



Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone Official Annual Holiday Newsletter

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Mayor's Message

Snow, Rain, Ice.....doesn't really matter we will take what we can get!

Its safe to say Fall of 2021 is behind us, and hello to winter. The mixture of snow, rain, freezing temps, warm temps and back to freezing has created not so great road conditions around the municipality. Crews have been out doing what they can with the winter conditions, so a big thanks for their efforts! As we approach December, we get closer to the Christmas season. Where did 2021 go? It seems like just yesterday when we were all in lockdown, with minimal plans for travel and gatherings. This Christmas looks a little more promising for a sense of normalcy.

Looking back over the year, there has been a lot of change within our communities. For some, change is scary, and for others it is embraced with open arms. Change for the good is what we should all strive for.

For those who celebrate the Christmas season, all the best to you and your families. Please remember that this time of year isn't a happy time for everyone, so remember to be kind and thoughtful to all those around you. All the best this season, and better times to come in 2022!

Mayor Kinley.

LOOKING FOR A CASUAL EMPLOYMENT? WE HAVE JOB OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE!

- Senior Election Official
- Vaccination Screeners at Municipal Facilities such as Arenas and Community Centres.

Submit resume to:
info@westlake-gladstone.ca
Deadline: Open until filled.

Call the Municipal Office if you would like
Municipal Newsletters emailed or mailed to
you.

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

**The Municipal offices and
public work services including
waste disposal ground will be
closed for the Holidays on the
following days:**

**December 24th closed
at 12:00 Noon**

**DEC 25 & 26 CLOSED
(Waste Disposal Grounds only)**

December 27-28 CLOSED

January 3 CLOSED

**February 21 CLOSED
LOUIS RIEL DAY**

**Office will be closed to the public on
Mondays starting
November 22, 2021.**

MWM Schedule



Your trash cart will be serviced
every 2nd week on Wednesdays.

Zone 1 will start December 8
Zone 2 will start December 1



Your recycling cart will be emptied every
other week according to your collection
calendar with the first pick up:

Zone 1 will start December 1
Zone 2 will start December 8

- To ensure your cart gets emptied have it to the curb by **7AM**.
- Only recyclables **INSIDE** the cart will be collected.
- Please notify us if your cart has been stolen or damaged.



Reminders and Announcements

Happy Holidays to All!

- Reminder! Taxes are DUE October 29th, 2021. Interest charges will be applied at 1.25% for any outstanding balance after the due date. Payments can be made at the office by cash, cheque, or debit. You can also pay through online banking with most financial institutions.
- Supplementary Taxes are DUE December 31st, 2021. Interest will be applied January 1st, 2022 for any outstanding balance.
- Hay Lease payments are now past due. Current rate is \$4.00 per bale
- The Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone is organizing Cash Crop Program (2022 & 2023) to rent out land for you to raise funds for your facility / organization. You grow the crop and keep the revenue to put towards whatever you need it for and watch your community come together as a whole to help you achieve your goals.
- Organizations utilizing the Cash Crop Program are required to submit final reporting by Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

Respect

Our Staff have the right to work in a safe environment and are here to help you. We will not tolerate verbal or physical abuse towards our staff.

We reserve the right to take further action against anyone acting inappropriately towards staff members.

Most of our customers respect this right.
THANK YOU FOR BEING ONE OF THEM.

Library Hours

Gladstone

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday:

11:30am - 4:30pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Langruth

Monday to Friday 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Reminder

When entering any Municipal building, you must provide vaccination card, wear a mask and sanitize your hands. Do not enter if you are feeling ill and/or experiencing any of the following symptoms: cough, fever, shortness of breath, runny nose/congestion, sore throat, diarrhea, loss of taste and/or smell, sore muscles not related to overexertion or exercise.

Municipal 101

Your Guide to Local Government

Building a desk, shed , grain bin, shop, solar panels?

A **building permit** is required and the process may take up to 4-6 weeks, so please plan ahead!

The application is easy to complete and fillable forms are now available for building permits.

Visit our website at <https://www.westlake-gladstone.ca/>

Permit Fees double if structure is erected prior to permit approval.



Looking for Meeting Agendas, Minutes, Municipal Notices, By-Laws and much more?

Visit our Website at www.westlake-gladstone.ca

Agendas: www.westlake-gladstone.ca/p/council-meeting-agendas-minutes

Minutes: www.westlake-gladstone.ca/p/council-meeting-agendas-minutes

Notices: www.westlake-gladstone.ca/p/local-notices

By-Laws: www.westlake-gladstone.ca/p/documents-forms

There is also a quick link to access Agendas, Minutes and Notices on the home page.



Prepayment of Taxes Discount Rates

January	2.0%
February	1.5%
March	1.0%
April	0.75%
May	0.50%
June—Sept	PAR



Utilities

E-Billing - Go Green and Help Conserve the Environment

To receive your water bill by email please send an email to info@westlake-gladstone.ca with your name, civic address and account number.

We now accept etransfers for payment of Utility Bills! To ensure your etransfer payment is receipted to the correct account you **MUST** include your account number in the "note" section.

We also offer Preauthorized debit. Please contact the office to sign up. If you're purchasing or renting a property, please remember to contact the office to set-up or move your account. If you are selling your property please call and request a final bill.

Communication Corner

MUNICIPAL GRANTS

Community organizations wishing to apply to the Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone for operating grants must complete an application form, with all required information. Application Deadline: February 15, 2022

As part of the Grants & Donations policy 2018-02 and application process, the following information is required: Balance Sheet, Income Statement & Cash Flow Statement. Failure to provide the required information may result in application being ineligible. Organization may be asked to attend a meeting to further explain their request.

APPLICATION FORMS AVAILABLE AT: the Municipal Office or online
<https://www.westlake-gladstone.ca/> or send us an email at info@westlake-gladstone.ca

ROAD SIGNS

If you see any broken or missing signs, please contact the Municipal Office so we can replace them.



Building Reminders

All building permit applications can be picked up at the Municipal office or found on our website.

Building permits are required for:

- CONSTRUCTION OF ANY NEW BUILDING
- Attached and/or detached garages
- Accessory buildings 108 sq. feet or more
- Temporary buildings (including temporarily (re)located buildings)
- Demolition of whole or part of a building
- Renovation projects that affect the structural integrity of a building
- and proper venting of plumbing.

Development permits are different from a building permit.

Development permits allow specific types of development on specific parcels of land in a community to proceed with the zoning and development bylaws of the Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone. A development permit may stipulate some of the following conditions: building height, building site coverage, setbacks from property lines and other buildings and parking requirements.

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Snow Clearing

We would like to remind rural residents to avoid pushing or blowing snow onto road allowances, this can be dangerous for snow clearing equipment travelling at high speeds. As for urban residents, please remove parked vehicles from the streets during snow clearing operations. Parked vehicles on the street are not only slowing down the clearing equipment, but also leaving large amounts of snow on the road after the vehicle is dug out. This is an inconvenience and can become dangerous to everyone. With everyone's assistance during the winter season it will help to provide efficient and safe winter maintenance. After the plow or grader clears the road or street, there may be a ridge at the end of your lane. Be aware this ridge will only be removed in urban areas, typically after all streets have been cleared.

Urban residents are responsible for sidewalk clearing.



About Mother Earth Recycling

Municipality of Westlake-Gladstone would like to announce partnership with Mother Earth Recycling.

Mother Earth Recycling (MER) is a 100% Indigenously owned and operated For-Profit Work Integration Social Enterprise. Providing unique and reliable recycling services, while also creating meaningful jobs and training opportunities in the community.

Every year, thousands of mattresses get dumped in Manitoba landfills. Now, a Winnipeg recycling business wants to change that. MER recycles all mattresses, regardless of where it came from or how old it is. Mother Earth Recycling has no restrictions on the type or source of the mattresses you need to be recycled. Mother Earth accepts all mattresses, although some may have a disposal or collection fee.

Did you know that there are no environmental recycling fee at the end of use when disposed in the Waste Disposal Grounds?

MER separate your units into fabric, foam, metal, and wood. All of which can be recycled! This is a labor-intensive process, and they use this opportunity to train staff who face barriers to employment and help them get back into the workforce. All the materials make their way into secondary markets (foam into carpet underlay, wood into crafts or firewood, and so on). At the end of the day, the only leftovers are a few pieces of fabric, some plastic corners off box springs and the occasional zipper!

**Give yourself a High Five for being Awesome to our Planet!
And spread the word about Mother Earth Recycling!**

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THE MUNICIPALITY OF WESTLAKE-GLADSTONE

Public Notice: 2020 Audited Financial Statements

Public Notice is hereby given that the 2020 Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's report for the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone are now available for inspection during regular business hours at the Municipal Office located at 14 Dennis Street East, Gladstone, MB.

Dated at the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone this 5th day of November, 2021, and issued pursuant to Section 174.1 (1) of The Municipal Act.

Coralie Smith
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone
(204)385-2332



Municipal Services

GLADSTONE WDG

WEDNESDAY 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
FRIDAY 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

PLUMAS WDG

TUESDAY 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
THURSDAY 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
SATURDAY 9:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

WESTBOURNE WDG

SUNDAY 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
THURSDAY 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

LANGRUTH WDG (CLOSED FROM 12-1)

TUESDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 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, air conditioners, 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!

Garbage and Recycling MWM

Reminder, please have your carts out for 7:00am. Make sure that the wheels are against the curb, or along the grass line if no curb is available. Have the front of the cart towards the road. Leave an arms length of space between the cart and any other object. Don't place the cart under an overhead obstruction. Only waste **INSIDE** the cart will be collected.

All recyclables in one cart means no sorting or bagging: place all material loose in the cart except for, shredded paper, newspapers, flyers, inserts, & junk mail - please bag those items in a clear or blue bag & tie it. Please be aware the glass food and beverage containers are also to be placed in the bins.

Medical Assist Program is available for those needing assistance in getting their cart to the curb.

Any questions or concerns, contact MWM (204) 483-3986 or email info@MWMEnviro.ca

November Council Meeting Highlights

2021 Year in Review

A few highlights from capital purchases made:

- Einarson Park landscaping & new signage in Langruth
- Sale of Municipal Properties in Urban Communities
- Surveying ditches as part of the ditch maintenance levy
- Paving in Gladstone
- Replace AED's in municipal facilities
- \$300,000 building sustainable communities grant awarded to the Municipality for the new pool.
- Implementation of new curbside collection in Plumas, Langruth and Gladstone.
- Colby bridge repair
- Planning & Design stages of Westbourne water system renewal
- Purchased 1 grader to replace an older grader with a blown engine sold by Tender.
- Completed feasibility studies on all 4 waste disposal grounds.
- Plumas & Langruth Fire Departments received new SCBA's. (breathing apparatuses)
- Gladstone-Westbourne Fire Department garage floor repair.
- Langruth Water Treatment Plant upgrades & reservoir cleaning.

Dust Control

Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone will be organizing another dust control program for roads in front of locations where a home is located within 300 feet.

Municipal and individual application includes important deadlines and requirements as follows:

April 30 (or next business day)– Deadline date to advise the Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone of intention to apply dust control for the current year. (No submissions will be accepted after this deadline. Therefore, late sites will not have proper site preparation and will be bladed accordingly and/or gravel applied over dust control product for the season. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

June 30 (or next business day) – The Municipality of WestLake-Gladstone will ensure that the sites submitted by the April 30th deadline will be prepped accordingly (although weather conditions can become a factor).

Fillable forms can be found on our website: www.westlake-gladstone.ca/

Rec and Leisure

Hello WestLake-Gladstone,
I am pleased to announce that I am officially back as the Recreation and Leisure Administrator. After being away from this position I have realized the urgency to be back contributing events and activities within our municipality. I am looking forward to working along side each community and seeing everyone's friendly faces once again.

Nicole Sellers
Recreation and Leisure Administrator
rec@westlake-gladstone.ca



COVID in Rec and Municipal Facilities

As of December 6th, 2021, Public Health Orders require youth age 12 to 17 years attending (watch or participate) in indoor sporting and recreational facilities (including schools) to provide proof of at least one dose of the **Pfizer-BioNTech** or **Moderna vaccine** for COVID19.

If you do not have one dose you must provide proof of a pharmacist-confirmed negative result from an approved rapid antigen test taken within the 72 hour period of the event. The Public Health Orders do not allow other health care providers to confirm a test result. 18 years and older must provide proof of full vaccination or medical exemption approved by Manitoba Health and Seniors Care. Rapid Antigen testing for this age group is not an option.

Acceptable forms of ID include driver's license, health card, passports, status card, permanent resident cards, social insurance cards, birth certificate. Students may also use school-issued student ID cards.

WINTER ACTIVITIES

There will be multiple activities posted at each post office in the coming weeks for all to participate in earning RL points (Recreation and Leisure Points). Everyone that participates in an event will earn a point, for those that compete, and win will receive extra RL Points on December 31 who ever collects the most points will win a winter prize.

Stride Hall Updates

Rates

Meeting Room/Lounge and Kitchen \$60.00

Kitchen Only \$30.00

Meeting Room Only \$20.00

Lounge Room Only \$30.00

Entire Hall - Large Event (over 50 people) \$300.00 with \$500.00 damage deposit (includes small sound system)

Entire Hall - Small Event (under 50 people) \$125.00 with \$500.00 damage deposit (includes small sound system)

Entire Hall Wedding and Social (2 days) \$500.00 with \$500.00 damage deposit

Additional Options:

Additional day \$100.00 pre or post event

Reserve the Hall (as back up facility) for outdoor event \$150.00

Technician to run sound system \$100.00



UPDATE ON CLEANFARMS MANITOBA AG PLASTICS COLLECTION PROGRAMS

In 2020, Manitoba Conservation and Climate asked Cleanfarms to transition the grain bag and twine pilot to a province-wide permanent recycling program that will give Manitoba farmers broader access to recycling for these used ag plastics year-over-year. Under the regulation, responsibility for the permanent program now rests with the companies that supply grain bags and baler twine into the province.

Beginning on December 1, the regulated program includes a non-refundable environmental handling fee (EHF) that helps cover the cost of recycling. It is applied to grain bag and baler twine sales at the time of purchase which usually begins in early summer. For grain bags the EHF will be 25 cents per kilogram; for baler twine of all sizes it will be 33 cents per kilogram.

Farmers can continue to turn in their bale wrap and silage plastics for recycling and can also continue to turn in these ag plastics at their local collection site. Cleanfarms will also be working with farmers to test out on-farm plastic prepress to improve their collection.

Follow these 3 steps to ensure that your used grain bags can be accepted and recycled:

1. Shake – Remove debris; grain bags need to be as clean as possible with care to remove as much organic material (spoilage, dirt, etc.) before or during rolling. Excessively dirty or loose/unrolled bags may be rejected, or subject to a landfill tipping fee or additional charges at drop off.
2. Roll – Prepare grain bags by rolling and tying with twine. Contact your local collection site for information on rolling grain bags.
3. Return – Please contact a collection site before dropping off material.

- Each material is sent to a different recycling facility, therefore it is very important to ensure sorting.
- Please also avoid recycling NET WRAP. This is a different material which they don't currently have end markets in Manitoba. GFL has been instructed not to pick up net wrap as it contaminates other recyclable materials.



Covid-19 Prevention Order
The following changes continue
unless otherwise noted.

Updated Guidelines can be found on the Province of Manitoba website :
<https://www.gov.mb.ca/covid19/restoring/guidelines.html>