

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

IMMIGRATION TO MORDEN



Although large cities are magnets for immigrants, small towns actually provide them with greater prosperity, according to a recent Statistics Canada survey. The earnings gap between immigrants in large cities and those in towns with populations less than 100,000 is more than double in the first year of arrival.

It is thought that big cities may provide a false sense of security for immigrants, because ethnic communities can shelter people too much and hinder them from integrating and learning the language skills needed for work. A large majority of immigrants – about 75% - settle in Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. Less than 3% choose to live in small towns.

For those who do go to small towns, the payoff is unmistakable. The findings are taken from income tax reports of roughly 4 million people, including about 400,000 immigrants, between 1992 and 2005. (Muchmor Magazine, January 2008)

Immigrants to Morden are reaping the benefits of choosing a smaller community in which to live. Morden is receiving an increasing number of immigrants through the provincial nominee program, and is now in 4th place in the province for the Top Ten Destinations. Our numbers have nearly tripled for 2006 as compared to 2005, according to the 2006 Manitoba Immigration Report.

In response to the growing number of immigrants to our community, a Morden Newcomer Welcoming Committee has been formed. This group has been meeting once a month since January, and welcomes anyone with interest in helping newcomers to integrate into our community. The next meeting is March 27, 2008 at the Morden Civic Centre Meeting Room. A welcoming event is being planned. Other ideas being discussed are: host families, language buddies, volunteer coordination, mentorship and support programs. With the number of enthusiastic participants at these meetings, it becomes evident why so many immigrants are choosing Morden. They are finding a welcoming caring community with all the amenities they need.

LEDGOR PIPELINE LTD. - CHOOSES MORDEN'S INDUSTRIAL PARK FOR TEMPORARY YARD



By the time this newsletter goes to print, it is expected that an agreement will have been reached with Ledcor Pipeline for a lease of a 13-acre site in Morden's Industrial park. This 13-acre parcel will be the future site of a parts warehouse, workshop, temporary office space, fuel storage, and safety orientation site for employees, and equipment storage. This site, located at 72 Jefferson Street is an ideal location due to ease of access for large equipment and workers, and the infrastructure is in place allowing for ease of set-up.

Ledcor Pipeline Ltd. will be responsible for constructing the TransCanada Keystone Pipeline in southern Manitoba. The Canadian portion of the project involves the conversion of approximately 864 km of existing Canadian Mainline pipeline facilities from natural gas to crude oil transmission service and construction of approximately 373 km of pipeline, pump stations and terminal facilities at Hardisty, Alberta.

Large pipeline equipment can be expected to begin arriving in Morden by rail in April. Construction of the pipeline in the area will take approximately six months (May – October), with upwards of 500 workers during the summer months.

The impact on the local economy will be substantial. Those most likely to benefit from Ledcor's presence in the area will be the hospitality industry, as well as the retail, trades, and service sectors. Accommodations will be at a premium this summer!

INTERNATIONAL RECRUITMENT

In an ongoing effort to assist employers with recruitment efforts, the Community Development Officer will be traveling to Kazakhstan in April along with Irma Maier and Irina Potapow, immigration consultants with Compass Canada. Employers wanting more information should contact Cheryl Digby at 822-5088.

Cheryl Digby - Community Development Officer

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WHAT IS COUNCIL UP TO?

This time of year finds Council having to deal with some specific items. For instance, Council spends a significant amount of time working on the Town's Financial Plan. Every year it seems there is more to be done than there is money to do it with. The operating budget of this year's financial plan is expected to be close to \$8,000,000.

After a lot of work, the renovations to the Recreation Centre are becoming a reality. Council approved construction in February. For the next few months there will be a lot of changes taking place to this facility, described as the heartbeat of our community.

As part of the MSTW Development Plan review, member municipalities also need to review and update their zoning by-laws. Council is now reviewing a first draft of an updated zoning by-law for Morden with the intent of bringing it forward for public consultation in the near future.

With 4.6% growth in 2007, and an average annual growth over the past 3 years of 4.2%, Council realizes the need to look further ahead and be ready for more growth. A large portion of looking ahead involves engineering, so the Town is creating an engineer position to have on staff. As growth projections for 2008 are 5%, this new person will have lots to work on.

Council continues to support the group working on a new facility for Tabor Home. Recent discussions with the Provincial government have gone very well.

Council is well aware of the need for more outdoor sporting facilities, including soccer pitches. Potential sites are identified and initial discussions with property owners have taken place. Council is hopeful that land will be secured soon so development can be planned and initiated.

A consultant, required under the Province's format, has been hired and is working on the Town's boundary adjustment. The Town's desire is to have this process completed within one year.

Ernie Epp, C.M.M.A. - Chief Administrative Officer

WATER METER READING - REMINDER

For accurate water bills you are encouraged to call in your meter reading. The next deadline for readings is; **May 20th, 2008**

Phone: Rhonda at 822-4434 Extension230
Email: rderksen@mordenmb.com
Fax: (204) 822-6494 OR go online to submit your reading.

Points of Interest

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MORDEN FRIENDSHIP CENTRE

10 TIPS TO HELP SENIORS MOVE – whether you're helping your parents move to a retirement home, condo or new home:-

1. Be kind - try not to criticize.
2. Help sort – be gentle when suggesting to get rid of possessions, keeping it in the family may ease the stress.
3. Take pictures of the inside of their home - as close as possible, try to place objects in a similar way so that their new home will feel very much like the old one.
4. Obtain a room layout of their new place – together decide what will fit and how much to keep.
5. Start small – take a day to spend with your parents to talk about the move and what to expect.
6. Pick a room to start with that has less sentimental attachment – the bathroom or kitchen, a place that doesn't hold as strong an emotional attachment.
7. Plan the move – allow enough time that your parents don't feel rushed.
8. Hire outside help – sometimes it is easier for your parents to work with an outside party than with their children.
9. Be patient – allow your parents time to say goodbye. Let them take time to remember.
10. Get them involved – let them tell you how they'd like it to look and make a plan to prepare the space accordingly.



COMING EVENTS – our special events are always listed on the Town website.

- **March:** 11th – Comedy Club, Tacky Social & Supper, 17th - St Patrick Day Coffee Time, 18th - Easter Banquet
- **April:** 8th – South Africa Nite, 15th – New Member Luncheon, 22nd – Volunteer Appreciation, 16th, 23rd, and 30th – Art History Classes
- **May** 3rd – Garage Sale

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program is offered through March and April for low-income people and seniors. Drop off your forms only on Tuesdays.

Pat Platt - Executive Director

WELCOME WAGON



Got a new neighbour?
Contact: Elissa Stacey 822-9473

Is there a new baby in Town?
Contact: Carla Thiessen 822-5345

This information will ensure that these newcomers get the warm welcome they deserve.

CHAUTAUQUA SPIRIT UPDATE

THE LAUNCH

We are pleased to announce that the Chautauqua Spirit Project will be officially launched at the Morden Area Foundation Luncheon on March 20th at Noon.

Some workshops and events have already taken place and are proving to be very popular. One event was the Rock & Fossil Festival held on February 22nd & 23rd.

ROCK & FOSSIL FESTIVAL

What a great festival it was! It included flint knapping and other displays from the Manitoba Archaeological Society and some truly great displays from the Mineral Society of Manitoba. Joey Hatcher gave a fine presentation of the PaleoWorld *Triceratops* specimen, which was put on public display. Linda Scott had a wonderful display of interesting rocks and fossils. Paul Melanson showed an exhibition of how the CFDC makes moulds and replica fossils. Beth and Dave Simpson assisted with museum tours and laboratory tours, supported by Luka and Marie Janzic.

Around 200 school students had a wonderful time at the festival plus many more people and families with children. Many brought in their interesting rocks and fossils for identification by the experts. Thanks to all those who contributed their time and effort to make this event a big success.

GETTING INVOLVED

If you would like to get involved as a volunteer or a sponsor, please contact Nancy Penner the project co-ordinator on 822-4937. Sponsorship is encouraged and there will be many opportunities for volunteers to assist in making this year long project a success.



CHAUTAUQUA SPIRIT PROGRAM

The Chautauqua Spirit Program - a 56 page booklet has gone to print and we hope to have it available for the launch of the project on March 20th. Each household and business will receive one in the mail.

BANNERS & BILLBOARD

We have been informed that Canadian Heritage will be supplying the 50 street banners at the end of March. A billboard has been installed at the East entrance to Town.

WEBSITE LAUNCHED FEBRUARY 15TH

The website is the place to check for up to date information throughout 2008. This will be the first means of communicating changes to events. Check it out - you will be amazed at just how many events and projects are taking place.

www.chautauquaspirit.com

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES - Clare Agnew, the new Director of Community Services will be starting on March 31, 2008. Clare can be reached at 822-5431 or cagnew@mordenmb.com. Please drop in and talk to Clare about your ideas or concerns.

RECREATION CENTRE RE-DEVELOPMENT PROJECT - The Recreation Center upgrades are about to begin and by the time the newsletter reaches you construction will be under way. The project will consist of phase one and two which means, a new kitchen and bar, new cloakroom, new washrooms in the community hall, new separate entrance to the hall, new serving area for the banquets, new staff room and workshop, and an addition to the Baseball Hall of Fame. During this time we anticipate that there will be some disruption so please have patience with us. The project will cause issues for both museums and has made it necessary for the By-Law Officer to move to the basement in the old Fitness Works space. We are confident the end result will be worth it.



OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

- ▶ A new handicap play structure will replace the old one in Morden Park.
- ▶ The library will be getting a new look on the front this year.
- ▶ There will be new lights in Morden Park on the west side from the bridge to 15th Street. This is the final phase for lights in the park.
- ▶ Livingstone Park will see some upgrades to the entrance this year.
- ▶ Morden Park will again see some more new trees as well as removing some of the old unsafe trees.
- ▶ We have ordered some more new round tables for the community hall.
- ▶ The new director will start the planning process for the building of a new skateboard park. Your ideas and assistance to get this project rolling will be most appreciated.

"I encourage anyone who has questions or concerns about the facilities or services that we provide to contact the Community Services Department office at 822-5431 at your convenience."

Gord Maddock - Facilities Manager

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BANQUET
Friday, April 25th @ 6:00 pm**

The Morden Community Sport & Leisure Alliance (MCSLA) is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet in conjunction with the kick-off for Volunteer Week as proclaimed by the province. Each sport group in our alliance have been asked to submit names of their volunteers.



This is a small thank you to them for all the time and effort they contribute to coaching, officiating, organizing, etc. to their sports group. If you know of someone in your group who stands out and you think should be recognized please call your president and let he/she know. Without these dedicated people your programs would not go on.

As of February 2008 the groups in the "alliance" are: Curling, Figure Skating, Golf, Gymnastics, Morden Community Services Department, Morden Minor Ball, Morden Minor Hockey, Morden Minor Soccer, Taekwondo and the Western School Division.

If your sport/leisure group is interested in being a member of the MCSLA please go to our website for information or call Joe Wiwchar, president at 822-5682:

<http://www.mcsla.net>

SPRING CRAFT & GARAGE SALE
(in conjunction with the Barnswallow Quilt Show)



Friday, May 2, 2008
10 am. - 8 pm.
Saturday, May 3
10 am. - 5 pm.
Sunday, May 4
Noon - 5 pm.

CRAFTS - Morden Recreation Centre Foyer
GARAGE SALE - West Arena

Craft Tables: \$40 for three days, \$32 for two days
Past participants will have priority booking on their site from previous years and those booking for three days have priority over two days.

Garage Sale: Bring in unwanted items such as fabric, stamps, notions, craft paint and those items that are just taking up space in your basement or garage!!!!

Cost: \$10 per table or bring your own!
Note: All Garage Sale groups will be located in the west arena. Space will be allocated according to the number of days that you participate.

Call 822-5431 to register your tables for the Craft Show or the Garage Sale!

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WINTER SEASON

The winter season has been pretty good overall. The freezing rain event that occurred in mid February was a problem for us in that driving conditions were very treacherous. We had difficulty trying to get enough salt sand on the streets to permit safe travel, plus we had the added problem that the temperature quickly fell below -23 and the salt sand does not work at that temperature.

We have also had inquiries from time to time from residents who are concerned about opening driveways after a snowfall. The following article describes our operational standpoint in regards to snow clearing in general.

SNOW CLEARING IN THE TOWN OF MORDEN

The Town of Morden's first priority in respect to winter roads is to maintain safe open roadways for public use. Our goal is to provide passable streets for the general public as quickly and consistently as possible.

We typically strive for a 10-hour time-frame for plowing the Town. Plowing is usually done at night, weather permitting. Other communities that offer driveway clearing, that are approximately the size of Morden, work on a 24 hr. minimum time-frame.



From time to time we hear of a request to have driveways cleared during the regular snow removal process. Working with our present equipment and manpower, general snow

clearing along with clearing driveways would require an increase of equipment hours, and extra staff or contracting out of equipment and labour. These measures would come as a significant increase of cost to the taxpayer, along with slower street clearing. The cost to the taxpayer is estimated at an additional 40% if driveway clearing is performed.

Yes you do have to clear the end of your driveway, but the streets are generally all open by morning so residents can easily travel to work etc... and there are contractors in Town who offer driveway clearing services.

Depending on where you reside in Town it could take an extra day or so before your street would be opened if driveway clearing would be implemented as part of the regular street clearing.

Note: If large snow fall events, or high winds occur the time-frames increase accordingly. The article is intended to address average snowfalls (15 centimeters) or less. There are contractors in Town who offer driveway-clearing services.

UTILITY

We have had 3 major residential water breaks this winter, 13th St. 100 block, Gaslight Drive and 4th St. 400 block. Residents in the affected areas were quite understanding, which is appreciated.

If you have concerns please call 822-5119, on weekends - please leave a message, as personnel on call will answer the call. Thank-you

Les Wieler - Director of Public Works

NEW AUTO ENTRY SYSTEMS ON WEBSITE

The website is growing in popularity and there is always the need to keep the information fresh and up to date. Now you can help by entering your Events, Jobs and Businesses using the new online E-Forms.

EVENTS - It is important to let people know your event is taking place and you can do this easily by using the "Calendar of Events" E-Form. Having all the events listed helps local organizations select an appropriate date for their event plus it allows the businesses to see what is happening and be prepared for the extra visitors that could be in Town. If your event information changes after it is on the website then please email me at cwilkinson@mordenmb.com and I will make the change.

JOBS - The feedback from businesses who are using the "Job Bank" is very positive. The Job Bank was set up to encourage people to come to Morden to live and work as well as to support our local businesses in recruitment. The new auto entry system allows for your job to be posted quickly and efficiently and requires an expiry date which helps us keep the jobs current.

BUSINESSES - The "Business Directory" is always growing and changing and the new system really improves the search process to find a company. New businesses can enter their details using the new E-Form, which allows them to enter a link to their website and email address. They are also able to list themselves under more than one category. If you are already listed and your business information changes in any way just email me at cwilkinson@mordenmb.com and I will update the information.

The website is where all prospective visitors, and residents can go to do their research before coming to our beautiful Town. It is also where the community can find useful local information. We hope you find these new systems beneficial.

Carol Wilkinson - Community Resources Officer

**Canadian Fossil Discovery Centre**

111B Gilmour Street,
Morden, Manitoba R6M 1N9
Telephone: (204) 822-3406 Fax: (204) 272-3303
Website: www.discoverfossils.com
Hours: 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Daily

**PROPOSED NEW MUSEUM BUILDING**

The final draft of the feasibility study was delivered on February 15th 2008. The study content shows that we can build a new museum to be proud of here in Morden. We look forward to organizing our official launch, so watch out for announcements in the press. The launch event will be held at the CFDC and it will be open to the public. We are all very excited by the vision of having a 'net zero energy' building - the first such museum in North America. Also, the final outcome may include an IMAX 3D movie theatre. The figures on visitation are very encouraging too.

The fundraising campaign needed to raise the capital required to build our new museum will be a very tough call as there are plenty of other local projects competing for dollars at every level. Just a reminder, if anyone feels they have the necessary aptitude, skills and the spare time to help with the fundraising campaign please contact us.

POST GRADUATE INTERN FROM JAPAN

We will soon have the privilege of welcoming Keiichi Aotsuka, a Japanese post graduate student arriving here as an intern at CFDC from Tokyo, sponsored by the International Internship Program.

Keiichi arrives here in May 2008 for a 12 month internship. He has aspirations of becoming a paleo museum curator in Japan, with a strong leaning towards education programs. Keiichi has spent the last four summers working on major fossil dig sites in Australia and has written a paper on a fossil dig which was published, so he brings with him some great experience.

JOINT VENTURE WITH PALEO WORLD USA

The new joint venture is going very well. We have a *Triceratops* skull fossil which is being prepped by Joey Hatcher the curator from PaleoWorld who is working here in our own laboratory at CFDC.

The next stage of the joint venture will be a three way exchange between the CFDC in Morden, with PaleoWorld in Montana US and with the Sinofossa Institute in Lu Fong Province, China. So we look forward to a group from Morden going to China on a fossil digging expedition at some stage in the future.

CALL FOR FOSSIL FRIENDS

This year is particularly big for CFDC with all the *Chautauqua Spirit* events and the public launch of our new museum design and plans; we need all the extra help that we can get!

We ask for anyone who has the inclination and time available to help the CFDC. You do not have to be skilled at anything in particular. Just by being here, perhaps to meet the visitors with a friendly face and a warm heart is all that you need! Please contact us.

CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS

We are also calling for new members, not just to bring in more funds, but to have more people championing our cause and spreading the word about our new museum aspirations. The annual fee is \$25.00 and life membership is \$250.00.

SUMMER STUDENTS

We are now recruiting students to work on our summer programs. The qualifications are that they must either be going on to or returning to full time education anywhere in Canada. The pay is fair, the conditions are good and there is a high level of job satisfaction. If you know of any full time students coming home to Morden or anywhere in the Pembina Valley for the summer ask them to check us out and submit resumes to us very soon, either in person or via mail or email. We are recruiting 5 field technicians and 2 program coordinators this year.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

We will be running a new and improved series of summer programs this year and with the addition of an extra van it promises to be an exciting season on our own property on the Escarpment - weather permitting of course! Please check the website and look out for announcements.

The children's day camp was a big success last summer with many local families bringing their children here; there were quite a number of kids brought in from Winnipeg too. There are all sorts of cool activities for kids of every age, including a GPS workshop. Our fame is spreading!

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our AGM will be held here at the CFDC at 7pm on Wednesday, April 9th 2008. All of our existing members or any new members are welcome to attend the event.

As ever, please check out our website www.discoverfossils.com - it is full of useful information and the blogs are especially entertaining. Many thanks go to our board and the great volunteers who continue to make this place so very special.

Dave Wilkinson - Executive Director

Anita Janyic - Curator

Yvonne Peters - Administrator

Morden Police Service

PARKING TRAILERS ON STREETS BY-LAW 15-2006



Morden Police Service would like to remind citizens that parking of trailers on streets is prohibited for extended periods of time. Town of Morden Traffic By-Law No. 15-2006 states that no person shall park a trailer on any street for a period greater than twelve (12) hours. "Trailer" means a vehicle designed for carrying persons or chattels, and for being towed by a motor vehicle, and includes a farm trailer, semi trailer as well as small utility trailers, construction trailers and campers. This does not include an implement of husbandry that is temporarily towed, propelled or moved upon a Highway. Offenders are subject to a fine as well as the trailer being towed at the owner's expense. Please refer to the Town of Morden website for this and other By-Laws.

The Annual Police Bike Auction will take place in April. There is a good selection of used bikes of all sizes and condition. Money raised from the auction is donated back into school programs and community projects. Please watch and listen for the date in the paper and radio stations.



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

B.J. (Brad) Neduzak, - Chief of Police

PEMBINA HILLS ARTS CENTRE



We invite you to visit the Pembina Hills Arts Centre where you can enjoy the current gallery exhibitions and browse the work of regional artists in the gift shop.

We also offer classes for children and adults. Here are two for you to consider.

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

March 31 - April 4 Spring Break Arts & Crafts Classes.
9:00am - 4:00pm Ages 7 - 13. Please bring a lunch.

ADULT ART CLASSES

Tuesday nights from March 25 - April 29
7:00pm - 9:30pm

Art classes featuring a different medium each week, including stained glass, pottery, painting, and drawing.

Register for classes at -
Pembina Hills Arts Centre
351 Stephen Street, Morden, R6M 1T5
Telephone: 822-6026
Email: pambahill@mts.net

Website: www.pembinahillsarts.com

Morden Fire Department

Wow, did anyone think that spring would ever get here? I was having my doubts when writing this news clip. One thing I do know is that we don't have any control over Mother Nature. Probably a good thing too.

So far this year, fire calls have been of the minor variety. I am contributing a lot of this to fire awareness, being careful with heating appliances or maybe just plain old luck. Whatever the case, thanks for making fire prevention a part of your thought process.

ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHT BULBS

The past little while you have been asked to be more energy efficient from all sorts of agencies. Some include thicker Insulation; better windows, electric cars, electrical efficient appliances and so on. I would like to draw your attention to one specific item and that is the Compact Florescent Light Bulb or CFL's. You know the little swirly bulbs you can buy at any hardware store. CFL's have been on the market for some time now. As with any new product there are some limitations and surprises associated with this product. They are an energy saving product, but they also have been known to cause fires when used improperly. It is very important to follow manufactures instructions on the proper use of these bulbs.



To assist the Manitoba Office of the Fire Commissioner we are requesting that any bulbs that have burned out or have noticeable brown markings around the base of the bulb, be brought to the Fire Hall so further testing can be done on these bulbs. This will help in finding the shortfalls of the CFL's. Thanks for your help in this matter.

As always, play hard and play safe. Have a great spring and for Pete's sake, get outside and enjoy.....we all know we deserve it.

Andy Thiessen - Fire Chief - Morden Fire & Rescue

ON-LINE JOB BANK

An on-line job bank is available on the Town of Morden website to help employers fill vacancies.

Looking for a Job?

Browse our list of job openings to find the job you're looking for.

Local Employers

Advertise all your vacancies for free to reach job-seekers from all around the world.

www.mordenmb.com



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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

LIBRARY BOOKSALE COMING SOON!

If you would like to donate good used books for the book sale, please drop them off at the Morden Library. If you are spring cleaning and have several boxes or bags of books, please call to make arrangements to drop them off at the back of the library.

- Popular items at the book sale are - Childrens' books, inspirational fiction, hobbies and crafts, hard cover fiction (1990 & newer), humour and comics, popular magazines, and paperbacks in good condition.
- Items that do not go to the book sale - Encyclopedias, National Geographic, Time and Newsweek magazines, Reader's Digest condensed books, worn, torn or mouldy books, university texts and old school books.
- Book Sale Hours are: Thursday, May 8th (6-9 p.m.), Friday, May 9th (12 a.m.-9 p.m.), Saturday, May 10th (10 a.m.-2 p.m.). Saturday is bag sale day - \$6.00 per bag!

EVENTS AT MORDEN LIBRARY

- Pre-School Story Time - Spring Session
Registration - March 18-29th, 2008
Spring Session - April 1-May 7th, 2008
- Project Genesis Blanket-Making Marathon - March 31st - April 1st, 2008. This is a 26 Hour Marathon held in the meeting room of the Morden Library. All blankets made during the 26 hour event will be donated to Genesis House. All ages are welcome. Contact Margaret Dudgeon for more details. 325-8008 (afternoons) 822-3401 (morning/evening)
- Horticultural Society - March 13th - 7:30 p.m. & April 10th - 7:00 p.m.
- Living With Hearing Loss - Wednesdays - 2-4 p.m.

2008 FINANCIAL PLAN

The Town of Morden Department Directors and Morden's Community Organizations have all submitted their 2008 budgets. Council will be reviewing this information and meeting with each of the representatives on March 19th & 20th.



The 2008 Financial Plan will be presented at a Council Meeting in April. An announcement will be put in the Morden Times. Everyone is invited to attend this April presentation.

Garry Kiebert - Director of F&A

- CNIB - 2nd Thursday of each month - 1-3 p.m.
- Toastmasters - Tuesdays - 6:30 p.m.

Wireless Internet is available to the public. You can bring your laptop into the library to access Internet or even from outside the building after the Library is closed.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS:

Adult Fiction - Recent Additions

- Nameless Night by G.M. Ford
- Dakota by Martha Grimes
- Firefly Lane by Kristen Hannah
- Lords of the Bow by Conn Iggulden
- Midnight Rambler by James Swain
- Duma Key by Stephen King
- The Fault Tree by Louise Ure
- High Crimes by Michael Kotas
- Stranger in Paradise by Robert B. Parker
- 7th Heaven by James Patterson
- Lady Killer by Lisa Scottoline

Christian Fiction - Recent Additions

- What Lies Within by Karen Ball
- Stainless Steel Hearts by Harry Kraus
- Try Dying by James Scott Bell
- Deadfall by Robert Liparulo
- When Dreams Cross by Terri Blackstock
- Blessings by Kim Sawyer Vogel
- The Lost Books (series) v.1 & v.2 by Ted Dekker
- The Shack by William P. Young

ANNUAL DOG LICENSES



Just a friendly reminder that all residents with dogs in the Town of Morden need to buy a **dog license** every year. Why not buy one today - it could save your pet's life!

When your dog(s) gets lost or runs away and we find it, the number on the license is registered to you with all your information so that we can contact you in a timely manner. Dog licenses run from January to December.

For more information on the Animal control **Bylaw 23-05** go to the Town of Morden website.