



Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone

2023 Newsletter

Edition 2

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Reminders & Announcements

2023 Taxes Due:

2023 Taxes are **DUE** October 31st! Late payments are subject to interest charges at a rate of 1.25%.

Taxes can be paid: online, cheque, debit, and cash. We do not accept credit cards for tax payments.

Maintaining Your Lawn:

The Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone would like to remind you of your responsibility to mow your lawn, as well as your boulevard. Anyone who fails to comply will receive a courtesy letter stating a deadline to mow your lawn/boulevard. If the deadline is not met, the Municipality will mow the lawn/boulevard at the property owner's expense. If you would like to make a complaint about a property, it must be submitted via a Complaint Form or by Service Tracker.

Apologies:

The Municipality encourages all property owners to keep their yards and boulevards maintained and trimmed regularly. Some of our public areas are not up to our own standards, and we would like to apologize for the delay in the upkeep of our properties. The Public Works Department is working hard to address the issues and clean up the properties.

Street Sense - Slow Down:

Now that it is officially summer, schools are heading into summer break. Drivers should expect even more children playing outside. Road safety is not always top of mind for kids, so its important to pay extra attention when you're driving. With more children playing outside in the summer, be cautious and watch your speed especially near playgrounds, parks and in residential areas.

Are You Aware:

The Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone has a By-Law for the Regulation, Control and Use of Municipal Roadways. All rural municipal roads developed or undeveloped have a road allowance of 99 feet. The by-law states:

No person shall or cause another person to: *a) place, deposit or leave a Harmful Substance or Debris; b) erect a fence; c) obstruct or cause an obstruction; d) clear brush or trees, or break or remove land; e) clean and/or empty any herbicide or any pesticide from a sprayer; or f) burn Debris; on a Road or public place without written authorization from the Municipality.*

Any contravention to the by-law is subject to corrective & remedial actions, as well as a fine.

Stride Hall:

There is a number of items missing from Stride Hall. In order to keep the hall running in tip top shape, we need those items back! If you have borrowed something from the hall, please return it to the Municipal Office. Thank you!

Municipal Office & Public Works Closures

August 7 - August Long Weekend

September 4 - Labour Day

September 30 - National Day for Truth & Reconciliation

October 9 - Thanksgiving

Important Dates:

Board of Revision Appeal: October 3rd, 2023

Board of Revision: October 18th, 2023

Tax Sale: October 23, 2023

Taxes Due: October 31, 2023

Supplementary Taxes Due: December 29, 2023

Council Message

It has been very busy since the last newsletter. Council has had several public meetings to approve Conditional and Variance Applications as well as the Financial Plan Hearing. Although property assessments increased substantially throughout the municipality, we reduced our expenditures to lessen the impact on taxes. We have had several public meetings with our residents of Westbourne and the Dept. of Highways over the new highway changes to Highway #16 and the community of Westbourne. These changes should be completed by late fall. Our municipality hosted the Association of Manitoba Municipal District Meeting at Stride Hall on June 14th. It was well attended by over 90 delegates, MLA's, and AMM executives. It was nice to have people visit our community from around the province.

We also welcome Terry Sollner, our new Operations Manager and Stephanie Campbell, the new Recreation Director. Our Municipality is at full staff and our seasonal workers are busy mowing, cleaning, and beautifying our communities. We are very happy to have such a great team of people serving our Municipality.

Council Members would like to give a big shout out to Jack Sellers for organizing the Street Hockey Tournament in Plumas! Also, a big thanks to the Big Grass Community Foundation for their contributions to our community groups. We look forward to having our residents, relatives, friends and guests enjoy Gladstone Fair Weekend, Rockin' the Rink and Slo-Pitch in Westbourne, Plumas Summer Fun Day, camping in Williams Park, Einarson Park, and Hollywood Beach. I am sure people will participate in many more great activities. It's going to be a great summer!

Mayor Shipman and Council

Langruth Plant and Rural Water Expansion 2023

If you are currently farming a municipal right of way, including ditch areas and roadways, please note that there could be crop damage to the area that the contractor needs to access. The Municipality will **NOT** be reimbursing / compensating for any crop damage / loss on municipal right of ways due to the construction of the water line.

The contractor is expected to start July 2023 with a completion time of November 2023.

For more information and to view a map of scheduled work, please visit the Municipal Website at: www.westlake-gladstone.ca

Library Hours

Gladstone

Monday - Friday: 11:30am - 4:30pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Langruth

Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 5:20 pm

Stay tuned for Summer Programs!

Thank You!

A HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to the new pool. Without support from those in our community and surrounding areas, projects like this would not be possible.

Communication Corner

Burn Ban & Burning Permits

Burn permits are **MANDATORY** for all open air burnings and for fireworks. This is required to notify the fire department of any potential large fire hazards in the Municipality. When a fire ban is implemented, burn permits will not be available and information will be released through our Facebook page, Website, and Connect. Failure to comply with a burn ban can result in fines, up to \$2,000.00.

Water Leak Reminders:

As a property owner, you are responsible for any incurred costs on your utility bill due to a leak. Leaks are not always obvious, but there are ways to manage and be proactive when it comes to leaks in your home:

How to Detect a Water Leak in Your Home:

- Turn off all water faucets in your home and make sure that any appliances that use water are not running. Check the water meter and make a note of the numbers you see, come back in an hour and check again. If the numbers have changes, there is a leak somewhere
- Check the cabinets under the kitchen, laundry, and bathroom sinks to make sure they are dry. You can also check for puddled water around the bases of tubs, toilets, and showers, beneath the water heater, dishwasher and washing machine
- If you don't find any puddles around the fixtures or appliances, check if the toilet needs to be repaired. The toilets flapper (a rubber stopper that prevents water from entering the bowl until you flush the toilet) can become brittle over time, allowing water to trickle from the tank into the bowl. Grab a bottle of food coloring and put a few drops in the tank of every toilet in the house. If the toilet tank is leaking, color will appear in the bowl.

Access & Approach:

The Municipality's Public Works Department will install one single "First Access" for private property owners and will be responsible for all installation costs. If your property requires an additional access or an extended access, an application for "Access and Approach" is required to be submitted prior to making any alterations to the existing approach or the ditch.

All accesses and altering of approaches must be applied and approved by Council.

Costs of materials and labor for any installation of additional approaches are invoiced to the landowner.

Should a culvert be damaged due to environmental or other uncontrollable factors, the Public Works Foreman may deem it necessary to replace the culvert in the existing approach.

Municipal Contact Information: 204-385-2332 or info@westlake-gladstone.ca

Building & Development

What is a Building Permit?

A building permit is a document that provides legal authorization to begin construction of any type of building or structure.

Why is a Building Permit Required?

A building permit is required in order to protect the health and safety of the public. After the application is filed, the Assistant CAO and Building Inspector review the project design **before** construction begins. This is to ensure compliance with Building Codes and Zoning By-Law regulations are met. A **Development** Permit is required for any change in land use or site development.

Permits **REQUIRED** for

- Finishing unfinished spaces in a home (basement, attics, etc.)
- Repairing of foundations
- Installation of wood stoves or fireplaces
- Installation of pools holding over 24" water
- Enclosure of an existing open deck
- Construction of attached or detached garage or carport
- Demolition, removal or partial removal of buildings or structures
- Construction of open decks
- Construction of a detached accessory building

Permits **NOT REQUIRED** for

- Replacement of stucco, siding or shingles
- Replacement of doors, when the opening is not enlarged or reduced in size
- Replacement of an open landing and stairs
- Construction of fences
- Patching, painting, decorating
- Installation of cabinets and shelves

Building Inspector:

David Bueckert: (204)857-1896 or (204)685-2247

Did You Know:

If a tree on your property falls or you cut down a tree, it is your responsibility as the property owner to clean up the tree.

Additional Examples: Trees falling from private property into the river is still the property owners responsibility to clean up, as well as if a tree falls from your property onto a road, it is the property owners responsibility. Manitoba Hydro may also trim trees on your property, it is your responsibility as the property owner to clean up the trimmings and dispose of them.

Municipal Services

Gladstone WDG

Wednesday	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday	11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Plumas WDG

Tuesday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Westbourne WDG

Sunday	11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Thursday	11:00 am - 7:00 pm

Langruth WDG (Closed from 12pm-1pm)

Tuesday	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Tipping Fees - All Waste Disposal Grounds

Public Tipping Fees - \$10.00 per item

Tipping fees are applicable, but not inclusive to the following Items:

Water softeners, hot water tanks, dishwashers, stoves, fridges, washers, dryers, freezers, couches, chairs, tables, mattresses, and box springs

**Commercial Tipping Fees- \$20 per Half Ton / \$40 per Single Ton / \$114 per Single Axle 3 Ton
\$385 per Tandem Axle 7.5 Ton / \$523 per Semi-Truck 14 Ton**

Please report illegal dumping!

Municipal Newsletter

Canadians use 6 million tonnes of paper and paper products annually, and only about a quarter of it is recycled. To cut down on wasted paper and to save some trees, the Municipality will leave a few printed copies of the newsletter at:

- Gladstone Library
- Langruth Post Office
- Plumas Post Office
- Municipal Office
- Westbourne Post Office
- Heart & Soul Balance
- Gladstone Bakery
- Gladstone Pharmacy

If you would like to receive all Municipal Newsletters via mail, please call the office and we will add you to our list.

Rec & Leisure



WE NOW HAVE SOCIAL MEDIA....Follow us on

Instagram @westlakegladstonerec and on Facebook at WLG Recreation and Leisure for more up to date information.

SWIMMING POOL:

You can find all swimming lesson information on our website!

Courses: Contact the Municipal Office for more information!

- Bronze Medallion: July 9, 22 & 23
- Bronze Cross: August 23, 24, 25

Swimming Pool Rentals: we will be offering private swimming pool rentals on Saturday's and Sunday's from 10am - 12pm, to rent the pool call the Municipal Office!

FUN UNDER THE SUN DAYCAMP:

Day camp will take place in Gladstone this summer, Monday to Thursday. Jordan Haubrick has been hired as the Day Camp Leader, Hannah Ferguson, and Ruby Adams as Day Camp Assistants.

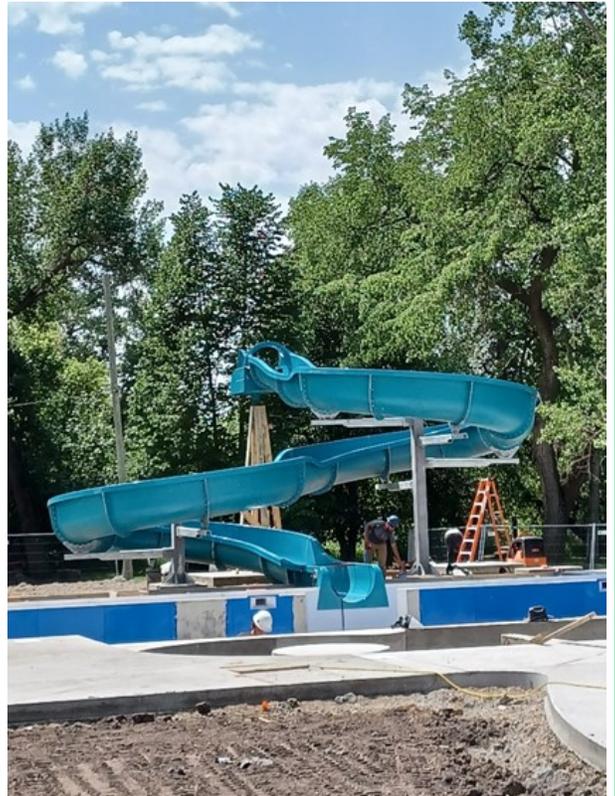
Day camp will have weekly themes and be full of fun themed crafts, snacks, and activities. Registration is open online for day camp and you can find more information on our website and social media pages!

OTHER:

Fair Weekend: August 11 - 13, stay tuned for more information!

Skate Park: We are looking at getting one of the ramps at the skatepark revamped! We have high hopes of having the whole park done by next summer!

A lot of other activities are in the works for the Recreation Department. I'm hoping to have bingo going in the fall. We have a CPR course happening on Wednesday June 28th at Stride Hall and a babysitters course happening September 23rd! More events are coming soon!



Williams Park Campground - 5th St. West Gladstone

Reservations Recommended (204)998-2699

30 AMP Service \$35.00 daily / \$210.00 weekly / \$805.00 monthly

No Service \$25.00 daily / \$150.00 weekly / \$600.00 monthly

Langruth Einarson Park - Railway St. Langruth,

First Come First Serve Basis - Arrival 3:00 pm Departure 11:00 am

Electrical \$25.00 daily

Electrical for 15+ days \$20.00 daily

No Service \$7.50 daily

