

Gilbert Plains

Heart of the Parkland

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Did you know that just 30 minutes of daily exercise can help you stay healthy? In an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, many spectator and participation sports have been cancelled. The good news is that there are plenty of ways to remain active even with the social distancing guidelines. While we all work through these trying times my challenge to you is to stay active for just 30 minutes a day. I challenge you to move, do something active. Perhaps that's a home-based workout, maybe some living room yoga, playing in the yard with your children, whatever exercise looks like to you. Let's do it! Submit a picture with a short explanation of your participation of exercise each day to gpcdo@mymts.net and you will be entered into a draw. Challenge starts today and will run until April 19th 2020.

LET'S STAY ACTIVE!



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Message from COUNCIL- COVID-19

Ensuring safe, reliable service while responding to COVID-19

As the nation continues to respond to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council of Gilbert Plains Municipality has taken proactive steps to ensure the continued reliable delivery of services while also protecting the safety and health of you- our customers/ratepayers – our employees and the community we serve.

Based on the latest information available from public health authorities and governments, effective March 18, 2020 we took the following additional steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Effective immediately:

- ❖ Municipal Office (201 Main Street N.) will be closed to the general public. Payments can be made via cheque or cash using the drop-box by the main entrance. Communication with staff will continue via email, phone or fax. Persons that require in person assistance can access the back entrance to the Council Board Room. Our Municipal Staff will be available to assist while maintaining the social distancing as recommended.
- ❖ The Public Works Town Shop (114 Main Street N.) will be closed to the general public.
- ❖ The Waste Disposal Site will operate as usual.
- ❖ The EMS Building (102 Main Street North) will be closed to the public. Fire services will operate as usual.
- ❖ The Community Hall (102 Main Street S.) closed effective March 19th, 2020.
- ❖ The Recreation Commission (101 Complex Drive) closed until further notice.
- ❖ The Gilbert Plains Municipal By-election is **POSTPONED!** Rescheduled date to be determined.

Council of Gilbert Plains Municipality will continue to monitor the situation and re-evaluate as new information is available. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

News Release from the Gilbert Plains Municipality

To keep in compliance with the Province of Manitoba's Covid-19 standards and protocols:

- All regular scheduled council meetings will be held at the Community Hall until further notice
- Our public works employees are working diligently to keep our municipal roads maintained during the spring melt.
- We remind you to respect the social distancing standards put into place by the Province of Manitoba if you must approach an employee while they are working in the municipality.
- We would appreciate all communication to filter through the office at 204-548-2326.
- During this time of the year we respectfully ask for your assistance and cooperation in minimizing the damage to our rural roads.

By-Election- Gilbert Plains Municipality 1 Councillor Vacancy

**Notice is hereby given that Gilbert Plains Municipality By-Election,
April 8th, 2020 has been CANCELLED!
Due to the evolving situation, the reschedule date for the By-Election
To Be Determined.**



The Gilbert Plains Municipality has chosen OnSolve to implement the CodeRED high-speed notification solution. The CodeRED system provides the ability for the Gilbert Plains Municipality to efficiently send out notifications to targeted areas or to the entire Municipality when required.

The CodeRED system will be only as efficient as the telephone number database supporting them. If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called. One of the reasons the CodeRED system was selected is that it gives individuals and businesses the ability to add their own phone numbers directly into the system's database. Our neighbours Grandview have this system already implemented and in use.

CodeRED allows geographically based delivery, which means street addresses and land descriptions are required to ensure emergency notification calls are received by the proper individuals in a given situation. The system works for cell phones too, but we need to have an associated street address to provide relevant messages.

What is CodeRED and why is it important to me?

CodeRED is an emergency notification service that will allow the Gilbert Plains Municipality to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media of time-sensitive general and emergency notifications. This service is free to all residents of the Gilbert Plains Municipality

When will CodeRED be used?

Any message regarding the safety, property or welfare of the community will be communicated using the CodeRED system. These may include water disruption, evacuation notices and emergency situations. Only authorized officials have access to the CodeRED

Does the CodeRED system already have my telephone number, or do I need to sign up to receive CodeRED notifications?

The CodeRED database contains information received from public databases, including regional phonebooks. However, no resident should assume that their information is in the system. You can register online at www.gilbertplains.com, you can call 204-548-2326 to complete your registration over the phone or you can simply complete the form included and bring it back to the Municipal office and we will input your information for you.

I have a business can I arrange to have CodeRED contact my business?

Yes. Fill out the CodeRED registration form but be sure to select the "This address is business" option. Please note that emergency calls can only be delivered to a direct dial number. Automated attendants will disrupt the process and the calls will not be delivered. Businesses should register their main number and establish a procedure for distributing the CodeRED message to their workforce.

What if I want to register additional numbers for my address?

After you submit the initial registration form, you may start the registration process again and submit more numbers for the same address.

Is my personal information protected?

CodeRED is a service of Emergency Communications Network which takes security and privacy concerns very seriously. They will not sell, trade, lease or loan any data citizen supplied data to third parties.

How will I recognize a CodeRED message?

A CodeRED Emergency message will have a caller ID of 866-419-5000.

A CodeRED General message will have a caller ID 855-969-4636.

We suggest you program both numbers in your cell phone as a "new contact" and use "CodeRED Emergency" and "CodeRED General" as the contact name. If you need to replay the emergency notification message again, simply dial the number and you will be able to hear the message again.

What should I do if I receive a CodeRED message?

Listen carefully to the entire message. You will have the option to repeat the message by pressing any key. Do not call 911 for further information unless directed to do so or if you need immediate aid from the police or fire department. If you miss a call entirely, you may re-dial the 800 number on your caller ID to hear a replay of the message sent.

I have a cordless phone, and it does not work when the power goes out. How will the system be able to contact me?

Make sure you have at least one working corded telephone – and be sure to turn the ringer on. The CodeRED sign-up form allows you to indicate both a primary and alternate phone number. Cell phone and/or work phone numbers can be entered as alternate phone numbers. Both primary and alternate phone numbers will be contacted when a notification is sent.

Will the CodeRED system leave a message on an answering machine?

Yes, the CodeRED system will leave a message on a machine or on voicemail. The CodeRED system will leave the entire message in one pass.

What happens if the line is busy?

If the line is busy, CodeRED will try two more times to connect.

What circumstances might prevent a message from being delivered to me?

- If your area is not affected, therefore you will not receive a call.
- If your contact information has changed and you have not registered your new information.
- If you have only cordless phones in your residence, the power is out and you did not register an alternate phone number.
- If your line is busy for an extended time and your calls do not forward to voicemail or an answering machine.
- If you have a privacy manager on your main phone and you did not register an alternate phone number. The Gilbert Plains Municipality will receive a report of undelivered calls and can instruct the CodeRED system to begin another round of calls to busy numbers. This will be done in emergency situations only. It is best to have an alternate phone number in the calling database for these situations.

Thank you for helping us to implement this program.

Name: _____

Legal Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Cellular Provider: _____

(Cellular Provider Information: Only if you wish to receive text messages, data rates may apply)

Email Address: _____

To register please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return it to the Municipal Office or call 204-548-2326 to register over the phone!

****If you have signed up, you are already registered, you do not need to register again unless you have changes to contact information****