

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WELCOME

Welcome to the new citizens of Morden in 2011! Everyone is invited to attend Morden's Winterfest on February 18, 2012 from 1-4 pm. Winterfest is a vibrant, multicultural event held at the

Access Event Centre. This free family event includes activities such as ice-skating, boot hockey, horse-drawn sleigh rides, snow sculpting, multicultural entertainment and refreshments.



Photo by Peter Cantelon - Winkler Morden Voice



THE FUTURE

2012 promises to be another great year for business starts in Morden!

Coffee Culture is moving in to 301 Stephen Street in February. Check out their website at www.coffeeculture.ca to tantalize your taste buds. Just can't wait to stroll down to Coffee Culture to indulge!



Little Caesars

Hockey, baseball and soccer Moms and Dads will be relieved to hear that Little Caesars Pizza is coming to 75 Thornhill Street (next to Subway) in March. Lots of other folks will find it convenient to pick up a pizza on the way home from work as well.



BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Nutters Bulk & Natural Foods has an exciting franchise opportunity in Morden! Nutters is a Canadian company with 26 stores in Western Canada and a 30 year history. To see if you qualify as a Nutter's Bulk & Natural Foods Franchisee, please contact: Bruce Champion at 1-800-665-5122 or email at: bchampion@nutters.com.

SEASONS GREETINGS!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, prosperous new year!

Cheryl Digby - Community Development Officer



CIVIC CENTRE & PUBLIC WORKS

Monday - Dec 26th CLOSED
Tuesday - Dec 27th CLOSED
Friday - Dec 30th 9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Monday - Jan 2nd CLOSED

ACCESS EVENT CENTRE

Building: Dec 25th, 26th, Jan 1st - CLOSED
Office: Dec 26th, 27th, January 2nd

REMEMBER - Water bill due date is December 29th, 2011 by 4:30 pm.

CONGRATUALIONS

Overall, 2011 has been an awesome year for business starts and expansions in Morden! The following are a few highlights:

- 2011 saw the opening of Morden Supply Store, carrying a complete line of agricultural, industrial and automotive parts, located in Morden's Incubator Mall.
- Wolfe Enterprises constructed a diesel repair and parts shop at their newly acquired location along Willcocks Road.
- Petro Canada and Coop each set up a card lock along Willcocks Road to conveniently serve customers.
- Homestead South began construction of its 83-unit assisted living facility mid-year and plan for completion in the summer of 2012. This facility will provide a beautiful entrance to Morden from the east.
- Saban & Co. relocated to the new store in the summer. . a real class act! If you haven't had the chance, stop by and check out their full line of ladies and men's clothing.
- Flooring & More and Brew n'Sip are set to open in the Pembina Connection area in 2012.
- Exner E-Waste Processing received the very first Environment Act License issued by the Province of Manitoba for processing electronic waste at their facility. Examples of e-waste is old computers, printers, TV's, DVD player, cell phones, etc.
- Nexus took home the New Business of the Year Award and Exner E-Waste won Best New Product/Innovation or Development and Access Credit Union won the award for Business of the Year at the Regional Business Awards held in November. Well done!

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MAYOR'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

As I prepare this Christmas message, Morden experienced a significant snowfall and then "suffered" through the warmest 24th of November on record at 12.3 degrees Celsius. Council has just returned from the Association of Manitoba Municipalities Conference where municipal leaders discuss issues and then through consultation with our provincial leadership, attempt to find solutions to issues that affect us as Manitobans. During this process we heard from municipalities that were severely affected by flooding this past spring and summer and in many cases clean-up and restoration will not happen in the foreseeable future. The municipality of St. Laurent, in particular, lost 80% of their assessment and while all this was happening to our neighbours, comparatively speaking, Morden's problems were few. We are blessed!

On behalf of Council and the staff, *I wish you a Merry Christmas and all the best in 2012.*

Ken Wiebe - Mayor

CONNECTING WITH COUNCIL

Everyone is invited to stop in for refreshments and open communication with Council at the -

Council Christmas Tea
December 21st, 1:00 - 4:00 pm
Morden Civic Centre - Council Chambers



Here are a few other ways to connect with Council:

- **Council Meetings** - Dec 19, Jan 9, 23, Feb 13, 27, Mar 12, 26 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers
- **Committee of the Whole Meetings** - Jan 3, 17, Feb 7, 21, Mar 6, 20 at 9:00 am, held in the Civic Centre Meeting Room
- **Open Forums** - Council will hold two Open Forums in 2012 and the dates are May 7th and November 5th at the Access Event Centre
- **Meet with the Mayor** - Every Wednesday in the Civic Centre Meeting Room - First Wednesday of the month the Mayor is available in the evening from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. All remaining Wednesdays he is available from 10:00 am to 12 Noon

NEW WASTE & RECYCLE SCHEDULE

After years of having a Monday to Friday schedule for waste and recycling pick-up, a new schedule is needed. Full details are included in this newsletter as an insert that you can pull out and keep handy.

We are here to serve you.

Mayor:
Ken Wiebe

Councillors:
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MORDEN POLICE SERVICE

POLICE WEBSITE

www.mordenpolice.com

The Morden Police Service would like to remind the community of our website including a new feature called **Community Input**. This allows people to contact police via the website with any concerns or information they would like to pass along. As well, there is a *Frequently Asked Questions* tab that can provide answers to citizens without having to contact police directly. Please feel free to browse our website; any feedback is appreciated!

WINTER PARKING BAN

A reminder that the Town of Morden parking ban, By-Law No. 35-2007, is in effect to allow for snow clearing. Please do not park on the streets. This will assist in the snow clearing operation. Each year the *Overnight Parking Ban* takes effect on the first snowfall and everyone is asked not to park on the streets between the hours of 12:00 Midnight and 8:00 AM. Any vehicles parked on the roadway when snow clearing is necessary are subject to a fine of \$20.00 and/or being towed.



CHECKSTOPS

The Morden Police Service will be conducting checkstops throughout the Holiday Season, specifically targeting impaired drivers. We remind people to drink responsibly and plan ahead with the Christmas and holiday celebrations. If you are consuming alcohol, arrange for a designated driver or call a cab. Have a plan to get home safely!

SNOWMOBILE BY-LAW

Snowmobile enthusiasts are asked to check the Town of Morden website regarding the Snowmobile By-law #16-97, to ensure that proper routes are taken to and from their destinations. If there are any questions about the By-law, please call our office anytime.



CRIMINAL RECORD CHECKS

A criminal record check is a search that is used to determine whether an individual has a criminal record. The search can be based on an individual's name and date of birth, or for much greater assurance, it can be based on fingerprints for positive identification. A criminal record check is performed against the national repository of criminal records maintained by the RCMP, which holds approximately 4.2 million records. A criminal background check is usually required for employment purposes, immigration or border crossing. Fingerprints are sometimes a requirement as part of these criminal record checks. There has always been a cost associated with conducting these criminal record checks and the taking of fingerprints by police agencies across the country. These fees vary amongst the different agencies. The process for obtaining a criminal record check has

changed slightly. Residents who live right in the Town of Morden can attend directly to the Police Service to pay for and obtain their criminal record check. Payment will be taken directly at our office, rather than the Town Administrative Office. The cost for a Criminal Record Check is \$20.00. If the check is for a volunteer position, there is no cost providing you have a letter from that organization stating it is a volunteer position. There are times when fingerprints are required for various reasons and the cost for obtaining ones fingerprints is \$30.00.

BY-LAW OFFICER

In the temporary absence of a by-law officer, the following departments will deal with the by-law issues:

- Civic Centre - dog licenses, impound fees, fines, boulevard signs,
- Police - control of animals, noise and safety issues, snowmobile issues,
- Fire department - will deal with fire issues,
- Community Services - will supply animal traps.



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

J.(Brad) Neduzak, Chief of Police

COMMUNITY RESOURCES



WEBSITE RE-VAMP

Comments in the 2011 Community Survey showed that citizens of Morden expectations have risen to an all-time high when it comes to information provided online. The taxpayers want information at their fingertips and the ability to communicate to their elected officials with ease. The Morden website has been the same for five years and needs a complete re-vamp which will take place in 2012. If you have ideas or suggestions for the new website please email cwilkinson@mordenmb.com.

TOURISM MARKETING TEAM REPORT

The Morden Tourism Marketing Team met on October 27th and started working on the 2012 Action Plan which needs to be presented to Council in March of 2012. The team thanks David Friesen and Tyler Schroeder for giving their time to the committee. Two new members will be appointed by Council and we look forward to receiving the names shortly.

STEPHEN STREET CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

'Tis the Christmas season and we hope everyone enjoys the additional Christmas decorations downtown. This year's budget was put towards garland with LED lights and big red bows for the lamp posts on Stephen Street.

Seasons Greetings and Best Wishes for a Happy New Year.

Carol Wilkinson - Community Resources Officer

MORDEN FIRE SERVICE

SPACE HEATERS - It seems just like yesterday we were giving some summer safety tips in our newsletter. Where does the time go? I would like to remind people of some winter safety concerns that you all probably know but need a nudge once in awhile. Winter brings cold temperatures and along with that, out comes the space heaters and garage heaters. Units produced these days should have a CSA approval sticker on them. When used as directed and for the purpose it was designed for, you should have no problems. The issue starts when we think we are "MacGyver's" and use the heaters in situations they were not intended for. When the construction heater is designed for temporary heat, then that is what it should be used for, not 24 hour heat source for the entire winter. Components break down and that is when the trouble starts.

Office staff often ask me about heaters under the desk to keep the work station warm. There are some heaters designed for this application. However, most are not. Use the right one for your situation or you could be putting yourself and the office at risk of harm or damage. Using common sense



and following the directions of each heating source will assure you of a warm experience this winter.

RURAL COUNTRY BURNS - A reminder to our country folks. I know that when the snow is on the ground it is a great time to clean up some bush piles, old bales, buildings etc. A quick phone call to the fire hall, 822-3888 and ask for a burn permit, will help us in NOT responding to unnecessary fire calls. Cell phone callers at times want to help in calling 911 to what seems like an emergency. However they may not know that it is a controlled burn and our attendance is not required. Permits are FREE, but notification can save the municipalities thousands of dollars. Your help in this area would be greatly appreciated.

From all the members, 34 volunteers strong, of Morden Fire & Rescue, we wish all the best to you and your families during this Holiday season. Remember to **Play Hard and Play Safe.** *Andy Thiessen*, Fire Chief

PUBLIC WORKS

DID YOU KNOW?

Facts about Water in Canada:

- 26 percent of Canadians rely on groundwater for domestic use.
- About 60 percent of Canada's freshwater drains north, while 85 percent of the population lives within 300 kilometres of the American border.
- Henderson Lake, in British Columbia, receiving the most annual precipitation in Canada, gets 6,655 millimetres of precipitation each year.
- The location in Canada that receives the least amount of precipitation is Eureka, Nunavut, where only 64 millimetres of precipitation fall each year.
- Canada has 563 lakes that are larger than 100 square kilometres.
- The Great Lakes contain 18 percent of the world's freshwater.
- The longest river in Canada is the Mackenzie River (Northwest Territories, British Columbia, Alberta), which is 4,241 kilometres long. The largest lake entirely in Canada is Great Bear Lake (Northwest Territories), which has an area of 31,328 square kilometres. The deepest lake in Canada is Great Slave Lake (Northwest Territories), which has a depth of 614 metres



PROGRESS REPORT

- Paving work has been completed for the year. We were able to finish because of the good fall weather.
- Remote water meter retrofits program is ongoing, the public has been very co-operative.

SNOW REMOVAL

- Public Works has purchased attachments for removing windrows at approaches.
- A policy where snow windrows of approximately 30 cm (12 inches) or higher will be removed is going through Council. Notice of Motion was on November 28th and the policy was adopted at the Council meeting on December 5th.

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The Town of Morden does have a by-law addressing snow being pushed onto streets. This can and does cause problems for vehicular traffic, as well as extra cost to the taxpayer when the department has to go back and remove these piles of snow. Please consider traffic safety. Thank you.

Les Wieber, Director of Public Works

CURBSIDE MAIL BOXES

The curbside mail boxes are the property of Canada Post. Maintenance of mail box sites, including snow and ice removal is administered through Canada Post.



Source: Environment Canada: Water Facts & Quickfacts (http://www.ec.gc.ca/water/en/e_quickfacts.htm)

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Behind the scenes the Morden Corn & Apple Festival Board of Directors work tirelessly to ensure that the face of our community's signature event is the best it can be. What does that mean?

It means that equipment, float, trailers, banners and signs and other assets are attractive and in good repair and that there is a storage area and building to protect everything year-round; that the festival is environmentally sensitive by replacing paper towels in washroom trailers with electric hand dryers and ensuring that there are electrical outlets to provide the power needed; it means that there is someone working on issues such as parking, availability of accommodation for vendors and visitors, crowd control, security and much more; and it means that the Festival is promoted on a year-round basis through a website, Facebook page and various advertising opportunities.

Most of all, it means that the future requirements of the Festival are planned for and acquired as needed and that there will be many more successful Festivals to come. The Festival Board members, committee and administration wish you all the best for this Christmas season and throughout the New Year.

Dale Stambuski, President

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

Christmas trees may be dropped off at the compost site located at Willcocks Road or placed on the curbside for pickup week starting



January 9th, 2012

Please be patient as the team will be chipping the trees as they pick them up so the process of collection may take a while.

WELCOME WAGON

We no longer provide hospital visits when a baby is born. Please call to arrange an in-home visit where we will provide complimentary gifts and information for you and your baby.

If you are new to Morden call for your Newcomers package.



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FIELD SEASON & DIG PROGRAMS

The 2011 season ended with great success and a last minute discovery of scientific significance. A mosasaur was located at one of the sites in the oldest layer of rocks the CFDC has ever collected in! The fossil crew is looking forward to hitting the sites next year and finding more. The centre is already taking bookings for its 2012 fossil dig programs. **Book before Dec. 31st, 2011 and receive 10% off!**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VACANCY

The centre is currently seeking a new Executive Director to become part of a great team continuing to move the CFDC forward. The new Executive Director position is anticipated to start in the New Year.

MANITOBA MINING AND MINERALS CONVENTION

A big thanks to those who assisted the CFDC at the convention held in Winnipeg Nov. 17-19th. The CFDC hosted a booth to which over 650 participants visited inquiring about the fossil collection, programs, and the Town of Morden. It was also a great opportunity for staff and board members to meet individuals from the Mining Industry in anticipation of developing new partnerships.

LAST CHANCE FOR "SANTASAURUS"

There's only one more Saturday **Dec. 17th** to take your picture with Bruce, the largest mosasaur in Canada. A free Santasaurus picture with a regular paid family or adult admission from **1-5pm**.



Happy Holidays from the Fossil Crew - Anita Janzic, Joseph Hatcher and Trevor Fehr

AGASSIZ MEDICAL CENTRE

Agassiz Medical Centre is a community owned clinic that is operated in consultation with a board of directors that represent our community. Funds to purchase medical equipment and technology are provided by donations (business, private and individual) and a funding agreement with the Town of Morden, the RM of Stanley and Agassiz Physicians Medical Group.

This group effort helps maintain a modern facility that allows all community members and visitors to benefit.

Agassiz Medical Centre Community Board is a Registered Charity. Please call Karen at (204) 822-2601 for more information on our clinic or how to make a donation.

www.agassizmedicalcentre.com



Morden Branch
514 Stephen Street
(822-4092)
sclibm@mts.net or
sclrm@mts.net
www.scllibrary.mb.ca

LIBRARY HOURS

Library hours are: Tuesday – 10-8:30; Wednesday 10-5:30; Thursday 10-8:30; Friday 10-5:30; Saturday 10-5:30. We are closed on Sunday and Monday. During the holiday season, the library will be closed at **3:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 24th**. The week following Christmas, the library will be open during regular hours but on **Saturday, December 31st** we will close at **3:00 p.m.**

REMINDER TO ALL LIBRARY USERS – as of January 1, 2012 we will no longer be calling you when your books are overdue. Late fees will be automatically generated through our computer program. If you have a current email address you check on a regular basis, please provide it to the library staff so you can receive automatic overdue notices to your email account as well as hold notifications.

As of January 1, 2012 the library will no longer have video & DVD handling charges.



EVENTS

Dec 21st at 7 p.m. – Multicultural Christmas Evening at the Morden United Church. This is a wonderful evening open to every one of all cultures with songs, stories and good food. The evening is free to attend and is a great way to meet newcomers to our community. If you are interested in participating in the entertainment or bringing food, please contact Cheryl Plett at South Central Immigrant Services (822-4387).

Jan 26th at 7-8 p.m. – Family Literacy Night – Children of all ages are invited to the library to hear some bedtime stories. Get comfortable by wearing your favorite pyjamas and bringing your teddy bear. Watch for details in the library and your school newsletter!

Jan 4-18 – Pre-School Story Time Registration – for children 3 ½ - 5 years of age (not in Kindergarten) – watch for more information at the Library.

LIBRARY ADDITIONS

Adult Non-Fiction - Recent Additions

100 Days that Changed Canada edited by Mark Reid
Ace Frehley No Regrets by Ace Frehley
Air Farce: 40 Years of Flying by the Seat of our Pants
And the Band Played On... by Christopher Ward
Back in the Bigs by Randy Turner
Camouflaged Killer by David A. Gibb
Jann Arden Falling Backward by Jan Arden
Lost Photographs of Captain Scott by David M. Wilson
Michael Bubl  Onstage Offstage by Dean Freeman
Out of the Depths by Chief Rabbi Israel Meir Lau
Secret Journeys of a Lifetime by National Geographic Soc.
A Train in Winter by Caroline Moorehead



MORDEN FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS



The Morden Festival of the Arts will again provide a venue for student performance, instruction and adjudication in the areas of Band, Strings, Vocal, Speech Arts, Sacred and Piano.

Visit their website at www.mordenfestivalofthearts.cfsites.org or contact Erika Dyck at 822-6825 for details of the 2012 schedule.

FOR ALL THE GOOD TIMES

The Town of Morden currently has over 80 full and part time employees, while in summer this number reaches 120. One of these employees likely lives quite close to you, and may even be your next door neighbour. This article is written for their benefit.

During the year, these employees provide safe water, clean streets, respond to fires, mow grass, flood ice, arrest the bad guys, and hundreds of other tasks. Many of these things we as residents almost take for granted. We simply expect the shower to have water in the morning, and the contents of the flushed toilet to disappear. As long as things are working, people are happy and content to carry on.

The times when Town employees hear from people is when things aren't working the way they should. A collapsed sewer that prevents wastewater from exiting the house is not fun. A broken down Zamboni preventing the ice from being flooded is a big deal when it happens just before your child's ice time.

Now I don't want to leave the impression that Town employees don't want to hear from residents when things go wrong. Many times it is because of a resident calling that employees find out about something much sooner than employees otherwise might. This early notice can help prevent a worse situation from occurring.

Town employees take pride in their work. Are they human and make mistakes? Sure they do. Do events happen that are out of their control? Absolutely. When those things do happen, the employees certainly hear about it.

Which brings me back to you, our happy residents. Ever considered mentioning to a Town employee how nice it is the sewer lines work? Or how you appreciate how clean the Access Event Centre is? Or giving the guy running the snow clearing equipment a thumbs-up as he clears the street? Sure, the employees are just doing their jobs. They are doing it for us as residents. And as one of the residents of Morden, I have to say a big thank you to the Town employees for all those things they do that I (as a resident) sometimes take for granted.

Ernie Epp - Chief Administrative Officer

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

VISIT US ON FACEBOOK

Like Morden Access Event Centre on Facebook to see what activities and events are happening over the winter holidays. Offer ideas and suggestions!



FOND FAREWELL TO GORD

After 28 years of service to the community, Gord Maddock has retired. We wish to thank Gord for his dedication and commitment to the Town of Morden and wish him well in his retirement.

Welcome to Gerry Leiding, the Facilities Maintenance & Recreation Manager. Gerry can be reached at the Community Services office at 822-5431 or gleiding@mordenmb.com.

ANOTHER STEP TOWARDS A GREENER COMMUNITY - PLEASE REFILL YOUR WATER BOTTLES!



Water bottle fill stations have been installed in the change room areas. Morden Minor Hockey and Michael Sofillas both contributed to installing the station in the Co-op Arena and the Town of Morden installed the station in the Huron Arena.

As a player of the WHL, Michael was able to allocate \$1,000 back to his community arena, for a project of his choice. Thank you Michael.

Startling Water Bottle information:

- The price of bottled water is as much as 10,000 times the cost of tap water.
- 40 per cent of all bottled water is taken from municipal water sources, or tap water.
- 17 million barrels of oil are used in the production of water bottled every year, enough to fuel one million cars for 12 months.
- It takes three times the amount of water to produce the bottle as it does to fill it. (Source: Fastcompany.com)

WONDER HOW THE KIDS ARE STAYING ACTIVE?

Registration numbers for winter activities in the Access Event Centre are:

- Hockey – 230 players
- Figure Skating – 112 skaters
- Gymnastics - 160
- Rec Hockey – 64 players
- (Grades 1–4) 17 players
- (Grades 5–8) 30 players
- (Grades 9–12) 17 players
- Cadets - 40 participants

A TIME TO REFLECT - WHAT A YEAR!

A list of some projects that the Community Services completed in 2011:

- ✓ Completed the painting of the Art Centre building,
- ✓ Completed renovations to the Co-op Gold Arena including a new concrete floor, with new brine lines, painting and lighting system,
- ✓ Installed benches in the Community Hall lobby and Vern's Carpets Play Centre,
- ✓ Upgraded the Fire Alarm Centre to integrate with new sprinkler system and newly constructed areas of the building,
- ✓ Purchased new tables and chairs for the Morden Chiropractic Centre Meeting Room,
- ✓ Purchased an indoor play structure for the Vern's Carpets Play Centre,
- ✓ Constructed a Parks Department Office in the storage area of the Access Event Centre,
- ✓ Repaired the roof of the Huron Window Corporation Arena,
- ✓ Purchased a debris and Leaf Vacuum system for the Parks Department,
- ✓ Completed Creek Bank Stabilization work in partnership with Pembina Valley Conservation District,
- ✓ Completed campground office upgrades in preparation for next camping season,
- ✓ Purchased a used ½ ton truck for the Parks Department,
- ✓ Final renovations and deficiencies were addressed from the construction project and the occupancy permit was obtained for the Access Event Centre.



STAY ACTIVE THROUGH THE WINTER HOLIDAYS

Regular Public Skating with a Gate Fee:

Dec 16, 23, 30
6:45 pm – 8:15 pm

Free Public Skating – sponsored by the Town

Dec. 27, 28, 29, 30 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Jan. 2 – 6 1:00pm – 3:00pm

\$5 Drop in Shinny

Friday, December 23 1:30pm – 2:30pm 12 & under
2:45pm – 3:45pm 13 & up
Friday, December 30 1:30pm – 2:30pm 12 & under
2:45pm – 3:45pm 13 & up
Friday, January 27 1:30pm – 2:30pm 12 & under
2:45pm – 3:45pm 13 & up

SENIOR SHINNY & SENIOR SKATE HOURS

Tuesdays 1:30pm – 2:30pm – no sticks or pucks
Tuesdays 2:30pm – 3:30pm – Shinny
Thursday 10:30am – 11:30am – no sticks or pucks
Thursday 11:30am – 12:30pm – Shinny

Equipment requirements for Shinny: skates, helmet and stick.



COMMUNITY SERVICES

WHO MAKES UP THE COMMUNITY SERVICES?

Community Services is a group of employees that work towards offering services to the Community. Although some of the job duties may seem obvious, others may not. I would like to highlight a different position in each newsletter to inform the community of the staff roles within the department.

Cindy Sager is the Community Services Administrative Support, her main job responsibilities are:

- Schedules ice, working with the user groups including: MMH, Figure Skating, PV Hawks AAA, Redskins, Thunder, Senior/Recreational leagues, School Programs, plus Development Camps, Tournaments and Provincials. Completes rental agreement contracts, invoicing and payments.
- Prepares daily ice schedules for maintenance staff.
- Schedules department programs for Rec Hockey (recruit volunteers, completes registration and monthly deposits for drop-in's and season fee, provides calendars for players) and Parent & Tot, Senior Skate 55 Plus & Senior Shinny 55 Plus and Public Skating (hire and schedule staff and makes monthly calendars for public).
- General office duties, phone calls, reception and customer service.
- Cash collections and deposits including weekly vending machine deposits.
- Invoicing and accounts receivables of services for ice, meeting room, equipment rentals and miscellaneous purchases.
- Inputs rental information into Book King on line system.
- Displays daily ice and meeting room schedules on the Arena Assignment Board.
- Buhler Bleacher Rentals – ensuring proper insurance and damage deposits are in place to include rental agreement contract and invoicing.
- Schedules diamonds and fields for baseball, soccer and flag football including rental agreement contracts, invoicing and collection of payment.
- Provides department program information for the LED sign and Town website calendar.
- Books and ensures proper set-ups for meeting rooms and the foyer for tournaments and hockey camps.
- Completes invoices for naming rights, town bench advertising, MMH Concession Lease Agreement and photocopy usage from user groups.
- Assigns animal traps and collects deposit.



COMMUNITY SERVICES WINTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Access Event Centre - CLOSED
December 25, 26 and January 1

Community Services Office - CLOSED
December 26, 27, January 2

BRING YOUR NOISE MAKERS, WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HOCKEY JERSEY, CHEER ON YOUR TEAMS

Morden High School Thunder Hockey Game in support of Christmas Cheer:

- **December 22** Morden Thunder vs Portage Collegiate Institute @ 1:15 pm in the Huron Window Corporation Arena. All proceeds of the game and day activities will be donated to Morden Christmas Cheer.
- **December 29** Morden Redskins vs Plum Coulee Express @ 8:00 pm, Redskins Hockey Club Kids Day - Sponsored by CO-OP – goodie bags, door prizes and chances to win!



IT'S ALL ABOUT FIRST IMPRESSIONS

Power Smart Manitoba Winter Games 2014
Morden/Stanley/Winkler has submitted a bid to host the 2014

Winter Games. Sport Manitoba will be visiting the communities for a host tour January 12, 2012. Please help us welcome the Sport Manitoba visitors!

DID YOU KNOW?



During our Christmas banquet season our catering staff fed 1900 people, cooked 800 pounds of turkey, 400 pounds of ham, made 1600 meatballs from 150 lbs of hamburger and they baked 1900 pieces of dessert.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- December 31 Friends of Dance - New Years Eve Dance
- January 15 Midget AAA All-Star Game
- January 28 & 29 Gymnastics Competition
- January 30 Blood Donor Clinic
- February 18 Winterfest & Hockey Day in Morden

Wishing you a safe and warm holiday season,

Clare Agnew - Director of Community Services