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RM OF EAST ST. PAUL

ESP Council 2026-2030

Your new East St. Paul Council, left to right, Couns. Derek Capri and Brian Wachko, Mayor Mike Watson, and Couns. Thersa Voelpel and Craig Hodkinson.

The newly elected Council of East St. Paul held its inaugural meeting Nov. 3 in council chambers.

Mayor Mike Watson, Ward 1 Coun. Derek Capri, Ward 2 Coun. Brian Wachko, Ward 3 Coun. Theresa Voelpel and Ward 4 Coun. Craig Hodkinson were sworn in.

Watson addressed the crowd gathered to witness the meeting.

"It's been quite the couple of months, and we campaigned hard," Watson said.

"It's sometimes a very tough decision in one's life to put your name on a ballot. I congratulate everybody, including those that didn't make it, but also the ones that were elected.

"I truly appreciate the council members that were elected and we'll work together to make the RM the best we can."

Watson took the Mayor's seat, capturing 3,206 votes compared to 775 for Orest Horechko, former Ward 2 councillor, and 416 for Incumbent Carla Devlin.

Capri received 634 votes to Ken Chomyn's 501; Wachko had 797 to Dylan Smyth's 170; Voelpel got 471 votes, followed by Melissa Kajpust with 421, Mark Banek with 124 and James Dyck with 48. In Ward 4 Hodkinson had 591 votes to Garrett Park's 577.

Congratulations to all who let their name stand in the 2026 election.





For safety's sake, just slow down

The RM of East St. Paul has speed reader boards in locations throughout the municipality that record speeds and displays them as the motorist passes by.

Hopefully, the motorist is within the legal speed limit. If not, it's hoped seeing how much over the limit they are will encourage them to slow down.

Last month, the RM's Community Safety Officers stopped a motorcyclist on the Perimeter Highway travelling at 178 km per hour – that's 78 km over the posted speed limit of 100 kph. This individual now has the dubious distinction of being the RM's first Speeder of the Month. Each month, the newsletter will post the details of the most egregious speeding offence.

The offender was issued a ticket and a serious offence notice.

While the efforts of the CSOs to educate drivers about the real reasons to obey speed limits is appreciated by many, there are detractors.

The example of someone driving 78 km over the speed limits demonstrates the dangers that are created when speed laws are not obeyed.

Speed safety is an important part of creating a safe, welcoming, and healthy community. Every day, pedestrians, cyclists, children, seniors, and motorists share our roads. When drivers travel too fast, they put themselves and others at risk. By slowing down, obeying speed limits, and driving responsibly, we can help prevent accidents and save lives.

Speeding is one of the major factors that contributes to serious road accidents. When a vehicle travels at a high speed, the driver has less time to react to unexpected situations, such as a child crossing the street, a cyclist turning, or a pedestrian stepping onto a crosswalk. Higher speeds also increase the distance a vehicle needs to stop and the severity of injuries when a collision occurs.

In residential neighbourhoods, schools, parks, and busy community areas, even a small increase in vehicle speed can make a significant difference. Driving at a safe speed gives motorists more time to notice hazards and respond appropriately.

Children, older adults, pedestrians, and cyclists are among the most vulnerable people on our roads. Children may not always recognize traffic dangers, while older adults may need more time to cross the street. Cyclists and pedestrians also have little protection when involved in a collision with a vehicle.

Drivers should slow down near schools, playgrounds, bus stops, intersections, and residential streets. They should always yield to pedestrians at crosswalks, maintain a safe following distance, and remain alert for people who may enter the roadway unexpectedly.

Speed safety is not just about following traffic laws; it is about protecting human lives and making our community a better place to live.

Every driver has the power to reduce risks by slowing down, staying alert, and respecting other road users.

A few seconds saved by speeding are never worth the potential consequences of a serious collision. By working together, following speed limits, and promoting responsible driving, we can create safer streets for everyone.

CSOs witness drivers driving at a high rate of speed every day. Concerned members of the community report roadways where motorists tend to ignore the speed limit and the officers see repeat offences committed on the same streets over and over again.

Publishing the Speeder of the Month is intended to demonstrate the problem speeding has become in the RM, and educated the public on the need to slow down and keep East St. Paul safe for everyone on the street.





Annual Veterans dinner held







The Henderson Legion 215 held its Annual Veterans Dinner Oct. 5.

Approximately 40 people attended the event held to honour local veterans.

Special guests at the head table included speaker Colonel Wright, 17 Wing Commander, and his wife Shelly, Legion President Shaun McIntosh and wife Jami Jacyk, CWO Rousseau and wife Patricia, Jennifer Truijen and Payteon Watson on behalf of MP Raquel Dancho and 1st Vice President Stephane Burton Guindon and wife Beverly.

Emcee for the evening was Sgt. At Arms Lee Harvey.

Posthumus inducted into Hall of Fame

Chad Posthumus was inducted into the Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame on Sept. 26 at a ceremony in Winnipeg.

Posthumus, who passed away in 2024, grew up in East St. Paul and went on to play college ball and then professional ball around the world. He played for Team Canada and his career culminated in Winnipeg as the first player ever signed to the Seabears in 2023.

He played for River East Collegiate and when he graduated in 2009 was selected to the All-Manitoba team. He was considered one of the top high school basketball players in the country as a senior, averaging 39 points, 25 rebounds, and 7 blocks. His career high with River East was a 69-point performance.

Chad's family – father and mother Charles and Diana, brother Jesse and sister Christina - attended the induction and accepted the award on Chad's behalf.

Jesse recalled as a young boy watching Chad play at the Duckworth Centre and going into the Hall of Fame and telling his friends that his brother would one day be in there.

"It is an absolute honour to be here today to speak on behalf of our brother Chad. We know from the bottom of our hearts that Chad would have been so honoured to be selected as an inductee to the Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame," Jesse said.

Ross Wedlake, Chair of the Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame and Museum, called Chad's induction "bittersweet".

Sister Christina remembered her dad spending hours with young Chad, passing the ball and dribbling, and how he coached Chad during the early part of his playing days.

"It was apparent from a very young age that Chad was going to be a special athlete and our parents can confirm that he was climbing out of his crib at six months old and running by seven months," she said.

Seabears GM and Coach Mike Raimbault said a big part of Chad's legacy is the way he was with people.

"He's a big part of the organization's starting point. I mean, he was such a pivotal part of building the team when things first got here and the thing that stands out is when the final horn would go, he would be the first one that wanted to make sure that everybody was thanking the fans and appreciative of the energy in the arena and all of those things," Raimbault said.



The Posthumus family with inductor David Asper at the Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame induction ceremony in September. Photo courtesy Manitoba Basketball Hall of Fame and Museum.

"The neat thing with Chad is how many people knew him or have a story about him. The impact that he made on people I think probably stands out as much as the things that he did basketball wise."

Rod Uzat coached Chad at River East High School, and he knew the kid who became the Beast from River East well.

"There's a lot to his basketball legacy. I think first of all Chad was a guy who met challenges. He brought that not only to the game, he had a great understanding of the game, but also to all facets of his life," Uzat said.

"I think Chad transcended basketball in a lot of ways too. The enthusiasm that he brought to the game and the way he drew people in."

Adam Wedlake, Executive Director of Basketball Manitoba, knew Chad and the effect he had on people.

"Chad was such an amazing ambassador for our sport from within the province and around the world. He was loved by so many and Chad left such an impact on the basketball community and he will be forever missed," he said.

Donate to Christmas Hamper program

East St. Paul's annual Community Christmas Hamper program is up and running.

Abundant Life Lutheran Church, located at 3486 Raleigh St., in East St. Paul, strives to be an outreach congregation. The church is again facilitating the provision and organization of Christmas hampers for less fortunate community members of East St. Paul and communities north of the perimeter (Birds Hill, St. Clements, West St. Paul and St. Andrews).

We strive to support eligible recipients in receiving a hamper similar to those residing in the City of Winnipeg who receive hampers from the Christmas Cheer Board. We rely on the generous support from community members, businesses, schools and individuals in facilitating this benevolent and caring endeavor.

Contributions of non-perishable food items, new unwrapped toys, gifts cards and financial donations are GREATLY appreciated. A poster outlining what non-perishable items and toys are being collected will be made available to interested donors.

We are again counting on your generous support! Contact the church via email if you would like further information: email: Communitychristmashamper@gmail.com

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Holiday at the Plaza

November 28, 2026
5:00 - 8:00 PM

3021 Birds Hill Rd

Santa's Float
5:00PM - 6:00PM

Highlights
Hot Chocolate from Nomad Box Bar
Photos with Santa
Tree Lighting
& MORE!

Another Park N Walk success



East St. Paul Citizens On Patrol Program (COPP) members joined forces with Community Safety Officers to run the annual Halloween Park N Walk.

The event, which closes certain streets to vehicle traffic to keep trick or treaters safe, has been running for several years.

It's an excellent program that helps make sure kids stay safe on what is intended to be a fun night for all.

Thanks to all the volunteers, like Brent and Monique Gillon, at left, and Monique below with one the RM's CSOs.

If you're interested in joining East St. Paul's COPP, send an email to copp.eaststpaul@gmail.com.

Members patrol the community watching for anything suspicious, and help out at events like the Walk N Park, and East St. Paul Days in June.

It's a great way to get involved in the community!

Socktober over, thanks!





Cycling with Sarah has wrapped up its Socktober sock drive in support of The Main Street Project.

Thanks to everyone who donated and a special shout out to East St. Paul resident Ruby Childs who showed up with socks she'd purchased to support the drive.

Ruby says it's a great cause and she hopes that other East St. Paul residents will consider donating next year in October/Socktober!

Above, Ruby, left, with Cycling with Sarah co-founder Sarah Gravelle-MacKenzie.



Royal Canadian Legion #215

UPCOMING EVENTS NOV 2026

6	**Music Bingo with Wayne Morrow** 6:30 pm - Country genre
11	**Remembrance Day Service:** Eastview Community Church 10:30 Comradeship to follow at the Legion immediately after the service
21	**Christmas Craft Sale** Legion lower level 10-3
24	**Poppy Campaign begins** All donations appreciated
29	**Legion #215 Volunteer Appreciation Day** Check your email for the invite 1:30 - 4:00

Thursday Night Dances - 7 pm

Nov 5 - Gem Stars
Nov 12 - Country Pride
Nov 19 - Mark Morriseau
Nov 26 - Ed's Group 4

WEEKLY EVENTS

Monday — Cornhole 7PM

Mon & Thurs — Darts 7:00 PM

Tuesday — Cribbage 7:00 PM

Wednesday — Chase the Ace 6–8

Friday & Saturday — Meat Draw FRI: 5:30 Sat 2:30

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HENDERSON HIGHWAY LEGION
RCL BRANCH #215
Legion

Wednesday Nov 11, 2026 Remembrance Day Service

Henderson Highway Legion Branch #215 is pleased to inform you that we will be holding our Remembrance day service with the gracious cooperation of Eastview Community Church at 315 Maxwell King Drive.

Service starts at 10:50am sharp, all are welcome to attend.

Please join us to remember the sacrifices our Veterans made in the name of global peace.



We will remember them

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