## Heart of the Parkland

# Issue: April 2024

## Dust Control Program

Please note that Gilbert Plains Municipality will be offering a Dust Control Application Program for rural residents within the municipality. This program has not been offered for a few years so we wanted to get the word out earlier for those that would like to take advantage of the program. The pricing below includes administrative work, marking of site, preparation of site, and application of dust control with a rate of 1.8 litres per square meter.

Length	Width	Dust Control
Feet	12' or 16'	Cost
200	12	\$200.00
200	16	\$267.00
300	12	\$300.00
300	16	\$400.00
400	12	\$400.00
400	16	\$533.00
500	12	\$500.00
500	16	\$667.00
600	12	\$600.00
600	16	\$800.00

Regardless if you've had dust suppressant applied in the past, you must call to the municipal office at 204-548-2326 or email cao@gilbertplains.com requesting dust suppressant application. Please note, payment must be made in full prior to dust suppressant being applied. Please be sure to let the office know if you have any special requests as to the location where the suppressant is to be applied. All requests and full payment for application of dust control must reach the municipal office by 4:00 p.m. on May 31, 2024.

The dust suppressant is a pre-booked custom application and the product is preordered, no requests for dust suppressant will be accepted after that date. The Public Works Department will schedule the application of dust suppressant once gravel has been applied (if required). Site preparation will take place shortly before dust suppressant application. For any questions, please contact CAO Courtney Roehl at <u>cao@gilbertplains.com</u>



## Update on Fraud Investigation

We would like to provide a brief update in regards to the fraud investigation that has been ongoing in the municipality. We have been successful in recovering \$400,000 towards this loss from our insurer, pursuant to the insurance policy limit. We continue to work with our legal team and the RCMP as they continue their investigation. As the RCMP investigation is still on going, we cannot give any further comment or information at this time. We will update our citizens and ratepayers as soon as we can.

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

#### Proposed Road Restrictions Bylaw

The Gilbert Plains Municipality is purposing a Road Restrictions Bylaw and we are requesting your feedback on having the ability to regulate and restrict the weight of vehicles driven on municipal roads in order to avoid excessive damage to our rural infrastructure. If you would like a copy of the proposed bylaw, please contact the Municipal Office. Please take a few minutes to answer the following questions:

- 1. Do you think a Road Restrictions bylaw is necessary in Gilbert Plains Municipality? Yes No
- 2. We understand that this is an agricultural community and that grain and livestock need to be hauled. With that in mind, if implemented, would you like the ability to enter into a Road Haul Agreement? This would allow you to continue to haul but would also require you to pay to fix any roads that are damaged specifically from your hauling.

Yes No

- 3. The proposed bylaw currently does not have a set time frame for restrictions but instead allows road restrictions to be put on with a 24-hour notice. This would allow the municipality to put the restrictions on and take them off when necessary and not have a set time frame of restrictions. Do you see any issues with this?
- Do you have any other questions we can provide clarification on or concerns pertaining to a Road Restrictions Bylaw.

#### **Rural Water Lines**

Gilbert Plains Municipality is gauging interest on expanding the Rural Water Lines to new customers. If you are interested in connecting, please fill out the below form and send it back to Gilbert Plains Municipality, Box 220, Gilbert Plains, MB, R0L 0X0 or drop it off at the Municipal Office. Your input is important to us so we ask that interested persons have the form back by April 30, 2024.

At this time, connection costs are unknown however, we will keep in contact with any interested parties.

Name:	Email Address:
Mailing Address:	
Phone Number:	Land Location:

## <u>Municipal Tenders</u>

#### 2024 Municipal Gravelling Program

The Municipality is planning on doing extensive work on the gravel roads this year and therefore currently have two different tenders out.

Tender 2401 – Supply, Load, Haul, and Deposit of Limestone to roads as indicated in the tender.

**Tender 2403** – Load, Haul, and Deposit of approximately 20,900 yards of gravel from the Municipal Pit located at SW 24-27-22 to roads as indicated in the tender.

Please email <u>cao@gilbertplains.com</u> or stop at the Municipal Office for a copy of the tenders. Both gravel tenders close on April 23, 2024 at 4:00 PM

#### **Excess Land for Sale**

The Municipality has tendered out Roll Number 176250 (Legal Description 12/19 - 1620) located just west of Gilbert Plains. The parcel is 3.85 acres, is currently zoned agricultural, and has an agreement with Hemp Sense to store bales on the property. The buyer agrees that the bales that are currently on the west end of the property may stay there until used or moved by Hemp Sense or their delegate.

Due to the location and potential of the property, Council for the Municipality of Gilbert Plains has placed a reserve bid of \$35,000.00 on the property. Any bids below this amount will not be considered. For more information about this tender, please visit our website, Facebook page, or the office. Tenders close on May 3, 2024 at 4:00 PM

## Upcoming Job Fair

Gilbert Plains Municipality is hosting a Job Fair on May 2, 2024 from 4:00PM to 7:00PM at the Richardson Pioneer Community Hall.

Any businesses interested in attending to promote their business, recruit new talent, and speak to potential candidates are asked to pre-register by emailing <u>info@gilbertplains.com</u> or calling the office at 204-548-2326.

Any persons looking for employment are invited to come out and speak to the numerous businesses and organizations that will be present. Watch our Facebook Page for more information.





## 2024 Financial Plan Hearing

Gilbert Plains Municipality will be presenting its Financial Plan for 2024 on April 23, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Richardson Pioneer Community Hall.

This presentation will include the details of the 2024 budget, how it compares to prior years, how the municipality is progressing, details on capital projects and plans, and increased financial reporting.

Copies of the Financial Plan are available at the Municipal Office for inspection, via email by emailing <u>cao@gilbertplains.com</u>, or on our website at <u>www.gilbertplains.com</u>



### <u>Gilbert Plains Municipal Spay and Neuter</u> <u>Program</u>

The Gilbert Plains Municipality is administering a new spay and neuter program for feline and canine animals for residents of the Gilbert Plains Municipality. This program is on a first come, first serve basis and is limited to two animals per household. This program covers 50% of the cost of the spay or neuter procedure with a maximum reimbursement of \$175 per canine or \$125 per feline. For more information or an application form, please contact the Municipal Office at 204-548-2326 or email info@gilbertplains.com

### **Gilbert Plains Waste Disposal Site Hours**

#### Summer Hours (May 1 – September 30)

Monday:ClosedTuesday:8:00 am - 12:00 pmWednesday:10:00 am - 7:00 pmThursday:ClosedFriday:9:00 am - 6:00 pmSaturday:8:00 am - 12:00 pmSunday:Closed

#### Winter Hours (October 1- April 30)

Monday:	Closed
Tuesday:	8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Wednesday:	10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday:	Closed
Friday:	9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday:	8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Sunday:	Closed

### **REMINDER**

The blue bins on the highway are for household recycling only. (Cardboard, cans, plastic bottles, jars, etc)

Things like electronics, car parts, metal, appliances, wood, etc must be taken to the Waste Disposal Grounds.

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The Gilbert Plains Municipality is looking for a Youth Volunteer that is interested in coaching soccer this spring! If you, or, someone you know is interested please contact the municipal office at 204-548-2326 or email accounts@gilbertplains.com