

Park Ave. watermain open house May 27

The Town of Beausejour is encouraging property owners to attend an open house next week to receive information on the \$3 million Park Avenue Watermain Renewal Project starting this fall.

The come and go event will be held in the Sunova Room at the Beausejour Sportplex (Sun Gro Centre) on May 27 from 6-8 p.m. Storyboards will be on hand to provide information and show the progress of the project with members of town council, staff and administration on hand to answer questions along with representatives from the province, the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) and JR Cousin Consultants.

"It's a meet and greet to ask questions about what's going on," said Beausejour CAO Christine Hutlet. "We will be having the actual public hearing on the borrowing in June."

The Park Avenue Watermain Renewal Project will consist of the replacement of all water mains, valves, hydrants, service lines and curb stops from the west end of the waterline at 100 Park Ave. up to the new treatment plant at 1000 Park Ave.

The project will impact all residents of the town, particularly residents and businesses between 100 and 951 Park Ave., who may experience minor service interruptions, reduced on-street parking and construction work fronting their properties.

The existing watermain and accessories were installed in 1957 and 1969 and have reached the end of their service life. A newer larger watermain will meet the needs of the town to provide residents with fewer instances of discoloured water and service interruptions. The increased pipe size will also provide increased flow to the extremities in the event of a fire. Services will be replaced with modern materials and will be protected from frost, which forces some residents to run water in the winter to prevent freeze-up, resulting in additional water consumption.

In 2023, the town applied to the Manitoba Water Services Board for funding so the water main could be renewed in time for the reconstruction of PR 215 (Park Avenue). The town would like to ensure this project coincides with the reconstruction so roads only need to be torn up once – therefore timing is critical.

The Park Avenue Watermain Renewal will provide a water distribution service life equal to or greater than that of the new road surface, expected to be completed by the Province of Manitoba in 2025 and 2026 with PVC water mains expected to remain in service for the next 80 years or more.

"We want to make sure the lines are done before the payment is done," Hutlet said.

— Buss

ESS magazine launch May 23

The École Edward Schreyer School (ESS) Literary Arts Magazine Team invites the public to their annual book launch night in the school auditorium May 23 at 6 p.m.

The latest edition of a bilingual literary magazine is called *Glimpse in Time/Mosaïque de moments*. The literary magazine is put together by the extra-curricular Literary Arts Magazine Team comprised of ESS students. The team was designed as a continuing self-sustaining group where older students mentor the new members.

At the launch, there will be several readings of short stories and poetry in both French and English by students from Grades 6-12. Live music entertainment by Kélia Haskins and Sydney Kraubner along with a beautiful art display will follow during intermission. Admission to the event



will be free and complimentary cake, dainties, snacks and coffee will be available. Physical copies of *Glimpse in Time/Mosaïque de moments* will be available for \$20 per copy.

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"Why should I change because I have a strategic plan?" Kuczynski asked "All of us have the things we want to change in the RM, but no one follows it but me and Mark. We saved the RM."

"You didn't save the

RM," Therrien retorted. "You guys have a God complex."

Miller then attacked Therrien, accusing him of reneging on his campaign promises.

"When we come to the next election, Mr. Mayor, I'm going to love to see you hold your commitments and look people in the face," Miller said. "You're going to be held accountable and, boy, oh boy, are we going to be happy to show that record."

Much of the discussion revolved around Therrien's vow to change the head of council back to "reeve" from "mayor". Therrien said that once in office, he saw that the switch to mayor was done to be consistent with other municipalities in

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File photos

Mayor Pat Therrien (left) called Coun. Mark Miller a drama queen. Miller (right) called Therrien a politician who lies.

the Winnipeg Metropolitan Region. Miller repeatedly questioned that logic.

"You're a drama queen," Therrien said to Miller.

"You're a politician who lies," Miller replied.

Coun. Melinda Warren tried to restore some decorum by sharing the different perspectives of candidates and councillors. As councillors learn about the many pieces of

governing legislation, their perspectives might change. She then returned to the Workplace Cultural Health Assessment Report.

"If we're going to talk about the assessment of how we work together, everybody got to see it over the last 15 minutes," Warren said. "We all need to look in the mirror and see how we want to project ourselves out there."

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Spring Food Drive
 On **Wed. June 5** from **5:30 - 8:00 pm** volunteers from the Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus, the LdB Senior School, the Beausejour Cadet Squadron and the LdB Youth Centre will be canvassing the LdB community and area for donations to the Lac du Bonnet Food Bank. Donations of any non-perishable food item or cash donations will be gratefully accepted. Donations over \$20.00 will be sent a tax receipt.
 If you are missed during the canvas, donations can be dropped off afterward in the special boxes at Dancy's Foods or Campbell's Store.
 If you would like to help with the Lions canvas or require information, please call Lion Rolly or Lion Bev at 204-345-2823. Volunteers are always appreciated and should be at the LdB Arena by 5:30 p.m.
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