

HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS

JUNE 2025



UPDATES FROM YOUR TEAM AT TOWN OF GRAVELBOURG

Mayor's Message

On behalf of the Town of Gravelbourg, I want to express how proud and honoured we are to see local individuals and businesses receiving national and international recognition. These recent moments in the spotlight not only showcase the remarkable talents and entrepreneurial spirit in our community—they also affirm the unique contributions small towns like ours make to the broader cultural and economic fabric of Saskatchewan and Canada.

We are especially thrilled that **Gravelbourg Mustard** was featured on [CityTV's Flat.Out. Food series](#) and included in the prestigious gift presentation to His Majesty King Charles III by Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Bernadette McIntyre. This is an extraordinary achievement for a local business, and it puts a global spotlight on Gravelbourg's strong agricultural roots and innovative food production.

Equally inspiring is the story of **Mariette Anderson**, a resident of Gravelbourg, whose [beautifully hand-knit scarves were gifted to the King and Queen](#). Her work not only represents the exceptional talent in our community but also highlights the depth of our connection to sustainable, locally sourced materials and craftsmanship. We celebrate Mariette and the local and regional businesses—like the Canadian Fibre Mill—that made this contribution possible.

Gravelbourg has long been known for its cultural richness and community spirit. Our business community, made up of passionate and hardworking entrepreneurs, continues to punch well above its weight. From agriculture and food production to arts, culture, and small business innovation, every individual and business in our town contributes to a larger story of resilience, pride, and success.

These recognitions are more than symbolic—they're a testament to what's possible when local passion meets global opportunity. We are proud to be part of that story.

Mathieu Forest

Mayor of Town of Gravelbourg

Council Quips

I'm looking forward to attending the **2025 FCM** (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) Conference in Ottawa, from May 29th to June 1st. It's a fantastic opportunity to connect with elected officials from across Canada to exchange ideas and solutions tailored to small towns like ours. Some of the workshops I'll be attending will be incredibly helpful for small towns, focusing on rural issues such as infrastructure, housing, and economic development. It's also a chance to bring our voice to the national conversation by voting on resolutions and to ensure our concerns are heard through regional caucus meetings.

Zach Ogilvie

Community™ Economic Development Committee Chair

A big thank you and job well done to all the individuals and families who came out to support Gravelbourg **Community Clean Up** day! The town is looking great and a jewel we can all take pride in.

Donovan Fehr

Environmental Advisory Committee Chair

Shining in the Spotlight

Congratulations to the class of 2025!

"The unfortunate yet truly exciting thing about your life is that there is no core curriculum. The entire place is an elective."

John Stewart

"We limit what we set out to do by what we convince ourselves is realistic. But I believe in possibilities, and sometimes we have to redefine what is realistic."

Heather Moyse, athlete

Public Works

Did you know?


The town has more than 14 km of sidewalks and has invested over \$132,000 in improvements since 2020? We know there's plenty more work to do. Public Works is inspecting sidewalks and developing a repair & replacement workplan.

Keeping Gravelbourg Beautiful

Boulevards: The Town encourages residents to mow the boulevard adjacent to their property. It's a small action that makes a difference to our public works crew and keeps the town looking its best!

Untidy Properties: Please consider your neighbours and offer a good first impression to our summer visitors. Maintain your yard by keeping the grass mowed and weeds under control. We perform regular property inspections, investigate property concerns, and, when necessary, issue orders to remedy. If you have a neighbour unable to maintain their property due to age, infirmity, or disability, please consider lending a hand!

Got Junk? Declutter your property and take your unwanted items to the Transfer Station. It's free!

 Wednesdays 11 am – 7 pm / Saturdays 9:30 am – 4:30 pm




Sport & Recreation

Softball Playoffs Coming to Gravelbourg – June 20–22

Gravelbourg is proud to host the **Wood River Softball League Playoffs!** Our **U11, U13, and U19 Lightning teams** will compete on home turf for the championship.

 Gravelbourg Ball Diamonds |  June 20–22


 **For game schedules, visit** [Gravelbourg Lightning Facebook Page](#)

 All Gravelbourg Lightning baseball and softball teams are now in action! fill the stands and cheer them on!  

NOW BOOKING: Private Swim Lessons

Get 4 x 45-minute private lessons for just **\$120**—personalized instruction with **flexible scheduling**.

 Email **Leanne at crc@gravelbourg.ca** to book your spot today!

 Spring availability is limited—don't wait!



Swim For Life Swimming Lessons – Spots Still Available!



We still have room in **Set #3 and #4** (Parent & Tot to Star levels).



Register now: [Group Lessons Registration](#)



Full Aquaplex schedule: [gravelbourg.ca Aquaplex](http://gravelbourg.ca/Aquaplex)



Arena Advertising – Limited Spots Left!

Want to support local sports and promote your business? We have **billboard, puckboard**, and even a **rare in-ice advertising** spot available at **La Palestre** for the 2025/2026 season!



High visibility during hockey, curling, skating & events



In-ice spots are rare and go fast—grab yours now!



Contact **Leanne at crc@gravelbourg.ca** to secure your ad placement

Administration

Hail & Wind Repairs

Several town-owned buildings were damaged during **last June's hail/windstorm** and repair work is underway. We ask for your patience and understanding as the contractor will have several workers and pieces of equipment on site which may affect parking and access to some areas.

Postal Strike Pending – Sign Up for E-Notices

If Canada Post workers go on strike again, residents will need to pick up their utility bills and tax notices at the Town Office.

Avoid inconvenience and uncertainty! Have your bills and notices delivered directly to your email inbox!



Save trees!



Reduce Town costs!



Never lose a bill again!

How to register:



Visit the website for the Email Consent Form:

https://www.gravelbourg.ca/town_office/forms.html



Drop by the Town Office

Hiring a contractor?

Tis the season of home repair! Whether you're replacing your roof or renovating your basement, you likely need professional help. Here are a **few questions you should ask your contractor** before giving them the job.

Do.you.have.a.Town.of.Gravelbourg.Business.License?

You can confirm whether your prospective contractor has a business license by consulting the **Business and Service Directory** on the town website or contacting the Town Office.

If your contractor doesn't have a business license, what else might they be cutting corners on? A missing license could be a red flag for other oversights—like lack of insurance, safety certifications, labour malpractice, or compliance with building codes.

Did.you.know?

Under The.Municipalities.Act.and the town bylaw, **the Town can require you to pay a contractor's license fee** by deducting it from what you owe them. If the fee isn't paid, the Town can recover it in the same way as property taxes.

Do.you.have.contractor.insurance?

Before work begins, **ask to see your contractor's insurance certificate**—and make sure it's still valid. The certificate should include coverage for property damage and liability insurance. This helps protect you if someone gets hurt or something is damaged during the project.

Do.you.have.WCB.coverage?

If you hire a contractor without WCB coverage, **you may be responsible for their WCB premiums and potentially liable for their work-related injuries**. You can request a WCB Clearance Letter from the Saskatchewan **Workers' Compensation Board** to verify if a contractor is covered. You may be required to obtain a clearance before paying the contractor to protect yourself from their overdue premiums.

If you have questions about hiring a contractor, or issues with a contractor, contact the **Consumer Protection Division** at 1-877-880-5550 or by email at consumerproteciton@gov.sk.ca

Community & Culture



- Peter Kenyon's [Community.Builders.Workshop](#) on May 5 **brought together over 40 committed leaders from communities across southwest Saskatchewan** to share challenges and learn how to create rural prosperity through asset-based economic development. Many thanks to the Centre Cultural Maillard for providing the venue, the [Wheatland Pub & Eatery](#) for the scrumptious lunch, and [Southland Co-op Ltd.](#) for donating the coffee break snacks.
- Looking **family-friendly activities** this summer? Check out the [Summer Fun for Kids](#) page for a list of regional programming.
- Shoutout to the School Community Council and the Early Childhood Coalition for co-hosting **Creating an Amazing Brain No Matter Our Age: The Benefits of Play, Movement, and Exercise with Dr. Layne Pethic**. Those who took advantage of this free presentation walked away with cutting-edge data on the importance of play for childhood development and to counteract the negative effects of sedentary, online lifestyles.
- Thank you to everyone who participated in **Green Up Gravelbourg** events this year!
 - 29 people registered for the **Community Clean-up and BBQ** sponsored by Southland Co-op and the RGTheatre. Special thanks to Councillor Fehr for

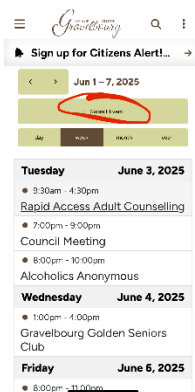
organizing the food, Andre Moquin for flipping burgers and dogs, Shannie Boudreault for running the clothing swap, and to the whole **Gravelbourg Green Initiatives** board for organizing the event. Volunteers noted that there was less plastic to pick up this year. Could it be that the federal single-use plastic ban is working?!

- Speaking of **plastics**, did you know you can now recycle all kinds of flexible plastics at Gravelbourg SARCAN? [Check it out!](#)
- [Gravelbourg Green Initiatives](#) hosted another successful **Repair Café** on May 3rd and **Electronics Pickup** on May 13. Reuse, repurpose, repair, recycle!
- 18 residents registered for the **Town-wide Garage Sale**, slightly down from previous years. If you have feedback and want to help us improve this event, [please take this survey](#).

Summer is almost here! What's going on?

Check out the [Community Calendar](#) for local events!

Got an event you want to share? It's easy to submit you one-time or recurring activity.



What can you post?

- ✓ Games & Tournaments
- ✓ Concerts
- ✓ Art classes
- ✓ Recreation opportunities
- ✓ Customer appreciation events
- ✓ Open Houses
- ✓ Fundraisers

Thank you for taking the time to read about what's happening with Team Town and in our wonderful community! If you have any comments or suggestions, please don't hesitate to [contact us](#).

