging with community members and further strengthening their presence in the neighborhood. This was a great opportunity for the CSOs to connect directly with residents and show their ongoing commitment to community safety.

The CSOs assisted with the roadblock for the car-free Halloween event and took the opportunity to remind attendees of Halloween safety.

During the Christmas season, the CSOs participated in the RM's festivities, including escorting the Santa Float, ensuring the event was safe and enjoyable for all.

Relationships with the schools in East St. Paul

The CSOs are fostering strong relationships with students and staff of Birds Hill Elementary School, Dr. F.W.L Hamilton Elementary,

and Robert Andrews Middle Schools. Through ongoing collaboration with the Winnipeg Police School Resource Officer, the CSOs are helping to create safer school environments and engage with students and staff to build trust and awareness.

Traffic Safety

The CSOs have been actively conducting traffic enforcement in the municipality, which has resulted in more than 1,500 traffic stops. In some cases, offense notices are issued; however, quite often, the CSOs take the opportunity to educate the drivers on improving their driving habits. The CSO program has relied on the public to identify traffic problems within the municipality. Motor vehicle collisions in the RM of East St. Paul were trending upwards

post-COVID but were down 15% in 2024.

Calls for Service and By-Law Enforcement

The CSOs have responded to a total of 858 calls for service, including 540 calls related to by-law investigations. In addition, they issued 246 offense notices related to Traffic By-law violations, with the most common offense being trucks off the designated Truck Route.

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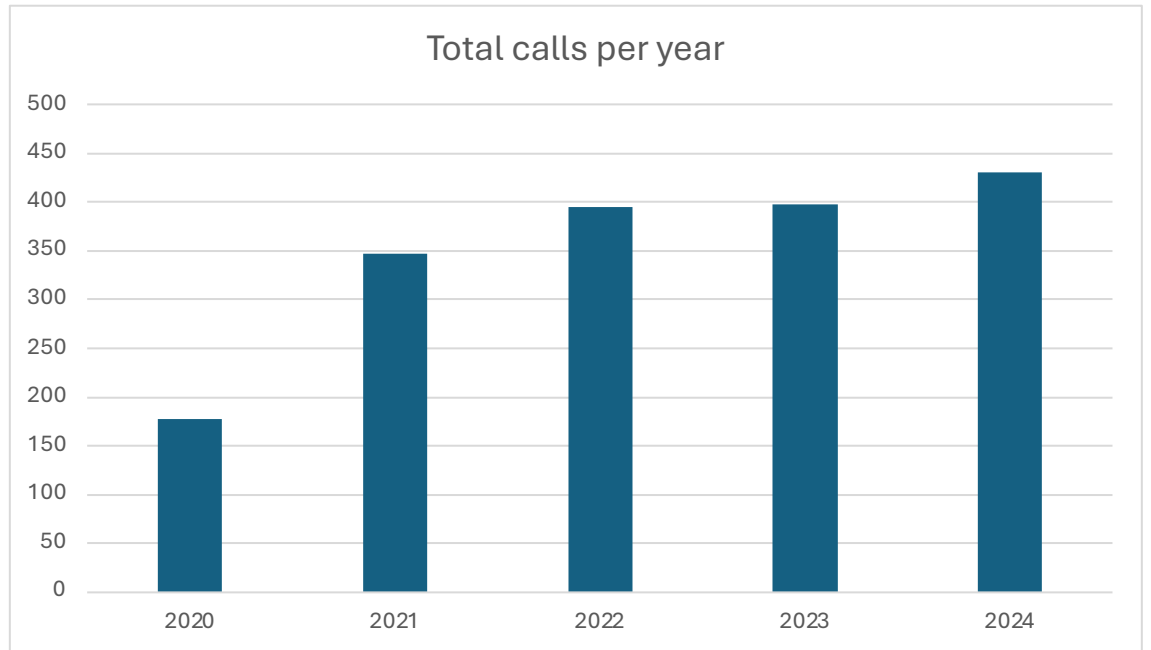
Fire Department records busiest year to date in 2024

2024 proved to be the busiest year yet for East St. Paul Fire Department. The fire department responded to a total of 430 calls which averaged to over 35 calls per month.

The graph/table at right provides a comparison for the past five years. It should be noted there is a marked decrease in the number of calls recorded in 2020 due to changed medical protocols as a result of the covid pandemic.

The total calls for each year are:

- 2020 - 177
- 2021 - 347
- 2022 - 395
- 2023 - 398
- 2024 - 430



The number of calls per month was as follows:

- January - 36
- February - 29
- March - 33
- April - 28
- May - 44
- June - 32
- July - 44
- August - 34
- September - 36

- October - 36
- November - 38
- December - 40

The top five types of calls in 2024 were medical (279 calls, 65% of total), motor vehicle accidents (55 calls, 13%), fire alarms (50 calls, 12%), CO calls (11 calls, 3%), and vehicle fires (7 calls, 2%).

In addition, the fire department attended to 6 structure fires.

The East St. Paul Fire Department would like to thank the Mayor and Council for their continued support. The fire department members would also like to thank the residents of the municipality, operations department, Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority and the RCMP for their cooperation and support in the past year.

If you have any questions, email the fire department at fire.department@eaststpaul.com and someone will contact you.

February Artist of the Month - Edith Muzyka

Edith has had a lifelong interest in nature. This interest was inspired by her father, André, who was a farmer in the Parkland area of the province.

He always took time to appreciate the native flora and fauna and shared his discoveries with the family. Working for Parks Canada during her university years helped further develop her interests in the natural world.

She has developed her hobby of photography throughout many years. She especially enjoys photographing the wildflowers and landscapes of Manitoba.

Her many hiking expeditions in the Birds Hill and Brokenhead areas have led her to discover the many native wild orchids. She has more time to explore the trails of Manitoba as she has been retired from teaching for a few years.



Thank you ESP firefighters, good samaritans

A house fire in Country Villas on the morning of Dec. 20 was a tragedy, for the residents, and for the entire community. Thankfully, there were no injuries, but it's a devastating loss regardless.

Residents of Country Villas want to express their thanks to the East St. Paul Firefighters for their excellent work. They also want to say thank you to three passersby – Logan, Kile and Ryan – who saw the flames and smoke and stopped to help.

The occupants of the house that was on fire were already safely outside, but the three men assisted next door neighbours out of their homes. The actions of these good Samaritans is much appreciated and should be recognized.

As for the East St. Paul Fire Department, they did an outstanding job and they too should be recognized for their commitment to safety and our community.

**Thank you,
from the residents of Country Villas**



Watch where Fido lifts

Please be considerate when your dog lifts his leg to pee. Do not let him pee on people's garbage & recycling bins! It smells when they are brought into the garage for storage!

Branch #215 Invites you to a
Valentine Fun Bingo
Fun for the Whole Family!
Saturday, February 8, 2025
Valentine Fun Bingo at 3:00 p.m.
Meat Draw from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Sports Registration Open

ESP sports registration open now for baseball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse and softball. Online only.

<https://espcc.ca/category/2498/Spring-Sports>

BreastCheck Cancer Screening Clinic Clinique de dépistage du cancer du sein du programme BreastCheck

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264 Hoddinott Road
February 3-13, 2025

Women age 50-74 should call for an appointment:
1-855-95-CHECK

cancercare.mb.ca/breastcheck

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3-13 fevrier 2025

Les femmes âgées de 50 à 74 ans devraient téléphoner pour prendre un rendez-vous :
1-855-952-4325

cancercare.mb.ca/breastcheck-f



CURL ESP is proud to announce that we will be hosting TWO curling provincial championships during February and March 2025.

5th Sunlife Manitoba Women's Stick Curling Championship

February 14 - 16, 2025
Daytime draws only

See the best of the best in women's stick curling!

Pharmasave Senior Women's & Strathcona Trust Senior Men's Provincial Championships

March 19 - 24, 2025
10+ women's teams & 16 men's teams
4 draws each day

Showcasing Manitoba's finest 50+ year old curlers!

Volunteers Needed for the Senior Provincials

March 20 - 24, 2025 (Days & Evenings)
Volunteer Opportunities: Admissions, 50/50 sales, Ice Crew, Line Scores & Timing

For more information and / or to volunteer, please visit:
www.eaststpaulcurlingclub.net
East St Paul Curling Club, 260 Hoddinott Road



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Councillor Corner - Charles Posthumus W4

Welcome to 2025! I hope you and your family had a safe, healthy, and joyous holiday season. The New Year is an opportunity for all East St. Paul residents to enjoy all that our great community has to offer.

East St. Paul has so many wonderful winter activities that you can participate in free of charge, both indoors and outdoors. In addition to the free activities, you can also register for many scheduled activities that can be found on our website. Programs and activities for all ages and abilities are designed to create opportunities to have fun, make new friends, and enhance overall well-being and quality of life. Please go to eaststpaul.com and click on the recreation link for more details.

Our community is fortunate to have multiple ponds and many backyard rinks allowing our residents to enjoy outdoor activities. It is great to see so many people using the toboggan slide at Swistun Family Heritage Park. The Marconi Trail is maintained all year round and is accessible for all fitness levels. Thanks so much to the RM staff for doing such an impressive job on our trails and facilities.

I am excited to announce that I have been re-elected on the Board of the Red River Basin Commission for a two-year term as one of two Manitoba Representatives in the North Chapter. Please feel free to contact me regarding Ward 4 issues at any time. I can be reached via email at charles.posthumus@eaststpaul.com or via phone at 204-791-5595.

On a personal note, we lost our son Chad Posthumus on Nov. 20, 2024, due to an aneurysm and complications from the surgery required to repair the aneurysm. Chad was born Feb. 12, 1991, in East St. Paul, where he attended Bird's Hill School, Robert Andrews School, and River East Collegiate. Chad was a carefree, adventurous spirit throughout his life and was always looking for the next opportunity to explore and try new things. Despite this love of adven-

ture, he maintained a strong connection to his friends and family in Winnipeg and East St. Paul and always found his way back home.

Everyone who knew Chad knew how much he loved basketball. He began his professional career in 2014 with the Chicago Bulls and went on to play in over 10 countries, ending with Team Canada and the Winnipeg Sea Bears. Chad was so proud to be playing in his hometown in front of family and friends so it's fitting that it was the last jersey he wore.

Chad had a unique way of connecting with every individual he met. His kindness and ability to make people feel seen for who they were will be missed by all who knew him. Chad was an active volunteer in the community working with many organizations such as Kid Sports Manitoba, Buckets without Borders, Break-through T1D, Project 11, many free kids basketball camps, and dozens of other organizations and events.

Chad overcame many obstacles in his life including being diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at age seven, having Celiac disease, and undergoing several procedures including two hip surgeries. Despite this, he always lived life to the fullest and remained dedicated to living a healthy lifestyle. Chad was vegetarian for a decade and participated in a wide range of workout and wellness routines. He also advocated for those around him to be as healthy as possible and lived by the motto that you shouldn't wait for tomorrow to do what you can do today.

We were blessed with messages of love and support, food, flowers, donations to the Break-through T1D organization and many phone calls and visits. Our community has been so supportive and incredible. We were able to share Chad with the world and to see the lasting impact he left, particularly on his community here in Winnipeg and East St. Paul. Chad loved hard, laughed freely, took on each day

with purpose and spread kindness whenever and wherever he could.


We would love if his kindness and ability to see everyone could live on through small acts of kindness we can do each day. East St. Paul is a wonderful place to raise your families, and I challenge you on behalf of Chad to complete one act of kindness each day.

His Celebration of Life was held on Dec. 6, 2024. Should you wish to view this it can be found on the Springs Church website.

From our family to all of East St. Paul we thank you for being there for us during this oh so challenging time.



Henderson Legion has Thursday night dances!
February bands - 6th Hwy #6, 13rd Gilbert N Friends, 20th Mosaics, & 27th Fraser River



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East St. Paul Flurry Day



SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16, 2025
1:30PM - 4:30PM
266 HODDINOTT RD

WINTERPEG MOBILE SKI LIBRARY WILL BRING CROSS-COUNTRY SKIS, SNOWSHOES AND KICKSLEDS TO BORROW DURING THE EVENT FOR ALL AGES.

LACE UP YOUR SKATES AND GO SKATING ON THE OUTDOOR RINKS.

ENJOY THE OUTDOOR WINTER ACTIVITIES AND WARM UP WITH COMPLIMENTARY HOT CHOCOLATE.

PLEASE RSVP YOUR ATTENDANCE TO THIS FREE EVENT BY VISITING WINTERPEG'S WEBSITE WWW.WINTERPEG.ORG

For the Love of Music

Coffee House

Friday, February 7, 2025 - 7 p.m.

50/50 Draws	\$15.00	Tickets
Raffle Baskets	\$ 5.00	at the door
	Free	6-17 year olds
		5 and under
		includes coffee and dessert

Performers

Back Pew Boys - Male Chorus

Rachel Colman - Singer/Songwriter

Calvin Christian Jazz Band

Jeremy Langner - Mini Jam

Isabella Strome - Pianist

Compass - Vocal/Instrumental Combo

Taylor Inkster - Singer/Songwriter

Spirit in the Sky - Classic Rock

Abundant Life
Lutheran Church

3486 RALEIGH STREET
BIRDS HILL