

Agreement boosts law enforcement, enhances public safety

A new legal framework will allow municipal bylaw enforcement officers to perform some provincial statute enforcement through special constable appointments. Extensive consultations with municipalities and police agencies led to the development of a provincial memorandum of understanding (MOU) that municipalities can enter into. The agreements will allow municipalities to have individuals they

hire as bylaw enforcement officers under the *Municipal Act* seek special constable appointments from the province to perform limited provincial statute enforcement. The appointments provide the legal foundation to allow bylaw officers to enforce certain provincial statutes while ensuring the appropriate amount of training and responsibility accompanies that power.

Physician recruitment for Rural & Northern Manitoba

A new regulation was implemented recently

that gives doctors who aren't otherwise eligible for full registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons the opportunity to work in Manitoba on a temporary license. These doctors will then be able to practice medicine on a short-term basis in communities where they are needed most. Physicians eligible for temporary registration include those previously registered in the Manitoba medical register as well as those registered in good standing in other Canadian jurisdictions. Applicants require certification from the Minister of Health stating the physician is needed to provide medical services in a specific location. Physicians who wish to continue to practice medicine in Manitoba past the temporary registration must obtain full registration with the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

City of Portage la Prairie is age-friendly

The World Health Organization recently announced that the City of Portage la Prairie has been selected to participate in the Global Age-Friendly Cities project. The project explores the ability of seniors to live safely, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and continue to participate in society. Saanich, BC, along with Argentina, Brazil, Australia, Germany, India, Mexico, Lebanon, the United States, Costa Rica and the United Kingdom will also participate.

Portage la Prairie, one of the *Top Ten Ideal Places to Retire*, has hosted the Manitoba Senior Games, and will host the National Canada Senior Games from August 29 to September 2. This will bring 1,500 athletes aged 55 and over from 13 provinces and territories to the city for five days of competition.



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Northern Healthy Foods Initiative Project

The Hon. Oscar Lathlin, Minister of Aboriginal and Northern Affairs, has announced a project that will assist remote northern Manitoba communities to become more self sufficient through the local production of healthy food. Equipment, materials and agricultural technical support will be provided to each community for the training and promotion of local vegetable gardening. Frontier School Division is developing a science-based healthy foods curriculum for northern students. The Northern Healthy Foods Initiative will provide complete germinating systems from which the germinated plants will then be transferred to local area gardens. Students will learn the proper food preparation and preservation techniques.

2006 Safer Communities and Excellence in Law Enforcement Award

This award acknowledges the extraordinary efforts of groups and individuals making Manitoba a safer place. Recipients are as follows:

- **Samantha Gladue**, Broadway Neighbourhoods Centre Lighthouse;
- **Amanda LeDrew**, Thompson Boys and Girls Club Lighthouse;
- **START Program**, Selkirk Team for At-Risk Teens;
- **Ndinawe Outreach Team**;
- **Julie Derochie Roberts**, Community Justice;
- **City of Thompson and Tim Maluk** of Sandy Lake;
- **Constable Dallas J. Lockhart** and **Constable Francis Gerald Paddock**, Brandon Police Service;
- **Chief Jack Ewatski**, Superintendent **Gordon Schumacher**, **Sergeant John Burchill**, and **Sergeant Ron Johanson** of the Winnipeg Police Service;
- **Auxiliary Constable Mervin Koscielnny**, Rossburn RCMP Detachment; and
- **Auxiliary Constable John Lavich**, Spruce Plain/Carberry RCMP Detachment.

'Hurricane' Hazel best city mayor
 'Hurricane' Hazel McCallion is 85 years young and is best loved for her energy and accomplishments! In her tenth term as Mayor for the City of Mississauga (for which she won 92% of the vote), 'Hurricane' Hazel was recently designated

at Best City Mayor by *Reader's Digest* magazine. Mississauga is the sixth largest city in Canada and boasts a strong, debt-free economy thanks to Hazel's 'pay-as-you-go' philosophy. 'Hurricane' Hazel's other accolades include being named the Number 2 Mayor by The World Mayor organization, and being the first mayor in Canada to have her own mobile ring-tone provided by Bell Canada. Proceeds generated from this ring-tone are donated to *Hazel's Hope*, a charity administered by World Vision to aid children in Africa.

Municipal airports receive provincial grants

The Hon. Ron Lemieux, Minister of Transportation and Government Services, recently announced that 33 municipal airports would share \$76,220 through the Manitoba

Airports Assistance Program. To be eligible for this grant, airports must be open to the public and must meet federal aviation standards. The following communities will receive funding: Altona, Arborg, Ashern, Carman South, Crystal City/Pilot Mound, Deloraine, Erickson, Gilbert Plains, Gladstone, Glenboro, Hartney, Killarney, Lac du Bonnet, Lundar, Manitou, Morden, Neepawa, Piney/Pine Creek Border, Reston/RM of Pipestone, Riverton, Roblin, Russell, Shoal Lake, Strathclair, Somerset, Souris Glenwood industrial Air Park, Steinbach, Treherne (South Norfolk Airpark), Virden, Warren/Woodlands, and Winkler. Manitoba's municipal airport services include recreational flying, aerial seeding, crop spraying and emergency access in case of accidents.

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