

HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS

UPDATES FROM YOUR TOWN OF GRAVELBOURG COUNCIL

SUMA ROAD SHOW

Gravelbourg hosted the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association Regional Road Show on June 12. Mayor Forest, Councillor Ogilvie, CAO White, and Deputy CAO Wallington attended alongside municipal leaders from south central Saskatchewan. Thank you to the Co-Cathedral and the Museum for sharing our history with our esteemed guests.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- \$70 increase to the base municipal tax, supporting core services such as road maintenance, waste management, emergency services, and recreation.
- No change to the mill rate, offering continued stability for property owners.
- No service cuts we are maintaining all current municipal services.
- Capital investments in water, sewer, and road infrastructure.
- Ongoing administrative efficiencies to ensure responsible use of taxpayer dollars.

2025 BUDGET: INVESTING IN INFRASTRUCTURE & GROWTH

Dear Residents,

As your Mayor, and on behalf of Council, I'd like to share a brief summary of the 2025 municipal budget and how it will impact you and our community.

This year's budget focuses on maintaining essential services, addressing infrastructure needs, and supporting the town's long-term growth. Like households and businesses, the Town faces rising costs. This budget reflects our commitment to balancing fiscal responsibility with the need to preserve and enhance the quality of life in our community.

Council will continue to advocate for funding, pursue partnerships, and support strategic planning to position our town for long-term success.

We recognize that any tax increase can be challenging. Please know that this decision was made with careful consideration, and our commitment remains to act in the best interest of all Gravelbourgians.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact the Town Office or attend a Council meeting. Your feedback is always welcome.

-Matt Forest

JUNE COUNCIL MEETING HILIGHTS		
CAFE PATIO LAND LEASE	ARENA COLOURS APPROVED	BALL DIAMOND DUGOUT REPORT
TD BANK CLOSURE	2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS APPROVED	DISC GOLF PROPOSAL

FEDERAL COUNCIL OF MUNICIPALITIES CONFERENCE

COUNCILLOR OGILVIE GOES TO OTTAWA

It was an honour and privilege to be the first councillor from Gravelbourg to attend FCM's annual conference. This year's event brought together over 2,000 municipal leaders to discuss collaboration, advocacy, and key national challenges.



Delegates debated resolutions on Arctic sovereignty and rural healthcare, highlighting the political complexities of municipal governance. I walked away with fresh perspectives, useful tools, and meaningful connections that will help strengthen our community.

-Zach Ogilvie

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The event covered a wide range of topics, including misinformation, infrastructure, housing policy, and cross-border partnerships, with speakers like Prime Carney, National Chief Cindy Mark Minister Woodhouse Nepinak, and others sharing valuable insights.



SUMA CEO, Jean-Marc Nadeau, Zach Ogilvie

COUNCIL QUIPS

What started as storm damage turned into a true community effort. After losing a dugout at Middle Diamond in the June 2024 storm, Gravelbourg Minor Ball partnered with the Town, Dirt 2 Dreams, and local businesses to rebuild both dugouts. Congratulations on the completion of this wonderful team effort!

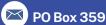
Thank you to all the players, coaches, and volunteers for your hard work and contributions as Gravelbourg hosted softball playoffs from June 20 to 22. It was great to see so many teams, families, and fans come together to celebrate the sport despite the poor weather. I'm proud to see another exciting and successful ball season here in the community for players of all ages!

-Donovan Fehr



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR







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UPDATES FROM YOUR TEAM AT TOWN OF GRAVELBOURG

SHINING IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Every year, the Town of Gravelbourg offers the Citizenship Award to an École Gravelbourg School graduate who has made significant contributions to the community and demonstrates positive qualities in civic responsibility. This year, we congratulate Samatha Blohm for exemplifying citizenship, leadership, and community service.. Congratulations, Samantha and all 2025 grads!



KEEP OUR COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD BUZZING (NOT BURSTING)



The Post Office bulletin board is looking a little **squishy**, so we've come up with a few guidelines to keep it tidy and useful this summer:

- 1. Save space for others! Make sure your poster is standard letter size or smaller.
- 2. The board is for **community events and information only**. No ads.
- 3. **Use pins**. Please don't tape posters to the protective glass.

While we monitor the board and dispose of outdated or unsuitable material regularly, we appreciate the public's help in keeping the board neat and welcoming for everyone.

THE GOLF CART BYLAW AND YOU

Golf carts are a go in Gravelbourg thanks to a bylaw passed in September 2024. If you've got a valid driver's license, insurance, and a cart with a top speed of 24km/hour, you can roll through town—just not on highways or truck routes.

Golf carts must have



Taillights and signal lights



Side and rear view mirrors



A seat for each passenger



A slow-moving vehicle sign

Remember, this is a town, not a golf course. Daylight usage only, no highway driving, and all the regular road rules apply—including impaired driving laws! <u>Visit gravelbourg.ca</u> to read the bylaw in more detail.

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Drive safe and wave to your neighbours!







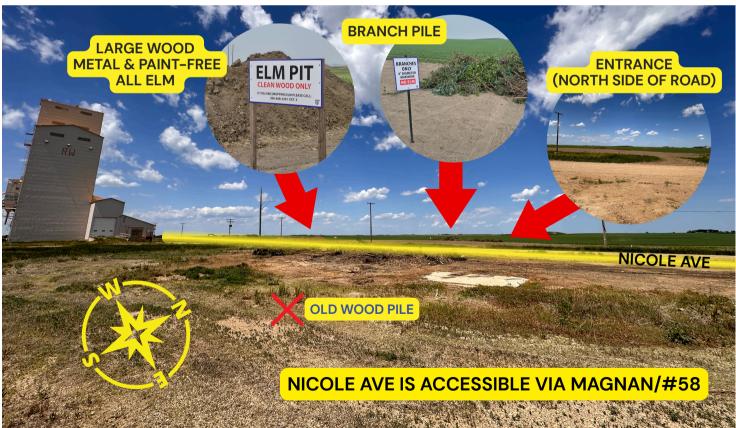






GOT WOOD? WE HAVE A PILE FOR THAT! -





WAYS TO CONNECT



SPORTS & RECREATION

Special thanks to the Gravelbourg Minor Ball Board — your dedication, problem-solving, and all-hands-on-deck attitude kept the weekend running smoothly through every soggy moment. You are the true MVPs behind the scenes! To all the players, coaches, volunteers, fans, and canteen crew — thank you for making this weekend unforgettable.



2025 SOFT BALL PLAYOFFS

LIGHTNING STRIKES GOLD! **★** What a wild, wet, and wonderful playoff weekend! Despite the cold and rain, our Lightning teams shone bright:

¥ U11 Lightning — GOLD MEDAL WINNERS! ¥U13 Lightning — GOLD MEDAL WINNERS!

And the story isn't over yet...

U19 Lightning's final was postponed due to weather — they took to the field Thursday, June 26 at Thomson Lake Ball Diamonds to finish what they started!

■ GO LIGHTNING!!

SUMMER FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

AT THE AQUAPLEX

Set #4 Swim Lessons August 18-22 REGISTER NOW! №

Aqua Fitness Monday - Thursday 9 -11 am Lane Swim Monday - Thursday 9 an - 12 pm

When's the pool open? What are the rules? Do you take bookings?

Find the answers to these questions and more on gravelbourg.ca!

SUMMER FUN FOR KIDS

July 2 – August 15: <u>Kids Zone</u> Thomson Lake Regional Park

July 7-11: <u>Vacation Bible School</u> Gravelbourg Church of Christ

July 14- August 22: <u>Camp Maillard</u> Centre Culturel Maillard

July 21- 22: <u>Camp Voyageur</u> Centre Culturel Maillard

August 11-15: <u>RGTheatre Camp</u> Renaissance Gaiety Theatre

July & August: <u>Camp Woodboia</u> Wood Mountain Regional Park



July 6 - 24: Growing Minds Yoga Class for kids 3-12 Soucy Park

The classes are free but families must register.

Contact, details, and registration form





Save the date! >



GET TO KNOW GRAVELBOURG!

Mark your calendars! The 4th Annual Gravelbourg Community Expo returns to the Curling Rink on Thursday, September 4th from 5:30 –7:30 PM. Enjoy a free BBQ meal and explore 30+ booths hosted by local organizations, businesses, and services. Sign up for a class, explore volunteer opportunities, learn more about local services, or just enjoy a social outing with friends and neighbours.

For more information, visit the <u>Community Expo</u> <u>page</u>. Want to sign up? Please <u>complete the form</u> or call 306-648-3301 x4 for VIP service.

LIVE LOCAL? LOVE LOCAL!

See the <u>Gravelbourg Farmer Market</u> <u>Facebook page</u> for updates on vendors.





ART IN THE PARK!

The <u>Secret Garden Market</u> celebrates its 5th anniversary on July 26. Enjoy a celebration of art, music, magic, and creativity in Soucy Park.

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