

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

COMMERCIAL VITALIZATION PROJECT

The Morden Business Improvement Area (MBIA) is happy to announce that the Commercial Vitalization Project initiated in spring of 2005 is complete! This year-long project was unveiled at an Open House on February 27th held at the Pembina Hills Arts Centre. This project was a partnership between the MBIA, Town of Morden and the Provincial Department of Culture, Heritage & Tourism. The Province supports the conservation and designation of Morden's heritage resources. The MBIA and the Town want to develop our assets, and provide a template for design guidelines and marketing of the MBIA as a unique part of Town.

The project has 6 parts:

- Morden Design Guidelines
- Conservation & Heritage Guidelines
- MBIA Historic Sites Inventory
- The Arlington Hotel
- Incentive Funding Programs
- MBIA Marketing Plan

This is a public document that anyone can utilize to enhance their business. Copies are available at the Town of Morden office for anyone who wants one.

BOSTON PIZZA

Boston Pizza will be starting construction very soon in the East Commercial Area. Thanks to the publicity of this successful franchise choosing Morden as a new location, there has been a lot of interest from other commercial businesses. Best Sleep Centre will be occupying the former SAAN location, and the new Esso and McDonalds are wonderful new developments on the east side of Town.

A substantial amount of effort and time is going into promoting Morden to potential businesses, both industrial and commercial. These new developments are the key to a healthy tax base, and will give us the resources we need to complete all the great projects on the horizon.

Stacey Dunnigan - Community Development Officer
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BITS & PIECES



LIGHT UP YOUR LIVE(LIHOOD)

I had an interesting conversation with a local resident the other day. He remarked how brightly lit and warm and inviting the truck stop east of town appeared. He called it an oasis of light in the dark country-side.

He then compared it to some commercial ventures in our beautiful town...on Thornhill and Stephen Streets...where he thought the exterior lighting was rather subdued in some cases. He wondered if that had any impact on customer traffic.

That got me to thinking about safety. Every police force agrees nothing deters crime like a brightly lit premises.

It never hurts to do inventory from time to time...to view our premises from another angle, so to speak. Or to look at it with a visitor's eye.

Alec Fedorchuk - Councillor

DISCOVER MB EXHIBITION

The Morden Tourism Marketing Team are pleased to announce that the new Morden Show Stand will be used for the first time at;

Discover MB Exhibition in Winnipeg
April 8th & 9th
Canad Inns, Polo Park.
Why not come and see us.

RECYCLING BINS (Blue Boxes)

Just a friendly reminder - when selling your home, Blue Boxes are to stay at the home. If you are purchasing a new home a new Blue Box will be supplied to you. New Blue Boxes can be picked up at the Morden Civic Centre. If you wish to buy an extra Blue Box the cost is \$10.70.

The **2005/2006 Recycling Calendar** is available on the website at www.mordenmb.com

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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to serve you.*

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Mayor's Desk

Recently while in British Columbia, I saw an elderly gentleman admiring a shrub. Approaching him I said "Wouldn't you just love to grow this beautiful shrub in your garden?" His reply to me was astounding. "I come from outside of Montreal and I could never grow this, but I know that anything that comes from the Morden Research Station will survive for me because it has the necessary hardiness bred into it." Imagine his surprise when I proudly explained that I was from Morden where the basic work of one man, Dr. Henry Marshall had given us these beautiful flowers for the colder growing zones of Canada.

As citizens of Morden we can be proud of the accomplishments of the Research Station and the scientists who have provided such significant breakthroughs in agriculture and horticulture. Morden can expand this national profile even further with the natural assets we have been given. To accomplish this I would like to encourage you to have a positive attitude towards your Town. Love it, support your local merchants and cultural events, and we will exceed our expectations.

2006 holds great promise with the 40th Anniversary of our Corn & Apple Festival. 2007 holds promise as we celebrate 125 years as an incorporated Town. This is Morden - one of the 10 best places to live in Rural Canada.

John B. Wiens - Mayor

You Count - So Count Yourself In!

You'll be seeing this phrase a lot in Morden from now to May 16th, 2006. This year Canada is having a new census taken, and it's important that we all get counted in.



For Morden, we currently receive \$184 per person in Provincial and Federal population based grants each year. That may not sound like much, but ask a family of four to give up an extra \$736 each year and we'll soon realize how important these extra funds are. Multiply the \$184 by our current population and that number gets really big.

All of us enjoy the services and facilities we currently have, and would all love to have more without having to pay more for them. Here's something you can do to help out that doesn't cost you anything. Make sure that you are included in the census as a Morden resident. Over the five-year period between censuses, we'll receive \$920 per person. It's true, **You count - So count yourself in!**



Ernie Epp - Chief Administrative Officer

An online form will be available in early May at:
www.census2006.ca

Points of Interest

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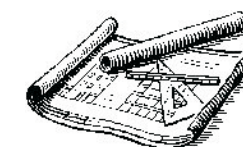
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Morden Fire Department News



NEW HEAVY RESCUE UNIT

With much anticipation, the new Heavy Rescue Unit should be arriving in April. To us this is a new unit however; the truck itself is a used unit from the U.S.A. This truck will be able to carry all of our rescue equipment as well as 7-9 members to a scene. With the interior compartment the unit will also assist us in hot or cold environments for re-hab of victims to stay out of the elements. The Rescue unit will be a great compliment to our fleet of Emergency Vehicles.

NEW FIRE HALL

Other exciting news for us as well as for the community is the long awaited completion of the New Fire Hall. I know we have mentioned a starting date before but no renovations have been done to date. We now have a plan in place and with good weather, a spring start is anticipated. For the Fire Department, we have waited a long time for this day to arrive. We are very excited for what 2006 will bring.

SPRING CLEANUP

For all of you, springtime is a time for cleaning the house and yards. Just a friendly reminder that yard leaves and green wood should be brought to the compost site and not burned in the fire pit. If we can keep the smoke levels down from the fire pits, the privilege of having them can remain. I don't want to jinx things but the winter has been pretty good to us. I trust that the spring months will be a start to a wonderful summer.



From the Morden Fire & Rescue Dept. - be fire conscience, play safe and enjoy the spring.

Andy Thiessen - Fire Chief - Call: 822-3888

Morden Friendship Centre

SUCCESSFUL AGING

What does it mean to you? How can you make it happen in your own life? The Manitoba Centre on Aging researched this subject and the research revealed the "Triple A's" that contribute to successful aging:

- **A**ttitude - A positive outlook helps the individual stay healthier longer
- **A**daptation - Adapting to health challenges and age, related changes in life, making the best of what is.
- **A**ctivity - Physical, mental and social activity are critical to good health

People have said to me, "I don't go to the Friendship Centre because it is for old people". In fact it is the exact opposite. The people who come to the Centre are the young minded seniors: practicing the "Triple A's" and working to keep their minds and bodies healthy, attitude positive, and staying happy celebrating old friends and making many wonderful new friends finding the fountain of youth.

FRIENDSHIP CENTRE NEWSLETTER

The Morden Friendship Centre Newsletter, which can be picked up at the Centre, is called "Successful Aging", and all our programs address the Triple A's.

Some program examples are:

- Physical Activity Fitness Classes - (We average 12 people a class) every Monday and Thursday at 9:30 am.
- Line Dancing - on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:00 am
- Aqua Size
- Mental Monthly Presentations - learn something new such as Floor Shuffleboard on Fridays,
- Brain Exercise with Whist, Cribbage, or Bridge.
- Social Suppers, Programs, Parties
- Sunday afternoon games from 1:30 to 4:00 pm
- Coffee is on all day at the Centre.



Mark your calendars for these special events:

- Fish Fry on March 17 at 12 noon,
- St Patrick Comedy Club Night - March 23rd at 6 pm,
- Membership Meeting - March 28th at 2:30,
- Volunteer Appreciation - April 20th at 6:00 pm
- Garage Sale - May 6th at 9:30 a.m.
- Spring Luncheon - May 6th at 11:30 a.m.



All our events are listed on the Morden website "Calendar of Events".

Pat Plett - 822-3555



SAVE MONEY WITH THE ONE-TONNE CHALLENGE

As more and more people become familiar with the One-Tonne Challenge their realizing that the program offers some excellent incentives. The primary incentive which hits home for most is SAVING MONEY from the pocketbook. If anyone ever told you that they don't like saving money, they're full of bologna.

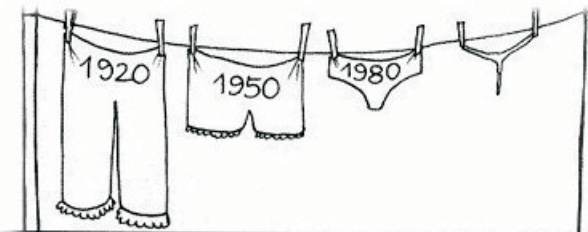
The One-Tonne Challenge is loaded with great ideas and tips towards getting you started.

Did you know.....

- ★ By reducing your idling time by 10 minutes a day you could save approximately \$70 annually from your pocketbook.
- ★ By installing an energy-efficient furnace you can save up to 25% of your home heating costs annually.
- ★ Turn off your computer when you're not using it. A computer that runs 24hrs daily uses approximately \$100 annually in electricity.
- ★ By installing a low flow showerhead you'll use 60% less water which will save you MONEY.
- ★ Backyard composting won't only lighten your garbage load; it will provide you with free fertilizer that can be used in your gardens.
- ★ By switching one incandescent light bulb to an Energy Star compact fluorescent you'll save approximately \$30 a year.



The next step is yours.....
C'mon Morden, we're up for the Challenge.
EVIDENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE



125 CELEBRATIONS COMMITTEE

Plans are now underway for events to help us celebrate our community's 125 years in 2007. Check the Town of Morden website for updates. A 125 Committee has been formed to act as a clearinghouse for project ideas, help to connect interested parties and implement a communication/PR campaign. New members are welcome!

Individuals and community organizations that are planning an event in 2007 that might incorporate a "125" theme are invited to contact;



Co-chairs
Pat Plett (822-3555) or
Lenore Laverty (822-3427)



PEMBINA VALLEY YOUTH CONFERENCE

On February 10th, the Town of Morden hosted the Pembina Valley Youth Conference on Climate Change. The event was held at the Morden Recreation Centre where 37 high school students and teachers for the Pembina Valley region gathered for a day of environmental programming.

The purpose of the conference was to bring students together to discuss climate change causes, global impacts, dependence on fossil fuels, sustainable transportation and global social justice. The primary focus was to give students the opportunity to connect with other students with common ideas, allow for positive discussion towards sustainability, networking opportunities and providing students with the knowledge that will prepare them for a post-secondary environment.

Due to the positive response by participants, the conference committee hopes to deliver this event annually. As more citizens express concern towards extreme climate change and environmental impacts, the more students we hope to attract in the near future. The conference partners who made this event possible, where the Climate Change Connection and Resource Conservation Manitoba based in Winnipeg, and the local C4-One-Tonne Challenge program

C4 UPDATE

Morden Recreation Centre Town Council has approved a quote from DGH Engineering for a feasibility study. The purpose of the study is to determine which energy efficient technology is best suited for the centre, the energy saving and payback for a unit and the reduction in greenhouse gases that the new unit would deliver.

New Street Lights - If you've taken a stroll downtown lately you will have noticed the new streetlights. These lights present an energy saving of approximately 80% versus the old lighting. The metal halide bulbs will last approximately 5 years, which will also help reduce maintenance costs.

David Thurgar - C4-OTC-MWR Coordinator
Contact: 823-0183
Email: c4-otc-mwr@mts.net



Public Works Department

PROGRESS REPORT

Sewer Mains

- Some cleaning and televising is being done in February. After this assessment is done we are anticipating re-lining in March. We will be notifying the public when working on your streets. We endeavor to notify every resident, however when nobody is home a notice is sometimes left in the entrance doors. *Please check to see for a notice of units working in your area. Thank-you.*



Snow Removal:

- The winter season has been quite mild this year and this has caused some problems. Icy conditions were prevalent for much of December and January causing treacherous driving conditions. Consequently we had to spread more sand than usual.
- We haven't had any major storm events to date, however we have had a lot of smaller snow falls. Residents may have noticed more ice cutting has been happening this year. As a result the windrows that we have generated have been pushed up on boulevards. We would appreciate the public's tolerance in allowing the Department to pile these as needed.



However - if the banks get to high for good visibility when entering onto streets please call and we will remove these to acceptable levels. We would like to thank the public for not pushing snow onto streets after snowfalls.

SPRING PROJECTIONS

- Due to the above average rain and ice forming as a result, we will likely see more frozen drains during spring thaw. Please be patient as it takes time for them to thaw. Thank-you.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I would like to thank the public for their patience during the winter months. Snow removal causes problems and disruptions for everybody, please bear with us.

Les Wieler - Director of Public Works
Contact: 822-5119

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PROGRESS REPORT

- The public washroom at the Pembina Hills Arts Centre has been upgraded and made wheelchair accessible.
- Fire code upgrades have been completed at the Recreation Centre. These improvements include the installation of magnetic closures on several fire doors, and the application of fire retardant stucco on several interior walls.
- New energy efficient lighting was installed in the West Arena.

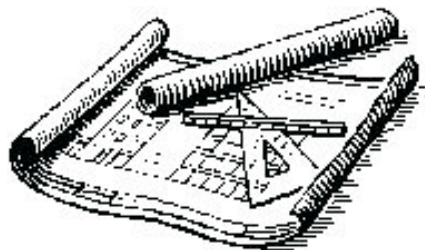
NEW BY-LAW OFFICER

We are pleased to announce that Tracy Donaldson has been hired on a part-time basis as the Town's new By-Law Officer. As such, she is the contact person if there are animal control, unsightly premises, or weed control issues. Tracy will be working out of the Recreation Centre from Wednesday to Friday between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00pm.



OPEN HOUSE TO VIEW DRAWINGS

Over the past few months, Town Council authorized the commissioning of an architect to draft a series of preliminary development plans for the Recreation Centre. These plans have been reviewed by Council and a number of revisions were subsequently made. Before any changes are to be made, Council wishes to host an "Open House" at the Recreation Centre - Community Hall to give all residents an opportunity to view the drawings and provide whatever comments they wish. The hope is that construction can begin prior to the 2006-2007 ice season.



OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 14th, 2006th
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Recreation Centre - Community Hall.

Barry Elliott - Director of Community Services
Tel: 822-5431 Email: bellott@mordenmb.com



Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre

111B Gilmour Street, (Morden Recreation Centre),
Morden, Manitoba R6M 1N9
Telephone: 822 3406 Fax: 822-6619
Website: www.discoverfossils.com
Hours: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Daily



FOSSIL NEWS

Well, we are now getting prepared for the new spring and summer season. These are very exciting times for CFDC with a whole range of new paleo programs and dig site tours. We also have a very good selection of clearly defined school programs and tours for all ages which we have finely tuned during the winter.

Our new 109 acre property up at the Manitoba Escarpment provides a lot of new challenges with the renovation of a trailer to convert it to our field station. A Hiking Tour is added to our range of paleo programs and we expect quite a lot of paleo tourists visiting CFDC & the Town this summer, so there will be quite a buzz about the place.



BEAST FEAST

Please get your tickets for the 'Beast Feast', our fundraising event at the Morden Recreation Centre on Friday March 31st 2006 - doors open 6pm. This is an evening of pure fun for everyone. It is based on a 'Dress Up' cave man/women theme with prizes for the best costumes. The food will be Pterodactyl Legs (Chicken) and Mosasaur Ribs Buffet. There will be stunning prizes and an auction. Tickets are \$25.00 each, available at CFDC or the Pembina Hills Art Gallery in downtown Morden. Come and enjoy dancing to the music provided by Wayne Bergman.

CARNIVAL DAY

We also have our Museum Day Carnival coming up on Saturday May 27th 2006 from 1-5pm, please check the website for details. But, it is a fun day with plenty of activities for families.

STAR ATTRACTION

The 'Star Attraction' status that CFDC recently attained will give a big boost to draw visitors from far and wide. But, it goes much deeper than just having the signs out on the highways and in the Town; CFDC will be mentioned in various strategically placed publications by Travel Manitoba and others.



SUMMER JOBS & ACCOMODATION

We are looking for a number of Summer Students to help us to run the CFDC programs and facility during our busy summer season, so if you know any University students who are looking for a summer job from May to September please ask them to check out the website www.discoverfossils.com and get in touch soon as deadlines are approaching! We also need people to help by providing accomodation for these students. If you would consider helping in this way please contact the museum for more details.

WEBSITE UPDATED - We have added a lot more content and made various improvements to the website during the winter so please log on and take a look!

WELCOME TO NEW STAFF MEMBER

We extend a very warm welcome to our new staff member - Lucienne Wieler, who joins us with several years experience working in a Museum position in Winnipeg. Together we will improve CFDC and bring it up to its rightful place as a unique selling point for Morden.

THANKS TO VOLUNTEERS & BOARD

Finally, thanks to the outgoing board of 2005 for a job well done and very sincere thanks to our dedicated band of volunteers we call 'Fossil Friends'; and a special welcome to our new Board of Directors. (President - Lorne Stelmach, Vice President - Mike Brooke, Secretary/Treasurer - Ernie Epp, Members At Large - Joe Brown, Ron Laverty, and Laura Matychuk.)

Let's make this a season to remember!

Dave Wilkinson - Executive Director 822-3406 or email: director@discoverfossils.com

Morden Festival of The Arts

The Morden Festival of the Arts provides a venue for student performance and adjudication in the areas of Strings, Piano, Visual Arts, Speech, Drama and Vocal.

The main objective of the festival is to foster and promote continued interest, growth and development of talent within the arts. We invite you to come out to any or all of the following showcases.

March 6th
BAND - Rec Centre Hall



March 13th to 15th
STRINGS - Church of God



March 20th to 24th
PIANO - Alliance Church

April 3rd to 6th
VISUAL ARTS - Rec. Centre Hall

April 10th to 12th
SPEECH ARTS - St. Paul's United Church

April 17th to 18th
VOCAL - Morden Mennonite Church

April 23rd
HI-LITES CONCERT - Alliance Church



MORE INFORMATION?

Call Erika Dyck at 822-6825

OR
Check the "Calendar of Events" at:
www.mordenmb.com

WELCOME WAGON



New Baby in Town?
Michelle Charriere on 822-5908
Got a new neighbour?
Carrie Siemens on 822-3079

Morden Police Service News

DOUBLE PARKING A PROBLEM

Morden Police Service would like to remind motorists that double parking on 5th street by Morden Collegiate and Morden Junior High is not allowed. We are finding parents dropping off and picking up their children in the appropriate areas, however, others will pull up beside them, double park, and let their children out of the vehicle. This creates a hazard for students walking in between vehicles in order to get to the sidewalk. We ask that parents take the extra time to find an appropriate place to park and allow their children to exit the vehicle safely.

HOUSE NUMBERS DO MATTER

When emergency personnel have to respond to an address, they rely on the address being visible from the street. The Town of Morden has a By-Law, #4-2004, pertaining to civic addressing. The By-Law requires that all houses and buildings along any street, road or public thoroughfare be numbered. The minimum size requirement for these numbers is 4 inches, however, the larger the numbers the easier it is to see. We also ask that people place these numbers in a lighted area that is easily visible at night. Use numbers of a color that contrasts the building they are on, so they stand out. When Police, Fire and Ambulance receive an emergency call for service, valuable time can be lost in searching for the address if they are not visible or if numbers are not posted at all.

PULL OVER TO THE RIGHT

Emergency vehicles will activate their lights and siren when responding to emergency calls. When you are driving and see or hear an emergency vehicle approaching from behind, you are required to yield the right of way to that emergency vehicle by pulling off to the right and allowing the vehicle to pass. Failure to yield the right of way to an emergency vehicle can result in a fine under the Highway Traffic Act of \$230.00 and demerit points. Again, valuable time can be lost if emergency personnel are held up by traffic when attending an emergency.

If anyone has questions, please call the Morden Police Service at 822-6292.

Brad Neduzak - Chief of Police



Morden Branch of the South Central Regional Library
514 Stephen Street
(822-4092) morden@scrlibrary.mb.ca
www.scrlibrary.mb.ca

Regular hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays - 10 am until 8:30 pm
Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays - 10 am until 5:30 pm
Closed Mondays

UPCOMING EVENTS

Booksale: Morden Recreation Centre
May 11, 12, 13, 2006



The library accepts "gently used" books for the book sale year round. All proceeds from the book sale go towards new materials for the library.

Pre-School Story Time Registration: Spring Session begins March 21st and continues until April 1st. This program is an independent story experience for children ages 3 ½ to 5 years old, and not in kindergarten. Each program is 45 minutes, with related stories, activities, songs and crafts. For more information, please contact the Morden Library. (822-4092).



LIBRARY NEWS

Did you know?

- ✦ 1. You can search the library catalogue from home? Ask at the library for details
- ✦ 2. You can limit your search to 19 different types of books and materials using the library computers? Ask at the library for details.
- ✦ 3. If the library doesn't have an item you want we can search nationally for the item. Ask at the library for details.

RECENT ADDITIONS (Adult Fiction)

- Capital Murder by William Bernhardt
- All that Remains by Patricia Cornwell
- More than Friends by Barbara Delinsky
- The Crippled Angel by Sara Douglass
- The Protege by Stephen Frey
- Until Tomorrow by Robin Jones Gunn
- Every Breath You Take by Judith McNaught
- The 5th Horseman by James Patterson
- Memory in Death by J.D. Robb
- The Potluck Club by Linda E. Shepherd

RECENT ADDITIONS (Non-Fiction)

- Cats are Smarter than Jack: 89 Amazing True Cat Stories
- Dogs are Smarter than Jack: 91 Amazing True Dog Stories
- Morning has Broken : A Couple's Journey Through Depression by Emme Aoronson
- Philip & Elizabeth : Portrait of a Royal Marriage by Gyles Brandreth
- Four Seasons of Quilts : Garden-inspired Projects by Cori Derksen
- Outside the Not So Big House : Creating the Landscape of Home by Julie Messervy
- Raise Your Kids Without Raising Your Voice by Sarah Radcliffe
- You're Wearing That? : Understanding Mothers & Daughters... by Deborah Tannen
- The Colony by John Tayman
- Personal Finance for Dummies by Eric Tyson

Morden Historical Society Inc.

The Morden Historical Society meets at 7:15 p.m. on the last Tuesday of every month at the Morden library. We've been developing a new constitution and talking about the projects we'd like to start. Here's what we've decided to focus on over the next year or so:

- Cemetery Project (recording information on headstones at Hillside Cemetery)
- Creation of a community archive, opening in 2007
- Development of pioneer artefact exhibits that will be on display in the community in 2007.

If you'd like to assist with these projects or wish to work on a project of your own, talk with us. Membership is \$10.00. For more information call one of the executive;

Lenore Laverty (822-3427) - Pat Plett (822-3555) - Mary Toma (822-4092) - Cheryl Link (822-5630)