

### Welcome Back to the Millennium Exhibition Centre!

The MEC reopened to the public on September 26th, kicking off the Fall/Winter recreation programs with a few changes to keep our community safe.

#### Visiting the MEC:

- Please arrive no earlier than 30 mins prior to your scheduled activity, and use the main, south doors to enter. Sanitize your hands upon entering the facility, and maintain physical distance of 2 metres from others.
- Users must vacate the facility within 20 mins of their scheduled activity, exiting through the south green doors, or the west doors.
- If parents wish to stay and watch activities on the ice, they are invited to do so from the bleachers in the rink, not from the lobby.

The walking track is open from 7 am to 9 pm, with a capacity limitation of 25 people. It will be closed during recreation programs such as bootcamp and taekwondo which use the space.

The short court, mini stick arena, and indoor playland will remain closed.

With the weather growing colder, and staff focusing on safe indoor space, the playground structures at Ash Park and Centennial Park will no longer be sanitized daily, and campground bathrooms are now closed for the season.

Check the Recreation Program listings to see what activities might suit you!

### Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!

Did you know that cooking is the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries?

#### Fire Prevention Week is October 4-10, 2020

- Focus on the food! Unattended cooking is the leading cause of fires in the kitchen
- Clutter-free cooking area: move anything that can burn away from the stovetop.
- Have a “kid-free” zone of at least 3 ft around the stove



### Should licensed retail cannabis stores be allowed in Altona?

If you are an eligible voter, it is your right and responsibility to cast your ballot.

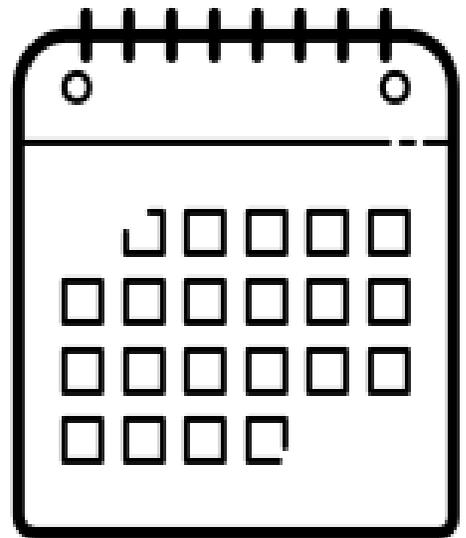
**Advanced Polls:** October 8th at the Civic Centre from 8 am—8 pm

**Regular Polls:** October 14th at the Rhineland Pioneer Centre from 8 am– 8 pm

**Sealed Envelope:** Register now! Call us at 204-324-6468 for more information.

## Dates to Remember for October 2020:

- ⇒ **October 4-10:** Fire Prevention Week
- ⇒ **October 7:** Last day to register for Pottery Painting Take Home Kit
- ⇒ **October 8:** Advanced Polls (Civic Centre)
- ⇒ **October 10:** Babysitting Course
- ⇒ **October 12:** Thanksgiving, Offices Closed
- ⇒ **October 13:** Council Meeting (Curling Club)
- ⇒ **October 13:** Blood Donor Clinic (RPC)
- ⇒ **October 14:** Voting Day (RPC)
- ⇒ **October 27:** Council Meeting (RPC)
- ⇒ **October 31:** Hallowe'en



## Public Works Update

The lift station replacement project in the southwest and southeast is progressing well. The expected completion date is November 1, 2020. Thank you for your patience and understanding, as you may experience brief slow-downs or detours while this project is completed.

## Public Hearings

Public Hearings are an opportunity for residents to learn more, and ask questions about matters which affect them. Here are the hearings scheduled for this month:

### **October 13, 2020 at Altona Curling Club**

- 2021 Board of Revision, 6:00 pm
- A-11-2020-VA Variation Application, 6:15 pm

### **October 27, 2020 at Rhineland Pioneer Centre**

- Solid Waste Service Plan, 6:00 pm

## Trick-or-Treating Safety Tips

This list does not include guidelines related to COVID-19, and is intended to accompany up-to-date safety instructions from the Province.

- Be visible – carry a flashlight or wear glow stick bracelets and necklaces, for better vision consider makeup instead of masks that cover eyes
- Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult
- Stay on sidewalks and travel only on one side of the street
- Have emergency contact information handy and accessible at all times. If possible, carry a cell phone.
- Trick or treat only at well-lit houses and do not enter anyone's home or car
- Stay away from animals you don't know
- Inspect all candy before it is consumed
- Make eye contact with the drivers and make sure they see you before crossing a street
- Motorists, be alert and aware of increased foot traffic.
- Above all, have fun and stay safe!

