

HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS

UPDATES FROM YOUR TOWN OF GRAVELBOURG COUNCIL

NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE REPAIRS

You may have noticed our local Cathedral is getting a facelift! The June 2024 hailstorm damaged the paint on the bell towers, but we anticipate that the iconic building will look better than ever soon. The former convent building also suffered storm damage and will benefit from repairs to the roof. Maintaining our National Historic Sites ensures future generations will continue to enjoy their architectural beauty and majestic presence.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

SUMMER PROGRESS REPORT

Dear Residents.

I'm pleased to share a quick **update on several important projects** underway in our community. The insurance-related repair **work on our municipal buildings is now over 50% complete.** These repairs are addressing long-standing issues and helping to restore the integrity and functionality of key public facilities. We're grateful for the steady progress and the positive impact this work will have on the spaces we all rely on.

We continue to collaborate with our engineering team to define the scope of work for upcoming water main and sewer **infrastructure upgrades**. These projects are essential to ensure the long-term reliability of our core services. We will be providing further detail and information about the planned work in the coming weeks.

At **Memorial Park**, progress is also being made on the rehabilitation project. We're happy to report that the underground sprinkler system has been repaired and is now fully operational—an important step in revitalizing this cherished community space. Once work at Memorial Park is complete, our Public Works team will shift their focus to the sprinkler systems in both Soucy Park and Gravel Park. These efforts are part of our ongoing commitment to beautify our green spaces and ensure our parks continue to thrive.

There's still much to do, and we appreciate your continued patience and support. These improvements are happening alongside our regular municipal services, and our team remains committed to keeping Gravelbourg moving forward.

-Matt Forest

COUNCIL QUIPS

I hope you're finding time to enjoy the warm weather and everything our community has to offer this season. Whether you're staying close to home or heading out on a trip, wishing you a relaxing and enjoyable summer. Thanks for being part of what makes this place great.

-Zach Ogilvie

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR









COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



SANITARY SEWER AND WATER MAIN REHABILITATION PROJECT UPDATE

Financials have narrowed the scope of the infrastructure renewal to First Avenue only. Engineers presented cost details to Council.

HAILSTORM INSURANCE REPAIRS

Contractors have already completed work on several Town Buildings, including the Fire Hall, Public Works Shop, and the Renaissance Gaiety Theatre.

LOCAL FIREWORKS REQUEST

Council has conditionally approved a fireworks display during a private local event on the grounds east of La Palestre on August 2.

FIRE DEPT., COMMUNITY ECON. DEV. COMMITTEE, OPERATIONAL REPORTS







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UPDATES FROM YOUR TEAM AT TOWN OF GRAVELBOURG

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE!

We would like to express our gratitude for the ongoing cooperation of local residents as hailstorm damage insurance repairs continue on various Town facilities. The contractors have been working on evenings and weekends to get things done as quickly as possible, and great progress is being made.



HELP GRAVELBOURG KEEP ITS COOL IN A CRISIS



EMERGENCY MEASURES COORDINATOR WANTED

When disaster strikes, Gravelbourg needs someone ready to lead. Are you that person?

What's in it for you?

- Specialized training provided
- Resources and support
- Monthly stipend
- Making a real difference

This critical role coordinates emergency response and protects our residents when it matters most.

WE KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE - WE NEED YOU!

<u>Cao@gravelbourg.ca</u> for more info or to apply. Your community is counting on you.

HAVE YOU PAID YOUR PROPERTY TAXES YET?

The last day to pay your 2025 property tax without incurring a penalty was June 30. Unpaid taxes are now subject to late payment penalties.

Did you know you don't have to pay your taxes all at once? Monthly payment and withdrawal plans are convenient, easy to set up, and can save you unnecessary costs.

Visit the Town Office to discuss payment options.



WAYS TO CONNECT









HOW BUSHY IS TOO BUSHY?

With all this rain, the green stuff is getting a little overzealous!

Bushes, trees and other vegetation growing on private property are the responsibility of the property's owner and should not impede foot traffic on our public sidewalks or encroach on alleys or roadways.

Please do your part to keep Gravelbourg beautiful by trimming and pruning regularly.

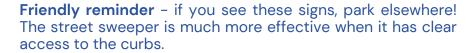
No time or energy? Consider hiring a landscaper! Check out our online Business & Service Directory for local business listings.



UPCOMING STREET SWEEPING









Public Works typically sweeps North-South streets first, followed by avenues 1 through 7.



Whenever possible, the Town posts advance notices of town work using:

- the Citizen Alert messaging service
- the Post Office/Humphrey Park bulletin board
- gravebourg.ca website
- Town of Gravelbourg Facebook page

Handy links on gravelbourg.ca:



Visit the <u>PUBLIC SERVICES & UTILITIES PAGE</u> for more info on waste, recycling, and composting.



Is it Blue bin or Grey Bin collection on Monday? Check the LORAAS Calendar!



Sign up for Citizens Alert today! Receive important, local notifications via text message, phone call or email.



Want to learn more about our Community & Healthcare Services? We have a page for that!

AUGUST RECREATION NEWS





FINAL CALL FOR SWIM REGISTRATION

Don't miss out! August 11 is the final day to register for our hybrid swim week running August 18–22. Sign up here: https://forms.gle/gNDWmZfZHT9wyiUHA.

C WATER POLO & SEASON WRAP-UP

Join us for a Water Polo Clinic on August 17—details will be shared soon at facebook.com/gravelbourgaquaplex.

The 2025 Aquaplex season wraps up August 24 as our lifeguards head off to prep for a new school year. Come enjoy the final days of summer at the pool!

ARENA ADVERTISING & UPGRADES

We're actively managing arena advertising opportunities for the upcoming season and working with Public Works on facility upgrades. Arena boards were deep-cleaned in July and are ready to shine for 2025/26! If you'd like to add your business to the advertising list, contact Leanne at crc@gravelbourg.ca.

COMMUNITY CORNER

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
- 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.

Save the date! >





LIVE LOCAL? LOVE LOCAL!

Celebrate the spirit of the prairies with music of Edward Grieg, fiddle tunes, the Beatles, and the world première of a brand new piece written for the **Crimson String Quartet** by Juno-winning Gravelbourg-born composer, **Nicole Lizée!** The piece was inspired by the old Gravelbourg Elementary School (aka the Convent). Don't miss out!

Advanced **tickets** are available at the Gravelbourg Family Pharmacy or by phone at 306–648–7944.



