



NEWSLETTER

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Municipal Corner:

We would like to welcome our newest member of Council

Tyler Bileski

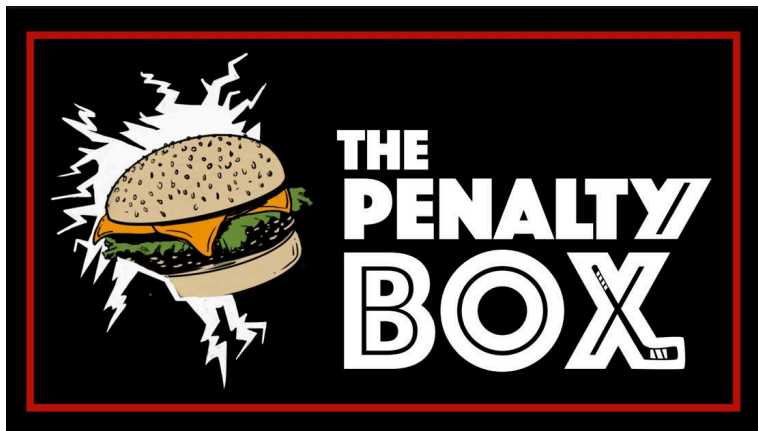
Gilbert Plains Arena

Public Skating 2024/2025 Winter Season Has Officially Started!

Every Friday Night Public Skating 6-8 Sticks & Pucks 8-9	Admission: \$5/per person	Season Passes: Student \$30 Adult \$50 Family \$100
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**Public Skating will run every Friday night, if there is a conflict with a hockey tournament or if we have to cancel public skating, there will be a post on our Facebook Page.



For the 2024/25 Hockey Season the Gilbert Plains Municipality has awarded the Arena Concession Tender to Layla Krauss, owner of The Penalty Box. Follow Layla @ The Penalty Box on Facebook for Specials and hours of operation.

Upcoming Municipal Closures:

The Gilbert Plains Municipal Office
will be **CLOSED**

12:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Wednesday November 6, 2024

to allow employees to attend an Emergency Preparedness Scenario

The Gilbert Plains Municipal Facilities
will be **CLOSED**

Monday

November 11, 2024

in honor of Remembrance Day



Gilbert Plains Library

The new **Gilbert Plains Library** located at 114 Main Street North, Gilbert Plains is officially open and welcoming residents during the below schedule:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Friday: Closed

Saturday: 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Sunday: Closed

Within the Library is the **Gilbert Plains Services for Seniors** with the following schedule:

Monday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Wednesday: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Gilbert Plains Waste Disposal Site Hours

Summer Hours (May 1 - September 30)

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesday: 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

Sunday: 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

Service Requests

The Gilbert Plains Municipality has policies and processes in place to take consideration for all types of Service Requests. We would appreciate patience when making any requests.

Prior to any Private Service Request we require a liability release form to be signed and returned to the municipal office.

IMPORTANT TO NOTE: This includes snow removal on rural properties. Liability forms **MUST** be signed prior to any municipal equipment entering onto private property, regardless of snow storm or weather event, there will be no exemptions.

Accepted Methods of Payment

- **Cheques:** payable to Gilbert Plains Municipality, can be dropped off at the municipal office or mailed to Box 220, Gilbert Plains, MB, R0L 0X0
- **Cash:** accepted at the municipal office located at 201 Main Street North, Gilbert Plains
- **Etransfer:** rmofgp3@mymts.net ensure to include a message regarding where to direct the payment to. ie invoice number, or roll number, etc.
- **Online Bill Payment:** Gilbert Plains Municipality Taxes or Gilbert Plains Utilities.

IMPORTANT Please Note - Online payments may take up to 4 business days to be received here in our office. If your payment is not received in our office before the end of the day on the day it is due, interest of 1.25% will be charged regardless of when you made the payment online.



Municipal Stats 2024:

- **By-Law Enforcement:** In 2024, Gilbert Plains Municipality has been using Commissionaires to assist in enforcing our bylaws both in town and rurally. To date, we have issued numerous enforcement letters and fines including:
 - Animal Control: Warnings 7, Fines of over \$2,000
 - Unightly Properties: Warnings 43, Fines of over \$500
 - Derelict Buildings: Orders to Remedy 3
- **Spay and Neuter Program:** In this years Spay and Neuter Program, the municipality was able to assist ratepayers with the costs to spay or neuter 9 felines and 11 canines. We would like to remind those that were approved to please submit your receipts for reimbursement by the end of the year.
- **Municipal Gravel Program:** As announced during the budget hearing, we are taking significant steps to improve the rural roads throughout the municipality. This year, almost 10,000 yards of limestone and over 20,000 yards of road gravel was applied to roads throughout the municipality. We know the importance of improving and maintaining the conditions of our roads and appreciate your patience as we continue to invest into our municipal infrastructure.
- **Strategic Plan:** The municipality sent out a survey via Facebook and sent a notice in all ratepayers tax bills asking for feedback to incorporate into our strategic plan; 87 responses were received.
- **Municipal Bridges:** The municipality recently had assessments done by Pier Solutions on 7 municipal bridges in the rural area. The estimate to fix all 7 bridges is approximately \$370,000.00. The municipality will be applying for grants and has plans to budget for some of the major repairs in the 2025 year.
- **Garbage and Recycling Bins:** We would like to kindly remind all town residents that garbage and recycling bins **MUST** be moved off the street unless it's a collection day.
- **Large Blue Recycling Bins on Highway 5:** As a reminder, the large blue bins are for recycling **ONLY**. Items like tvs, hot water tanks, branches/leaves do not belong in these bins. Please see the following page for recycling tips!

Municipal Bylaws and Policies – Council is currently working on updating numerous bylaws and policies to address common issues within the municipality. Some of these items include Rural Road Use, Snow Removal, Boundary Roads, Drainage, and Animal Control. A detailed newsletter in regards to the mentioned bylaws and policies will be coming out shortly.

The Gilbert Plains Municipality would appreciate respect of our Municipal Right of Ways. Municipal ditches or right of ways are not dumping grounds for rocks, garbage, refuse or waste of any kind. If you are caught in contravention of this, there are fines and penalties in place.

Dumping anything in a municipal ditch or right of way is prohibited, even rocks, trees, or soil!

The Gilbert Plains Municipality will also be hosting a tender for the old library, located at 113 Main Street North, more information will follow.

Gilbert Plains Fire Department would like to remind everyone of the following:

- 🔥 **BURN PERMITS are REQUIRED YEAR-ROUND**
- 🔥 **They are free of charge**
- 🔥 **Available from The Municipal Office during office hours**

Once a burn permit is in place, before burning, please be mindful of wind conditions, always have a fireguard, never leave a fire unattended, and ensure there is a nearby water source.

The **ONE** and **ONLY** time when a burn permit is not required is when the fire is contained in a structure that is enclosed on all sides that consists of non-combustible material and covered with a non-combustible grate or mesh screen.

WHAT GOES IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN?

Use this chart to make sure your items end up in the right place!



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INDUSTRY FUNDING RECYCLING

RECYCLING TIPS

- ♻️ Toss your recyclables loosely into the bins without stuffing containers together.
- ♻️ Recycling happens in more places than just your kitchen. Remember to recycle in all areas of your home.
- ♻️ You don't have to remove lids or labels, just make sure your bottles and containers are clean and empty! A quick rinse is always appreciated.
- ♻️ When you're recycling paper and boxes, fold and flatten them to save space.
- ♻️ Don't put anything in your recycling bin that your municipality does not accept – check the Recyclepedia at SimplyRecycle.ca.

IS IT ACCEPTED IN THE RECYCLING BIN?

ACCEPTED ✓

UNACCEPTED ✗



Aluminum food and beverage containers



Boxboard



Cardboard



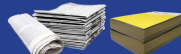
Glass food and beverage containers



Juice boxes



Milk, juice and soup cartons



Paper, flyers, magazines and newspapers



Steel food and beverage containers



#1-5 and #7 food and beverage containers



Aluminum foil and foil pie plates



Clothing and textiles



Dishes and ceramics



Disposable coffee cups



Electronics



Foam packaging (Styrofoam)



Food waste



Paper towels, tissues and napkins



Plastic bags or cellophane