

TOWN OF MORRIS

Home of the Manitoba Stampede

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Mayor's Christmas Message



It feels like a long time ago that I wrote my Christmas message for 2019. In it, I mentioned the challenges we had in 2019, including a possible flood, a widespread power failure, and boil water advisories.

I ended the message with these words: "Although 2020 will likely bring its own set of challenges, I look forward to us again demonstrating the character of our community, and being reminded of the truly great Town we live in." Little could any of us have anticipated what 2020 would bring.

Despite everything that 2020 has brought us, our community continues to display just how much it cares. We all worked together to protect the health of our most vulnerable during the initial COVID-19 outbreak in spring. We stoically faced the threat of yet another flood. Our community and its businesses continued to show hospitality to truckers during trying times, and our health-care, education, daycare, restaurant, public works, retail and petroleum workers ensured we all had safe access to essentials throughout.

Yet now we face even more uncertain challenges. The "second wave" of COVID-19 is killing vulnerable individuals at a distressing rate in Manitoba. The Province has launched further restrictions and public health mandates, with no certainty of when they will end. And we are quickly approaching Christmas, with the very real possibility we may not be able to spend it with friends and family.

The continued effect of this pandemic has been a challenge on the general well-being in our community. People are tired, worried, and angry. And in some cases, they lash out at their friends and neighbors.

It is especially important for us to recognize that this current set of challenges will pass. At some point, we will go back to seeing friends, family, and other members of our community. How we treat each now will determine what sort of community we will have in the future.

So please reach out to each other with compassion and empathy, even if it is hard. Replace being right with doing the right thing, and make sure that no-one is isolated or alone at this time. I have often said we are a wonderful and caring community – although I wish we did not need to show this as often as we have over the last year, I know we will get through this together.

Merry Christmas, and may your family remain healthy, and find as much joy as possible this season.

Scott Crick, Mayor Town of Morris



Town of Morris Holiday Hours

December 24, 2020 – Closed at 12:00pm

December 25, 2020 – Closed Christmas Day

December 28, 2020 – Closed Boxing Day

December 31, 2020 – Closed at 12:00pm

January 1, 2021 – Closed New Year's Day

February 15, 2021 – Closed Louis Riel Day

Town of Morris Council Meeting Changes (All Meetings Virtual Until Further Notice)

**December 15, 2020 – CAAW & Council Meeting
5:30pm**

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Morris Christmas Cheer

To donate to the Christmas Cheer Board, please mail monetary donations **over** \$50 to the Town of Morris (PO Box 28) and **under** \$50 to the Cheer Board directly (PO Box 304). Donations of marked prewrapped gifts can be dropped off at Morris Bigway or Super Thrifty. ***If you are or know of a family in need this holiday season contact the Cheer board by Dec 6th – 204-746-6877. @Morris & Area Cheer***

Morris Chamber of Commerce Christmas Light Contest

Get out your lights and decorate this Christmas for a chance to win gift certificates. Prizes will be awarded to best residence and best business. This year YOU are the judges! During the week of Dec 15-20, 2020 take a drive around the Town of Morris and vote on best residential and best business lights. Vote by emailing: morrischamberofcommerce@gmail.com or calling **204-712-6162**

Shining Lights 2020

In memory of our loved ones; lights are shining at the Morris Museum, Morris Hospital and The Red River Valley Lodge. Call Holly Rafferty (204-746-7356) to donate or for more information

Be a Snow Angel

This year why not be a Snow Angel and lend a helping hand clearing snow for a senior in our community. A few minutes of your time is a wonderful gesture of kindness during this holiday season.

Morris Heritage Walking Trails

A map laying out The Morris Heritage Walking Trails is up at the Museum Campground information board. There are four walking trails in and around Town with 36 Heritage sites* to discover. *More information coming soon

Morris Dog Park

Morris Dog Park is now open! Located on Hwy 23E at the Scratching River Campground. The park has two large dbled gated areas for large and small dogs to play and run off some energy, plus a unique red bandana program that lets other owners know if your dog frightens easy or may be a bit aggressive towards other dogs. Please remember to pick up after your dogs. Follow them on Facebook [@morrisdogpark](https://www.facebook.com/morrisdogpark)

Support Local

A list of Town businesses and changes to delivery of goods and services can be found on the Town's Covid-19 Information page. Please remember to support our community and small businesses by shopping local this holiday season; <https://www.townofmorris.ca/covid-19-updates/>

The Town Council & Staff
would like to wish you a

*Merry & Christmas
Joyful holiday season!*



Animal Control

All dogs must be kept on leash except at the Morris Dog Park. An updated copy of the Town of Morris Animal By-Law is available on the Town of Morris website: <https://www.townofmorris.ca/government/by-laws/>

Public Works Corner

Snow is coming and so are the plows. Please use caution around these vehicles and watch the [Public Works Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/townofmorrispublicworks) page for all Town snow clearing updates.

If you require the assistance of a Public Works employee after hours or on the weekend please call (204) 746-2532

Morris Eco-Centre (Hwy 23 – Public Works)

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 8:00AM-4:00PM

The Eco Centre accepts: Used Oil & Containers; Used Antifreeze & Containers; Used Oil Filters

The Eco Centre does NOT accept: Paints; Stains; Lacquers; Propane Bottles; Gas/Diesel

**The Latest Covid-19 Updates can be found on The
Town of Morris Website:**

<https://www.townofmorris.ca/covid-19-updates/>

Stay in the Know

Stay up to date with latest Town of Morris information by signing up for text or e-mail updates on our website at www.townofmorris.ca.

If you or someone you know is without access to Social Media, please call the Town office (204-746-2531) and have them placed on our call list.

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