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Coop Gathers Momentum

By Charles Norman

THE WINNIPEG RIVER CONSUMERS COOP IS PICKING UP SPEED.

At a meeting last week, the steering committee set up to organise a consumers coop for the community, decided to proceed with the development of a business plan and identify alternative sources of financing.

This is expected to be completed by mid April. In the last two weeks of April there will be a series of public meetings throughout the area to be served by the coop.

Plans are for a 15,000 square foot building. (The Northern store is approximately 13,500). The Coop's major focus will be on groceries. It will carry some dry goods for the convenience of members. The capital cost plus stock for this size of operation would be in the order of one and a half million dollars.

The Coop has several financing options. Two organisations are being approached

who may be interested in building the store and leasing it to the coop. This would reduce the money needed to be raised by the coop to roughly 500,000 dollars. Some assistance, in the form of loan guarantees is available from the provincial government.

DEPENDING ON THE LEVEL OF INTEREST from the various communities to be served by the coop, and the type of financing available, it may be found necessary to begin with a smaller building, and expand to the full scale operation at a later date.

The Pine Falls Paper Company has conditionally agreed to make land available to the coop. The major condition being the preparation of a viable business plan.

In the meantime, there has been no progress towards the settlement of the strike at Northern. The Coop will probably go ahead regardless of the results of the Northern dispute.

Iftody gets the nod

Liberal Incumbent faced no opposition

Liberal Party Press Release

NEARLY 300 PRO-UVENCHER LIBERALS gathered at the Dawson Trail Cultural Centre last night to nominate a candidate for the upcoming federal election. The crowd gave a resounding cheer of approval as incumbent David W. Iftody, the only individual to let his name stand, accepted the nomination and was acclaimed the official candidate.

"David Iftody is a man of the people," said Provencher

Liberal Association President Real Tetraault. "I don't think there is another MP in Ottawa who works as hard for his constituents as David works for us, the people of Provencher."

Key note speaker at the event was the Honourable Stephane Dion, President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. Hon. Mr. Dion addressed the issue of Canadian Unity and urged the gathering to give another mandate to Mr. Iftody and to

the Liberal Party of Canada.

Other guests at the meeting included the Honourable Martin Cauchon, Secretary of State, Federal Office of Regional Development for Quebec and Mr. Ron Duhamel, Member of Parliament for St. Boniface.

Mr. Iftody graciously thanked those who had stood by him over the past four years. Outlining some of the major accomplishments made in the constituency, he welcomed the challenge of representing the people of Provencher again in another term.

"We have come a long way in this country over the past four years. I am proud to represent the people of Provencher. I am proud to be a member of Parliament representing you. I appreciate the opportunity to serve again," Mr. Iftody said.

The Federal riding of Provencher has undergone some changes since the last election and Pine Falls will no longer be in that riding. In a future issue The Voice will publish details of new election boundaries for the ridings in our readership area.



Provencher MP David Iftody


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Agassiz School Division waives Immersion fees

Pine Falls parents no longer have to pay for Kindergarten French Immersion

by Don Norman

The Agassiz school board approved the waiving of the non resident fees for French Immersion Kindergarten students provided space is available, says Canadian Parents for French Agassiz-Powerview President Kelly Murray.

Parents used to have to pay \$700 to \$1400 per year to enrol their children in the Kindergarten Immersion classes; a fact which dissuaded many parents from entering their children in French Immersion at all.

"Their kids are playing catch-up," Murray said of the parents who would put their children in the grade one Immersion class without first enrolling them in the Kindergar-

ten program.

Because of the difference in the type of school board, the students from Sagkeeng will not receive the same subsidy when enrolling their children in the program. Private school boards such as Pine Falls and Pinawa are able to benefit from

the ruling, but education authorities such as the one on Sagkeeng are not. A call was put into the School Board offices, but they have yet to answer as to why this difference exists, except by saying it has something to do with the difference in funding structure.

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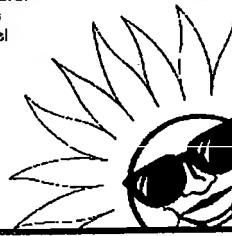
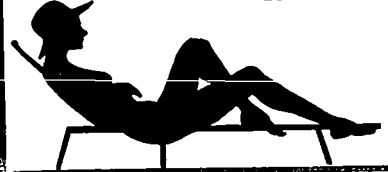


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WINNIPEG RIVER W.L.: meetings thrd Tuesday of every month, 7:00 p.m. Library Allard, St. Georges
POWVIEW LOCAL MMF: Regular Meetings held on the first Thursday of each month - 7:00 pm at the Powerview Arena Meeting Room

PINE FALLS HEALTH AUXILIARY: Meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 1:30 pm
COTTAGE COUNTRY BUSINESS ASSOC.: Meeting - Every first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Ph. 756-2596

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: - Sun Rise Group - Meetings every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Located at Powerview Arena (small centre entrance in front). Last Friday of the month open to the public. Fri. is non-smoking.
PINE FALLS LEGION - Meetings held 2nd Thursday of the month 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall. Meal raffles held at Legion House on Fridays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

PINE FALLS MASONIC LODGE # 154 - meets on second Friday of every month in the Pine Falls United Church. (except June, July, & Aug.)
BADMINTON - Pine Falls School Gym, Sunday & Wednesday nights, 7:00 - 10:00 p.m.

POWVIEW GARBAGE PICKUP every Wed. Recyclable pickup every 1st & 3rd Thurs. of each month.
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WINNIPEG RIVER SENIOR SERVICE INC. Coordinator: Gloria Lafreniere, Office: Pine Falls Health Complex, Telephone: 367-9128, Hours: 8:30 - 12:30 Monday - Friday. Services: Transportation, Home Maintenance, Foot Care, Volunteer Help, Information.

FAMILY CARE GIVER SUPPORT GROUP at the Catholic Church, St. Georges last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
ALANON - The Beaches family group, Tues. 7:30 pm. Ateah Rd. at Hwy. 59.

PINE FALLS LIBRARY - Library hrs. will be from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday.
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Triangle Group in Pine Falls; meeting every Sunday 7:30 - 8:30 at Church of the Advent. 2 Holly St. Every AA member welcome.

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NOTRE DAME DU LAUS: Powerview Sunday Mass: (English) 10:00 am, Saturday eve. (French) 7:30 p.m. & in Stead Sunday 12:00 noon.

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Students from Mr. Augstin's Industrial Arts class pose with an example of their recent creations.

Industrial Arts class builds furniture for new day care

By: T. M. Savoie

Three weeks ago, Pow-

erview School was approached by The Happy Tots Place to build furniture for the new Day Care. Mr. Augstin, Industrial Arts teacher, assigned his grade 10 students the task of mass producing 2 cubbies, 6 table sets and 25 chairs for the new centre.

Mr. Augstin, Mr. Kleyh and the small group of nine students worked furiously for the past three weeks in hopes to be finished by the end of next week. With most of the job done and many of the materials already at the Day Care, their job is almost complete.

The students and teachers did an admirable job with the furniture and should be commended for the time and effort they donated in the making of this project. The community is fortunate to have such outstanding individuals.

The Happy Tots Place would like to send their warmest appreciation to all who were involved in the making of this large project. Anyone interested in donating articles they feel would be useful to the centre, call Carolyn or Iris at 367-2601.

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Opinion

Ontario Government Restructuring....

How might this affect you in your area? It might not, and after hearing what is happening in unorganized territories in north western Ontario, we'd all better hope that our Manitoba politicians don't hear too much about the slash and burn tactics from Toronto. So what's happening you ask?

Well currently the Harris government in Ontario is implementing plans to reduce government and to deliver and tax for services at the local level. It has been announced that the number of municipal and regional governing bodies in the province will be cut in half. School boards will be consolidated and school services will be funded by the province. We all have heard that school tax will no longer be a burden on properties owned by Ontarians, but, and this is a big but, Ontario property owners, in unorganized territory will pay for other services without the help of the province. These services include police and fire protection, ambulance, waste, welfare, long term housing, Health needs and Homecare. The Ontario government has set aside a fund of one hundred million dollars to be used to assist municipalities with unforeseen financial burdens.

A meeting held Saturday, March 15th, under the auspices of the Lake of the Woods Property Owners Association, heard several speakers address an uneasy audience on the topics expressed earlier in this bit of news. The Kenora District Municipal Association which represents the thirteen municipalities within the Kenora provincial electoral district, extending from Ignace to the Manitoba border, and Red Lake in the north, to Sioux Narrows in the south have expressed a preference toward the creation of an upper tier of regional government to cover this large area of unorganized territory. The formation of such a tier would give area residents and seasonal property owners a voice.

The whole idea of removing school tax from property owners was to ease the burden from homeowners, but the Ontario government seems bent on bankrupting them. The Ontario government calls this procedure a transfer of function, but fearful taxpayers call it downloading. The cost of downloading all these other services hardly seems an even split compared to the former cost of school tax loads.

It would seem that Manitobans should watch our own political horizons carefully...it could happen here.

L.S. School Division taxes up... again

Now that you've heard all that cheery news from Ontario, how about our own tax boosters, namely School Boards. The Lord Selkirk School Board have recently raised our education taxes yet again. This time we are told that it is a necessary evil because of an addition of 4.4 teachers which will address increased enrollments. They also tell us that there has been an introduction of computer technology into all schools, and an expansion of French immersion programs into Senior 3, (grade 11) as well as the implementation supports for new and revised curricula for grades K - S 4, as developed by Manitoba Education and Training. Last years budget was \$25,350,505.00, and this year's will be \$26,911,927.00. The mill rate is 15.476. Of course we are told that the provincial average is a mill rate of 17.90. However, since the cost of your taxes are tied to your assessment, as well as the mill rate, using the mill rates of other jurisdictions is like talking apples and oranges. That surely makes us all feel better.

Thank you

The community response to our request for photos and other memorabilia was wonderful!

Because of the overwhelming response and the amount of material that must be covered we will be putting out three consecutive special edition sections in the next three week's newspapers.

Thank you once again for your support

Don Norman
Managing Editor



Pictures like this one of the old Manitoba Paper Company locomotive have been flooding into the Voice office over the past two weeks

Securing the Future of Public Pensions: Reform of the Canada Pension Plan

Provencher Liberal MP David Iftody

In February, Finance Minister Paul Martin introduced legislation to reform the Canada Pension Plan and ensure that it can be counted on by future generations. Equivalent changes will be made to the Quebec Pension Plan.

Following public consultations last spring and a thorough review, the federal, provincial, and territorial finance ministers reached an agreement to reform the CPP, which has given working Canadians a secure plan for retirement income since 1966. The CPP also provides benefits in the event of disability or death.

The CPP has to be reformed, to deal with the challenge of an aging population. The proportion of seniors in the Canadian population will nearly double over the next 35 years, as the baby boomers enter retirement.

According to a 1995 actuarial report, if existing plans for contribution rates and benefits were not changed, the CPP fund would have been exhausted by 2015. The message heard in public consultations was that the CPP must be preserved, by giving it stronger financing, improving its investment practices, and reducing costs. These changes do just that.

To ensure that stability of CPP financing, the reserve fund will be built up to the equivalent of five years of benefits, from the current level of two years. The fund will be invested in a portfolio of securities by an independent investment board, to pay for benefits for future pensioners.

Contribution rates on pensionable earnings will rise from 5.8 per cent to no more than 9.9 per cent over the next six years, and then remain stable. If we waited longer to raise

rates, they would have to rise to more than 14 per cent. Contributions are paid in equal shares by workers and employers.

CPP benefits will continue to be fully indexed to inflation. The ages for early, normal and late retirement also remain unchanged. Certain changes to benefits will make the plan fairer and more accountable. To more accurately reflect a worker's income, benefits will be calculated using the average of the last five years of pensionable earnings, rather than the current average of three years.

Disability payments will be reserved for those who have made contributions in four of the six years preceding disability, and based on pensionable earnings at the time that disability occurs. All contributors and beneficiaries will not affect present beneficiaries of the CPP or anyone aged 65 or over on December 31, 1997.

With these changes, the government is securing the future of the CPP, one of the three pillars of Canada's retirement income system. The CPP is meant to replace a portion of pre-retirement earnings, and complements the two other pillars: the Seniors Benefit, which in 2001 will replace both Old Age Security and the Guaranteed Income Supplement, and private savings through RRSPs and other private pension plans.

These reasonable steps will ensure that the CPP is sustainable, fair across generations, and affordable in the future. With the new CPP and the Seniors Benefit, Canada has done more than any other country to prepare its public pension system to meet the challenge of an aging society.

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BEACHES BUZZES

by L. Neal
Sunshine!!!

Aren't these long sunny days wonderful? Imagine having daylight to the dinner hour and beyond. Imagine how our spirits will soar when daylight saving comes into effect in a few weeks! Studies have been done which show that the human spirit definitely reacts to sunlight or the lack of sunlight. We could have told them couldn't we, and it wouldn't have cost buckets of money. Gardening anyone?...

Getting antsy about your garden? Be it flowers, fruit or veggies, the seed catalogues are getting a work out. Around our house, the other half "doesn't do gardening" so yours muddily prepares elaborate sketches of plants that might look great here or there in my various spots in the yard. Much planning goes into all my efforts, and usually about half of it is accomplished. Somehow though, it looks pretty nice until the weeds start taking over. That's just about the time the pleasure of being out in the yard 'gardening' becomes 'work' and 'drudgery.' There's probably a truism in there somewhere.

There are many gardening types who start their plants indoors themselves in the spring. It's always amazing to me that these plants actually survive and even grow! Many a spring at our house, seeds

Open to all seniors 55 and up, you are welcome to bring a guest. All meals are \$4.00 each. Meals are at 12:00 noon on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Your name must be put on the list the day before by calling Silver Haven at 367-4620 between 8-10 or by calling Bernice Phillips at 367-8369. All meals include tea or coffee, juice and buns.

SILVER HAVEN MEALS

Monday, March 24
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Wednesday, March 26
Soup, Stuffed seafood pita, turkey and apple bake, Blueberry cheese cake.

Friday, March 28
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and little planting boxes are purchased, planted, watered, placed in sunny locations, but all that comes up are spindly, tiny seedlings that don't survive. There must be a reason for my failures. Just as surely there must be a way to do the spring starting we don't know about.

Like Music?.....

If you like music and have an evening to spare, there's a Kidney Benefit planned for Sunday, March 23rd, at Trinity Thalberg Lutheran Church at 7:00 P.M. This is a wonderful evening of entertainment featuring a variety of artists that the whole family can enjoy. Coffee and a light lunch of sandwiches and dainties will

also be offered at the conclusion of the program. There is no admission charge, simply a free will offering - you avail yourselves of an envelope and make a donation to the Kidney Foundation of Manitoba. It's tax deductible too. The people of Trinity Thalberg are terrific and welcome everyone with open arms. The musical program and performers will leave you wanting more...make plans to come and listen. Don't know how to get there?...take highway 12 south toward Beausejour, watch for the sign (Road 94 N, not far past Sherwood Forest store at the junction of Stead Road) that tells you the church is one mile east. Turn left and travel that mile and you're there. Come early.

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Agassiz Arts Festival

The eighteen annual Agassiz Festival of the Arts will take place April 28th-May 2nd. Festival Highlights Concert featuring winning performances will be May 14th at Lac du Bonnet Senior School.

The goal of our festival is to nurture and promote all of the performing arts for the enrichment of cultural life in children are involved in any of the arts and would like the opportunity to perform for an audience and receive professional adjudication, consider entering the festival.

The speech arts segment of the festival has classes in spoken poetry, drama, dramatic read-

ing, and public speaking. There are competitions for all areas of musical performance. Dance classes include a variety of forms from ballet to folk and choreographed modern numbers. Selections may be from the provincial syllabus (available at the schools or from Clara Thurmeler) or your own choice.

Festival applications may be obtained at your local school. Please return completed applications to Clara Thurmeler, Box 822, Lac du Bonnet, MB, R0E 1A0. Entry deadline is March 15th. Late applications will not be accepted.

PUBLIC QUOTATION CRUSHING GRAVEL

The Rural Municipality of Alexander will receive quotations to crush and stockpile 5,000 cubic yards of traffic gravel "Class B" (according to highways specifications) from Milner Ridge Pit LS 12, Section 23-14-10E/Old Pinawa Dam area. Work is to be completed within a specific time frame as set out by the Rural Municipality of Alexander contract.

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Sealed quotations marked "Crushing Quotation" will be received until 4:30, April, 1997 at the following address:

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER
BOX 100
ST. GEORGES, MANITOBA
R0E 1V0
ATTENTION: ROSE MARIE BLANCHETTE
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Crisis Looms over North Eastman Emergency Departments

The physicians in two major emergency departments of the North Eastman Region are asking for stipend or seasonal fee for emergency room service which is an accepted practice in several other communities in the province and the rest of the country. Negotiations between local Health Boards have been unsuccessful. A recent meeting with the North Eastman Health Association Board are also unsuccessful. At present the physicians have decided to discontinue all Emergency Services at Pine Falls Health Complex and Beausejour have very serious complications, especially in the Pine Falls area where the Selkirk (which would be the nearest Emergency Department). Unfortunately negotiations over the last few years have been unsuccessful. We want the communities to be aware of the situation and to get involved in the decision making. At present the physicians are expected to be available after office hours during the week and for forty-eight hours on the weekends with sometimes very little remuneration. Recently in Pine Falls a physician was expected to be on call for 5 out of 7 days.

The local Representatives on the North Eastman Health Association Board of Directors are: Brad Robertson, Lorraine Neal, and Ken Cowie.

With the recent arrival of new physicians, we are in a position to build one of the most successful medical practices in rural Manitoba but we need the support of the community and the North Eastman Health Association. We now have no local functioning Board to negotiate with and we depend on the support of the community. We tried everything possible to avoid closure of the emergency services but unfortunately it has come to this deadline. At present the physicians are requesting \$200.00 for on-call service during the twenty-four hours on weekends, which our colleagues in Beausejour are receiving after closure of their Emergency Room and a meeting with the new Health Minister Dariusz Praznik.

This community deserves no less than any other community in Manitoba. We are still hopeful that an agreement can be reached before April 1st.

Blue Water Medical Group

Unusually high flood potential for Winnipeg River

Flows of the Winnipeg River this winter have been among the very highest on record, reflecting abundant rain late last autumn and heavy snow early this winter. The spring flood potential is unusually high. However, past records show that the Winnipeg River seldom floods from snowmelt alone. The amount of spring rain will be a deciding factor as to whether serious flooding develops on the Winnipeg River. Median spring weather would not likely produce significant flooding along the river in Manitoba. Upper decile spring weather (one in ten chance) could produce a 1974 type of spring flood with peak stages

just slightly lower than those of the great autumn flood of 1992. The spring flood potential is primarily a function of the following factors: 1. Soil

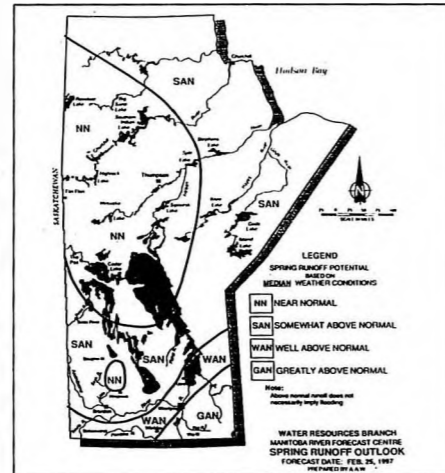
Moisture Levels and Depth of Frost, 2. Snow Accumulations, 3. Rapidity of Snowmelt, 4. Amount and Timing of Spring Rain.

The thickness of river ice is also important for certain stream locations where ice jamming often contributes to spring peak stages. Ice thicknesses are significantly less this year than in 1996. Snow clogged conditions on drains, ditches and small streams may contribute to localized flooding. Many small waterways are heavily snow clogged this year due to heavy blowing snow.

The date of break-up can also be very important. A late melt (mid April or later) allows time for additional snow and increases the likelihood of a rapid melt and heavy spring rain. The widespread heavy snowcover this year favours a late break-up since the snowpack is likely to survive early mild spells. However, very unusual weather could still result in an early melt.

Snowcover and soil moisture are well above average in the Manitoba portion as well as in the western half of the Ontario portion of the watershed. The headwater areas of Ontario appear to have a relatively lower runoff potential, although still above average.

Lake Winnipeg will likely reach the top of its operating range, 715.0 feet under normal weather conditions. The level could be a half foot or so lower or higher if the weather is favourable or unfavourable.



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FACTS ON DRINKING WATER

With the definite possibility of high water levels this spring as a result of heavy winter snowfall, the public of rural Manitoba must be made aware of the possibility of contamination of the water supplies. This does not mean contamination will happen, but only that care should be taken if high water occurs.

Cryptosporidiosis is one parasite that is waterborne, and could cause problems to the vulnerable residents of rural communities using surface water for drinking.

Cryptosporidiosis (Crypto)...

What is it? How do You Get It?...

Crypto is an illness caused by a very small parasite, *Cryptosporidium parvum*.

Crypto may be present in the bowel movements (feces) of infected animals and people. It is spread when feces contaminate water, or, less commonly food that people drink or eat. Animal droppings from livestock, wild animals or pets may wash into rivers, creeks or lakes. These surface waters are the source of drinking water in many ar-

ea in Manitoba. Current methods for treating drinking water do not always remove this hardy parasite. Well water is usually not affected. Crypto can also be spread by handling infected animals or fecally contaminated objects without hand washing. Day

can be spread by sexual practices involving contact with feces. Rarely, spread can happen through contact with contaminated water while swimming.

Who Gets Crypto?

Anyone can get it. For people whose immune systems

cludes persons with HIV/AIDS, cancer and transplant patients taking immunosuppressive drugs and people with genetically weakened immune systems.

What Are The Symptoms?

Not everyone who is infected will get sick. Symptoms which start 2 - 10 days after exposure, may include watery diarrhea, stomach

precautions particularly before eating or preparing food.

2. Practice safer sex. (avoid fecal contact)

3. Don't drink untreated water directly from rivers, creeks or lakes and don't prepare food or drinks with untreated water.

4. Don't use unpasteurized milk or milk products

5. People with weakened immune systems should consider taking extra care.

6. Boiling drinking water vigorously for one minute kills Crypto (and kills the parasite Giardia that causes "beaver fever" diarrhea).

Boiled drinking water should be stored covered in the fridge. Boiled water is recommended over bottled water and water filtration devices. Bottled water quality is variable, and filters may lose effectiveness if not cared for properly.

Improved water testing to better detect Crypto is being investigated. More effective drinking water treatment for parasites is a priority for many communities that use surface water sources. The risk of getting Crypto from municipally treated drinking water in Manitoba is low.

More Information?

Many things cause diarrhea. If you have persistent diarrhea you should see your physician. If you want additional information about Crypto, please contact your physician or your local public health office at 367-2224.

Material courtesy of Environmental Management, Manitoba Health. Compiled and edited by Lorraine Neal.



The Winnipeg River (above) is normally safe to drink from but because of high snowfalls this winter, Manitoba Health is advising caution this Spring.

care and hospitals are the most common places for person to person spread. Crypto

are not working properly, the infection may be more serious and last longer. This list in-

cramps, nausea, vomiting and mild fever. Illness may come and go for up to 30 days and usually ends on its own. No medication is available to cure Crypto. Severe illness is managed by rehydration (fluids) under the care of a physician.

How Can I Protect Myself From Crypto?

- 1) Wash your hands well after
- a) using the toilet
- b) changing diapers
- c) handling animals

Be sure to practice these

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Health

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Fibromyalgia.... (Fibrositis) Syndrome

The term "fibrositis" was first used to describe individuals who had specific acutely sensitive, or tender points in their necks and backs. The term "fibrositis" was coined by a British physician Sir William R. Gowers. Gowers speculated that there must be inflammation of the muscle fibres or subcutaneous (under the skin) tissues around the muscles.

Symptoms and Diagnosis.....

Fibromyalgia patients suffer from a generalized aching in muscles and joints in at least three different parts of the body. The pain can last from weeks to months to years and is often accompanied by a non restorative sleep pattern. When deep non dreaming sleep is disturbed by pain or anxiety, an individual will suffer from persistent fatigue and never feel truly rested no matter how many hours are spent asleep. In fact experiments have shown that when deep restorative sleep is disturbed, pain, stiffness and tenderness will develop much more readily. It is unclear at the present time whether the sleep disturbance, so common in people with primary Fibromyalgia syndrome, is a consequence or a cause of the chronic muscular aching.

Patients also experience "referred" pain from the neck and lower back. Understanding the concept of referred pain requires understanding a bit about how the brain works. The human brain is not equipped to provide detailed information about deep sites within the body. One can easily visualize the hands involved in some type of activity, because they are richly represented in the cerebral cortex - the areas of your brain that store your mental "body image." But deep structures such as the joints of your spine are not represented in your cerebral cortex and are not part of your brain's body image. Thus, the site of origin of deep pain cannot actually be

located by the brain and must be referred - that is, misrepresented by the brain as arising from some other part of the body that is represented in the cerebral cortex. Consequently, the pain is misplaced, and so are the body's reflex protective reactions, such as muscle spasm and tenderness.

Many characteristic tender points have been identified that guide the physician and help in diagnosis. Most people with primary Fibromyalgia syndrome will suffer from several of these fibrositic tender points. Pain and tenderness can occur in such places as the muscle between the neck and the shoulder, the muscles over the upper chest, the outer elbow and the fat pads on the inner side of the knees, as well as the buttocks. The same sites become tender in both regional pain syndrome and generalized Fibromyalgia.

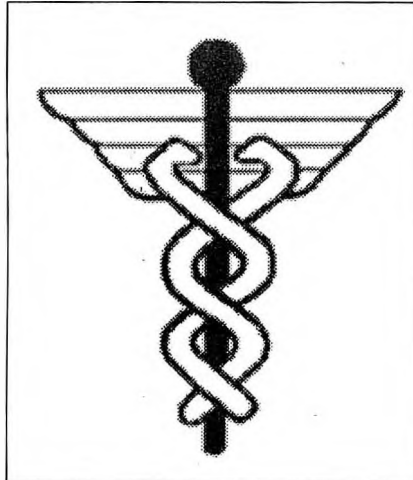
Surprisingly, and individually may not even realize these spots hurt until pressure is applied to them, because the more widespread aching tends to mask the acutely painful tender points. It is significant that the tender points are unknown to the individual and often quite far from the site of referred pain, since the pattern of tender points cannot be exaggerated for any reason related to his or her psychological state. Clinical experience has shown that these points can be excruciatingly painful, similar to a joint that is chronically inflamed from rheumatoid arthritis.

Other symptoms associated with primary

Fibromyalgia syndrome are tingling and numbness in different body parts, and irritable bowel.

Accepted Symptoms of Primary Fibromyalgia Syndrome....

- discrete tender points at specific body sites
- widespread aching
- disturbance of non dreaming sleep
- sensations of numbness and tingling
- chronically irritable bowel



Treatment...

At present, Fibromyalgia is a chronic condition, for which there is no cure. Indeed, some patients may have to cope with pain of varying degrees of intensity for the rest of their lives; others may go into partial or complete remission of symptoms after a few weeks, months or years. Because of the chronic pain, lifestyle changes are inevitable. Consequently, a physician and patient will work together to develop a coping strategy that is tailored to the individual's needs. For example, if daily tasks such as housecleaning or cooking are

identified as painful to perform, then alternative approaches are explored until a practical solution is found. Stress management is equally important, and patients are taught how they can have some control over painful stimuli.

Medication is used to assist patients in developing their personal coping strategies - never simply on its own. Certain antidepressants in very low doses are sometimes useful at bedtime in helping patients achieve restorative sleep. Other medications, such as muscle relaxants and non narcotic analgesics, are also prescribed at times. However, these drugs provide no long term answer to primary Fibromyalgia; they are most helpful in combination with a personalized physiotherapy program aimed at muscle strengthening and increasing stamina.

A physiotherapy program is not always easy for patients to follow, because muscles may not have been used and are already painful. Exercise may make the muscles even more painful, which can be discouraging at first. Studies have shown that if a Fibromyalgia patient perseveres through the first six to eight weeks of a treatment program, there will usually be improvement. Personal motivation is crucial to the patient's getting through this initial painful period. Family and friends can play an important support role when they are counselled on how to keep an individual motivated and committed to the program.

The most common sites generating referred pain are the neck and lower back. Unfortunately, the base of the neck is one of those sites unknown to the brain, so correct diagnosis is not intuitively obvious. Because stress during sleep can hurt the neck, this can pose a particular problem for those people suffering from a non restorative sleep pattern. The vicious cycle of neck pain, disturbed sleep and pain amplification may develop so that regional symptoms initiated by an injury may become widespread and chronic. The remedy is smooth continuous support from ribs to neck to skull. The low back is vulnerable when it is locked into a "sway-back" position. May patients with this condition have weak abdominal muscles and are doomed to recurring low back pain, unless they make the effort to strengthen those muscles, which act as a "girdle" and keep the lower spine in proper position.

Prognosis... Unlike osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis, no long term anatomical abnormalities or deformities will result from Fibromyalgia. The prognosis for the many Canadians who suffer from the condition is positive. The key to successful treatment is personal motivation and continued effort to develop an overall coping style that improves function and diminishes the impact of pain. Experience has shown that when Fibromyalgia patients comply with a prescribed treatment plan, they benefit tremendously and their quality of life improves significantly.

Canadian clinical researchers have contributed enormously to medicine's understanding and treatment of Fibromyalgia, and continue to do so. As conclusive answers emerge, treatment methods will be refined further and perhaps new ones identified.

For more information about Fibromyalgia, or arthritis, please contact the Arthritis Society Office, in Winnipeg at 386 Broadway Ave., Suite 105, R3C 3R6, or telephone the toll free number at 1-800-321-1433.

Material courtesy of the Arthritis Society. Compiled and edited by Lorraine Neal

Sports

Local girls head to National Ringette Championships

by T.M. Savole

March 2, 1997, Eastman Junior Ringette team won the Provincials with a glorious 9-3 victory. Now Team Manitoba is moving on to the Nationals which will be located in Montreal April 5th - April 13th.

Eight girls in the surrounding community are on the Eastman team. The girls on the Junior team going are Angie Roberts, Amy Marun, Crystal Tardiff, D'Arcy Lower and Alanna Forsyth. For the Bells Charlene Farmer

Eastman Flames burn opposition

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THE EASTMAN FLAMES WERE ON FIRE AT THE Provincial 'AA' Ringette Championships February 28 - March 2 in Steinbach, virtually dominating the provincial championship on their home turf.

Playing in front of upwards of 500 fans Sunday afternoon, the Flames skated to three gold medals in the Tweens, Junior and Deb Divisions. The Eastman Juniors and Eastman Debs now qualify for the Canadian Ringette Championships, April 5-13 in Montreal. The Tweens are the youngest age group. Tweens do not compete at the nationals.

Three Eastman teams, three provincial champions, not a bad record. A total of 18 teams took part in the five age groups. Eastman did not enter teams in the Belle or Intermediate Divisions.

The most dramatic and exciting finishes came in the Deb and Tween championships as they kicked off the triple gold frenzy in front of the large and enthusiastic crowds.

The Debs, under coaches Leon Morrissette and Dawn Hiebert, won their first two games of the championship, blasting interlake 13-2 and defeated the APFG Sixers 3-1. But the Flames lost the A-side final in a heart breaker, dropping a 7-6 decision to the Bonivital Angels.

Relegated to the B-side, Eastman defeated the Sixers 5-3, to get another crack at the Angels in and A-B final. But the Flames had to beat them twice to earn a trip to Montreal. That is exactly what they did, in emotional fashion, winning the first game 6-5 to force a deciding game, which Eastman won 4-3. In the first game of the finals Dominique Carriere and Gaetane Managre scored two goals each.

In the second game of the finals Candace Dueck and Jamie Penner were the heroes as Eastman won 4-3. Dueck scored the

and Danielle Fenez for the Debs.

Ed Forsyth, President of the Manitoba Ringette Association, says that team spirits are high and they have a very good chance of winning and becoming Team Canada.

In order to pay for the trip, the team has been working hard doing many fund-raising activities and the rest will be paid for by the players.

Practices are being bumped up to 3 to 4 times a week in preparation for the big day.



Eastman Flames - Provincial 'AA' Deb Champs

The Eastman Flames captured the Provincial 'AA' Deb Ringette championship, held Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 at Steinbach. Eastman will now be the Manitoba Deb rep at the Canadian Ringette Championships, April 5-13 at Montreal. Members of the team are, front row: Dominique Carriere, Gaetane Managre, Jamie Penner, Debbie Koop, Danielle Hobday and Danielle Fenez. Back row: Sandra Hobday (manager), Danielle Managre, Candace Dueck, Lori Mae Doerksen, Lynn Morrissette, Suzanne Dyck, Didi Daman, Leon Morrissette (coach) and Dawn Hiebert (asst. coach).



Eastman Flames - Provincial 'AA' Junior champs

The Eastman Flames captured the Provincial 'AA' Junior Ringette championship, held Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 at Steinbach. Eastman will now be the Manitoba Junior rep at the Canadian Ringette Championships, April 5-13 at Montreal. Members of the team are, front row: Leanne Dyck, Crystal Tardiff, Nicole Gandrau, Jenn Oakley, Angie Robert and Christy Pylypyuk. Middle row: D'Arcy Lower, Amy Martin, Danielle Penner, Mel Dugard and Lisa Daman. Back row: Carol Dyck (asst. coach), Danielle Hobday (coach), Barry Hobday (coach), Jayne Kirsch, Alanna Forsyth, Brooke Osis, Manon Carriere, Christine Dueck, Mike Carriere (coach) and Adele Penner.



Eastman Flames - Provincial 'AA' Tween champs

The Eastman Flames captured the Provincial 'AA' Tween Ringette championship, held Feb. 28 - Mar. 2 at Steinbach. Members of the team are, front row: Valeria Bohemier, Rachel Gervais, Carly Sloan, Francine Fontaine, Jen Barkman, Shana Friesen, Abby Forsyth, Lauren Jackson and Stacey Lower. Back row: Dominique Carriere (trainer), Vince Keenan (manager), Courtney Martin, Karl MacLellan, Katherine Skoleski, Giselle Keenan, Mandy Nordstrom, Jolene Reimer, Carly Gorham, Brittany Chaput, Tara Berthelette, Ed Forsyth (coach) and Kirk Gorham (coach). Above photos courtesy of the Steinbach Carillon

Sports



Front Row - Rick Fontaine, Corey Courchene, Julian Guimond, Sean Bunn, Josh Henderson, Greg (Smokis) Herdtler. Back Row - Coach Paul Guimond, Gamella Courchene, Lou Bruyere, Leo Courchene, Garry Swampy Jr., Ryan Gerard, Asst. Coach Rod Bunn Jr., Jay Courchene. Missing - Larry Canard Jr., Anthony (Brock) Swampy, Anthony Bruyere, and Asst. Coach Darryl Spence.

Sagkeeng Hawks win Provincial Atoms 'C' Championship

Congratulations Sagkeeng Hawks for capturing the Provincial Atoms C Championship. The Sagkeeng Hawks were the long shot team winning the championship. They had been defeated by St. Annes Aces in the preliminary rounds 2 games straight by a 1 goal margin in the first game and 2 goals in the second game. Pineview and Sagkeeng were co-hosts of the Provincial Tournament and unfortunately one had to be the host team. As such there was a play off between the two co-hosts with Pineview winning the first game and the Hawks winning the next two games. This decided Sagkeeng Hawks being the hosts. It was an exciting tournament to watch having Sagkeeng Hawks being the hosts. It was an exciting tournament to watch having the best from each region represented.

Sagkeeng Hawks played two games in the seating round, the first game being at Sagkeeng Arena 9:00 a.m. Saturday against Shoal Lake who represented Yellowhead Region. The tournament started with a salute to the flag with O'Canada and followed by the flag song from Eric Courchene with his hand drum.

We had the Chief Jerry Fontaine drop the first official puck for the tournament. The

first game ended with the Hawks defeating Shoal Lake by a score of 9-5. The second game was against Leaf Rapids (Norman Region) with the Hawks winning by a score of 10-2. Sunday the Hawks ended 2nd place overall in the standings with Ashern Hornets in first place. This put them in a bye position of to having to play at 9:00 a.m. that morning, waiting for the winners of St. Annes Aces and Leaf Rapids. St. Annes being the winners of that game made it very interesting for fans knowing the Hawks had played St. Annes before. In front of 300 plus fans the Hawks got their revenge by defeating St. Annes 5-2. This was an exciting game for the fans.

In the final game it was Ashern Hornets the first place team overall also the biggest against the Hawks. The Hawks looked like midgets compared to them, at this point nobody was going to get in the Hawks way of a Provincial Championship as they defeated Ashern 5-1 with about 400 fans cheering them on with blow horns, sirens, bells, and noise makers. This was the first time a Provincial Tournament came to Sagkeeng making the Hawks very emotional.

The following week they played Pineview in the North-

eastern Manitoba Minor Hockey League Championship. They had two games to decide Sagkeeng Hawks the champions for the third year in a row for this group of boys, the coaching staff and also the proud and very supportive parents.

We would like to thank all the fans for their support. It was the first team put together to represent Sagkeeng in the Northeastern league and from there the seed was planted and it grew to about 120 kids now involved in minor hockey. From there we will have more Championship teams.

We would like to thank all the parents that have helped in the raffles, 50/50 draws and concession stand. A special thanks to Ray Hemtler for co-ordinating the parent support. As Sagkeeng and Pineview we have a lot to be proud of by working together to promote the talents we have in our communities and by working in unity only our kids will benefit.

Thank You / Kiche-Meegwetch,
Paul Guimond, Coach.

Powerview girls curling team falls to Beausejour in zone playdowns Team just misses provincials

Powerview School entered both a boys team and a girls team in the qualifying playdown held in Pine Falls. The girls team was skipped by Tammy Oman who was supported by Tanya Earle, Deanna Cyr and Mackenzie Kein. The boys team was skipped by Chad Thompson who was supported by Jeremy Anderson, Robert Duff and Travis Trethart.

In the preliminary playdowns held at Pine Falls Curling Club the boys team finished in a 3-way tie for first in the round robin playdown. How-

Pineview Petites head to Provincials

Ringette News by Roger Lavallee

Another Pineview team is headed for the Provincials. Our Petites team have captured the Eastman B Championship and will head for Hamiota later this month to compete for the Provincial B

Championship. Once having captured the Eastman title they had to play a two game series against continued on page 11



One of the Pineview Saintes gets ready to shoot on the Steinbach goalie in the second of two exhibition games between the 'A' and 'B' level champions. Pineview lost the first game 8-4 but rallied to win the second 7-5.

High School Hockey round-up

The year is coming to a close. The team currently stands in 16th place, with a record of 6-13-1. In the thirteen losses, seven of them have been by only one goal.

Overall, the boys have learned many valuable lessons this year. The team can be very proud of their accomplishments this year. Self discipline is a characteristic that some boys need to work on.

A group of forty screaming

fans travelled to the city on Monday, February 24th to see the boys play against St. John's Ravenscourt. Thanks for your support and to Ms. Campbell and Mrs. Pam Tardiff for supervising; the trip.

Ryan Chevrefils was selected to the East All Star Team and played at the Max Bell Centre on January 25th. The East defeated the West and then went on to play in Kenora. Congratulations Ryan!

St. Georges Sand Bag News

Mens highest game:	Womens highest game:
1. Robert Chevrefils 8430	1. Marguerite Boyer 7390
2. Carolus Vincent 7590	2. Maguy Sirieix 7090
3. Alex Kalynchuk 7520	3. Ginette Vincent 6930

Highest Square
1. Colette Vincent 1190
2. Edgar Vincent 1220

Most 300's -	Colette Vincent - 25
Team Points	
1. Jos Vincent 62	5. Henri Desautels 42
2. Horace Nault 60	6. Edgar Vincent 38
3. Jeanne Lavoie 59	7. Florence Windsor 27
4. Victor Vincent 44	8. Philip Bouthillier 9

Sports

Pine Falls Tumblers' Gymnastics Club Grand Finale on March 25

On Tuesday, March 25th, 7 p.m., the public is invited to attend the Grand Finale, our last event of the season. It will be held in the gym at the Powerview School.

This has been a very successful year. The club is very fortunate to have Rick Anderson, from Oakbank, coaching. He, along with assistant coaches, Laurie Dube, Colleen Chevrefils, Jade and Teresa Cowan, Simone Dugard and Cara Bourgeois, have provided a fun, safe program. Unfortunately, this is Laurie's last year coaching, she has been a dedicated assistant and the club will miss her.

We must thank the local businesses for their support; with their help and the cooperation of

the staff at the Powerview School we are able to provide an excellent program with the best equipment and finest facilities.

Many thanks also go to the



parents and community, with their continued support regarding fund-raising, we are able to carry on providing our children with a quality recreational gymnastics program.

Although we are largely a recreational club, the gymnasts did participate in competitions

and have done extremely well in Pinawa February 16th, Whitmouth February 23rd for the Eastman competition, and March 8th for the provincial competition. The following is a list of the results from these competitions. Congratulations, the club is proud of all gymnasts who participated.

Pinawa: 7 yrs. old Gold: Jean-Paul Magnon, 8 & 9 yrs. old: Gold - Jeffrey Gaffrey, 10 yrs. old: Gold - Mark Terry.

Level 1: Silver - Cater Steinke, Level 2: Gold - Adam Chevrefils, Silver - Vince Lavoie, Bronze - Chad Houston.

And for the 2nd year in a row the boys have received the team trophy for placing 1st all round in the Eastman region. Way to go!!

Whitmouth: Beginner 7 yrs. old: Bronze - Kayla Lussier, Beginner 8 yrs. old: Silver - Jessica Head, Bronze - Bronwyn Prince, Beginner 9 yrs. old: Gold - Rachael Billings, Silver - Nicole Boulet, Bronze - Holly James.

Intermediate 7-9 yrs. old: Silver - Shasta Turner, Intermediate 14 yrs and up: Silver - Jeanesse Bourgeois.

Advanced 9-11 yrs. old: Gold - Tanya Herutier, Silver - Heidi Grant.

Eastman Club Trophy for highest points: Tumblers ranked 2nd highest.

Brandon: Beginner 7-8 yrs. old: Bronze - Jenna Pachkowsky, Level 1, 9 & under: Gold Jeffrey Gaffrey, Silver - Jean-Paul Magnon.

So, on behalf of all our gymnasts, we invite you to attend our last class. It will be a display of their routines and what they have accomplished throughout the year. See you on the 25th!

Varsity Girls Basketball

The varsity girls basketball team have been working very hard for League playoffs which will be held on March 10th. They are also going to Zones on March 8th. Miss Hales would like to thank the parents for supporting the girls during their games, and the girls who have put a great deal of time and effort into the play. Team members are Stephanie Dube, Stephan Gunter, Stephanie McLer, Monique Bouvier, Stephanie Nault, Cara Dugard, Simone Dugard, Carrie Paukovi, Melanie Dugard and Renee Fenez.



Stephanie Tardiff holds up the Eastman Petite B trophy awarded at last week's game against the Steinbach A level team. They head to the Provincials later this month.

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Steinbach an 'A' level team. I'm not sure why they had to play the series but it was part of the Eastman Petites play-off format. Pineview lost the first game 8-4 but fought hard in the second game winning 7-5. Stephanie Tardiff scored the go ahead goal on a short handed effort then added the insurance goal later in the game. Jackie Johnston also played well in that two game series. Fund raising for their trip to the nationals this month has kept a few of our Pineview 'AA' players busy. These girls have worked hard to get to the nationals and need financial support to cover the travelling cost associated with going to the nationals and being held in Montreal next month. Thanks

to the continued support from the community the girls are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel so to speak, but the community's financial support is still needed. Pineview is being represented at the nationals at the Junior 'AA' level by D'arcy Lower, Alana Forsyth, Amy Martin, Melanie Dugard, Angie Roberts, Brook Osis, and Crystal Tardiff. So when these girls come knocking on your door for support you'll know that your donation will be supporting youth from our community. Pineview is being well represented at the Provincials later this month by our Petites, Tweens, and Belles. I wish all of them success in the Provincials. Have a great week!

Manitoba

Notice of Environment Act Proposal

The Department of Environment has received a proposal pursuant to the Manitoba Environment Act from the following operator and invites public participation in the review process:

LAKE WINNIPEG EAST FOREST ACCESS ROAD - PHASE 2 (FILE: 4122-80)

A Proposal filed by the Pine Falls Paper Company (PFPC) for the construction of an extension of the forest resource located on the east side of Lake Winnipeg in Township 31 and 32, Range 6 EPM, beginning at a point approximately 1 km south of the Bloodvein River to an area approximately three kilometres north of Longbody Creek. The road forms an extension of the current Rice River Road right-of-way that joins Provincial Road 394 east of Manitoba.

PFPC has filed an Environmental Assessment of the Bloodvein River and Longbody Creek crossings in support of their Environment Act Proposal for the road extension.

Anyone likely to be affected by the above operation and who wishes to make a representation either for or against the proposal should contact the Department, in writing, not later than APRIL 14, 1997. Upon receipt of any notification, the Department may request a public hearing to be held and the concerned persons will be notified. Further information is available from the Public Registries located at the Centennial Public Library, 251 Donald St., Winnipeg; the Manitoba Eco-Network, 2nd Floor - 70 Albert Street, Winnipeg; the Treaty & Aboriginal Rights Research Centre of Manitoba Inc., 153 Lombard Ave., Suite 300, Winnipeg; the Bibliothèque Allard, Rm. 14 St. Georges Community Centre, St. Georges and the Bloodvein First Nations Office, Bloodvein Reserve or by contacting Mr. Bryan Blunt at 945-7085.

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALEXANDER HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN ST. GEORGES, MANITOBA ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1997 AT 2:00 P.M.

Present: Ken Danwich, Reeve
Doug Neal, Councillor Ward I
Nick Roman, Councillor Ward II
Alex Kalynchuk, Councillor Ward III
Sandy Kapehuch, Councillor Ward IV
Also present: Rose-Marie Blanchette, Chief Administrative Officer
Gary Hatky, Public Works Foreman

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present Reeve Danwich called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M.

READING AND CONFIRMING OF MINUTES

Resolution No 5897
Motion: Doug Neal - Doug Neal BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 11/97 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

Resolution No 5997
Motion: Nick Roman - Nick Roman BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of February 10/97 be adopted as circulated. Carried. Resolution No 6097
Motion: S. Kapehuch - Nick Roman BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of February 18/97 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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HEARING DELEGATIONS

3:00 P.M. Miles Ritger and Dave Doolan - Manitoba Assessment Branch appeared before Council to explain the 1998 reassessment and the tax impact it will have on the Municipality. There is an overall increase in assessment of 3.77%. Assessment notices will be going out this week to everybody in the Municipality. A "Meet the Assessor Day" will be held on April 9, 1997 from 10:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. in the Committee Room of the R. M. of Alexander.

3:40 P.M. Gordon Chackery and Mrs. Hildebrandt - Drainage Ward II Mr. Chackery and Mrs. Hildebrandt appeared before Council in regards to drainage concerns. They have been advised by the Department of Water Resources that the Stead Drain will no longer be opened in the Spring. They inquired as to what plans the Municipality is considering. They advised that it is difficult to sustain their operations with the water problem they have every Spring. Council advised them that they will schedule a meeting with the Department of Water Resources to discuss this issue as soon as possible.

Resolution No 6397
Motion: S. Kapehuch - A. Kalynchuk BE IT RESOLVED that Councillor Nick Roman be authorized to attend a meeting with Water Resources AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an indemnity of \$80.00 be paid to each member of Council attending as well as mileage as per indemnity by-law 1283. Carried.

4:00 P.M. Jean Dupont - St. Georges Museum
Mr. Dupont appeared before Council to officially request a grant on behalf of the St. Georges Museum.

4:15 P.M. Margaret Nichol and Dawn Maguire - Shining Waters Heritage Region, appeared before Council to present a video detailing their group's activities over the past year and to request a letter of support from Council.
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4:40 P.M. L. Pommer - Gies a grant for 1997. Mrs. Pommer was advised her requests will be considered during the 1997 Budget deliberations.

7:00 P.M. Public Meeting - Village of Powerview Annexation proposal. Eleven ratepayers affected by the annexation proposal submitted by the Village of Powerview were in attendance for an informational Public Meeting regarding the above noted issue. Reeve Danwich gave a brief summary of the results of meeting held on February 20, 1997, between the Village of Powerview and the R. M. of Alexander. It was advised that the Municipality may have to retain the services of a planner to assist in a study of the affected property and surrounding area. Reeve Danwich advised that the municipality will request progress reports from the Village of Powerview in order to keep residents advised. It was suggested by a ratepayer that the ratepayers should request a joint meeting with both jurisdictions in an effort to expedite the issue.

RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

None

MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES

None

COMMUNICATIONS

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Grant Request/Senior Scene - Refer to Budget

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