

# ST. FRANÇOIS XAVIER Newsletter



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Welcome to the Team!

The RM is pleased to welcome Wendy Mastrobuono, who joined our team in October 2025 as a full-time Administrative Assistant. Wendy grew up in Headingley and currently lives in St. François Xavier with her husband and daughter. She has quickly become a valuable addition to our team, bringing exceptional customer service skills and a strong administrative background.

We're excited to have Wendy on board—welcome to the team!

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##### Emergencies: Call 911

**Headingley RCMP/Police Assistance:**  
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“We would like to thank everyone for the great response in donations in SFX for our collaboration with Cartier Cares to help families over the holidays. Everything is so greatly appreciated, especially when it involves looking out for our community members.”

-Matt Tremblay  
SFX CC Vice President

#### Quote of the Month

*“In February there is everything to hope for and nothing to regret”*

-PATIENCE STRONG



Photo Credit: Gloria Beaudin - Sfxcc Kid's Paint Day

# 2025 Accomplishments - 2026 Priorities

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## 2025 Accomplishments

- Completion of the West-End Waterline Extension, connecting west end households to a safe and reliable municipal water supply.
- RFP awarded for a New Fire Pumper Truck with Delivery expected in early 2027. The RM received a \$430,000 Provincial Grant for the Purchase of the Pumper truck.
- Completion of a strategic plan to guide the future planning and development of the Municipality and Municipal service delivery.
- Maintenance of the urban tree canopy and the continuation of our community beautification initiative.
- Expanded accessibility planning, including office accessibility improvements.
- Launch of the Co-operative Daycare Steering Committee, in partnership with Co-operatives First, responding to community need for expanded childcare spaces.
- Launch of an Age Friendly working group to support the development of programs and services for seniors.
- Supporting the 2025 Remembrance Day ceremony.
- Active participation at AMM Convention meetings, advancing discussions on seniors housing, infrastructure funding, and provincial partnership opportunities.
- Ongoing advocacy for Municipal Priorities with the Provincial departments.

## 2026 Priorities

- Continue strengthening administrative policies, including election-period conduct, procurement, financial controls, and human resources policies.
- Advance long-term financial planning, asset management, and grant maximization.
- Expand accessibility and recreation improvements, including trails, parks, and public facility upgrades.
- Work with the Province on a senior's housing strategy, advocating for rural program expansions and new capital funding streams.
- Strengthen partnerships with neighboring municipalities to collaborate on shared services, emergency planning, and regional growth opportunities.
- Support for environmental initiatives, including participation in the Two Billion Trees Program and Green Team activities for tree planting and maintenance.
- Strengthen Core Services: Advance road, drainage, water and wastewater system upgrades.



**Kelley Sigurdson will be the SEO (Senior Election Official) for the up and coming Municipal Election, being held on October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**



# Winter Road Safety

## Important Changes to Snow Clearing due to Highway 26 Closures

The Province of Manitoba has updated its winter road safety standards, including stricter enforcement and fines for travelling on closed roads. In response, the RM of St. François Xavier has updated its Winter Road Maintenance Policy to align with these rules and protect public safety.

When Highway 26 is closed by Manitoba Transportation and Infrastructure, RM operations will also pause until conditions are safe for staff and equipment.

During a highway closure, snow clearing operations will not begin, and the municipal office, operations department, and waste transfer station will remain closed for the duration of the closure. This ensures staff are not travelling in dangerous conditions and allows crews to respond safely and efficiently once the highway reopens.

Once Highway 26 is reopened, RM crews will mobilize as soon as conditions permit, prioritizing safe access for emergency vehicles and residents. These changes reduce risk to drivers and staff, improve coordination with the province, and ensure winter maintenance is delivered safely and responsibly.



### What Residents Need to Know

- Do not travel on closed roads or highways significant fines and towing costs may apply.
- Municipal snow clearing will commence when Highway 26 reopens and conditions are safe.
- If Highway 26 remains closed 2.5 hours before the scheduled opening time the waste transfer station will be closed for the day. This will allow Public Works staff to prioritize residential street cleaning.
- The municipal office will also be closed during highway closures.
- Emergency access will be prioritized once operations resume.



**Please be advised that MB Transportation and Infrastructure has just installed new signage for the school speed zone which now sets specific times when the 30km/hour speed zone is in effect.**

**Effective immediately the 30km/hour speed zone is in effect 7am to 6pm, Monday to Friday from September to June.**

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Brrrr.... Winter has hit us hard this year. Below, the community has a few things for you to enjoy to help the cold winter pass.

Join us at SFXCC!

## Family MOVIE NIGHT

Featuring: **Monsters, Inc**

**FEBRUARY 13**  
**6:30 PM**

DOORS OPEN AT 6:00

Courtesy of Kristen Mitteness, Quinn & Madison, McCaughan. **Free entry!**

Toonie canteen (cash only) - Donations accepted

NORTHERN LITES TRAIL  
TRAILS BETWEEN 88-140 KM

MARCH 7, 2026  
**SFX CC**  
**POKER DERBY**

REGISTRATION 10AM-NOON  
START AND FINISH @ SFX CC  
DINNER TO FOLLOW  
SILENT AUCTION

\$10/HAND OR \$20 FOR 3 HANDS  
EXTRA CARDS \$5 EACH

SNOPASS REQUIRED

We want to hear from you!  
Do you know of something happening in our community? Please let us know!  
Have you snapped beautiful photos within our municipality? Please share those with us as well! All submissions can be sent to [info@rm-stfrancois.mb.ca](mailto:info@rm-stfrancois.mb.ca)

## LANDOWNER FUNDING 101



Join us as we share the various funding opportunities that are currently available to you!

Up to **\$150/ACRE** Incentive Rates  
Up to **85%** Establishments Costs



Open to any landowners in the RM of St. Francois Xavier

Friday, Feb 27th  
10:00 - 11:30 am  
Belcourt Community Club

Free to attend  
Coffee and Snacks Provided

Virtual option available by request

Your Watershed Districts in Attendance:

**RSVP**  
Jennifer Hunnie  
(204) 526-4223  
[jennifer@redboine.com](mailto:jennifer@redboine.com)

Please check out the invitation to the upcoming Redboine Watershed District Landowner Funding 101 workshop coming to St. Francois Xavier on Friday, February 27th at the Belcourt Community Club from 10-11:30am!! RSVP Jennifer Hunnie (204) 526-4223 or [jennifer@redboine.com](mailto:jennifer@redboine.com)

## ONLINE 50/50 RAFFLE

SUPPORT THE LOCAL WIN 1/2 THE TOTAL

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:  
<https://www.fundingchange.ca/sfxml>

### Things happening at the club:

**Stay and Play** every Sunday 10-11am until Feb 15th

**55+ Group** every Wednesday 9am - noon

**Pickle Ball** Mon/Wed/Thurs evenings 6:30-8:30.  
\$3 per night. Head count text sent out on game days.  
Play cancelled if 4 people count is not met. Loaner paddles available. Learn to play session(s) coming soon.  
Text questions to Terry Leslie cell 431-373-4625

**Feb 13 - Movie Night** - Monster's Inc. @ 6pm

**Mar 7 - Poker Derby** - Registration from 10am-noon, dinner to follow.  
Hands are \$10 each or \$25 for 3. We will need volunteers for canteen/bar and also handing out cards at stations. If you can help please email [sfxcc@gmail.com](mailto:sfxcc@gmail.com)

**Progressive 50/50** starting beginning of March!

**Mar 27 - Save the Date! Bingo** - more details to come!

**Soccer/baseball registration** coming beginning of March. Volunteers are needed to help with registration, organizing equipment and field layouts. Please email [sfxccprograms@gmail.com](mailto:sfxccprograms@gmail.com) if you can help!

### SFX Métis Local Online 50/50 Raffle

Ticket sales run from February 1 to March 5, with sales closing at 6:55 pm on March 5. The draw will take place on March 5 at 7:10 pm at the SFX RM Office. Tickets available at: <https://www.fundingchange.ca/sfxml>

Lots of great things coming up for the Community Club, and we want to keep it going! If you want to be a part of it, we can always use more people to help! We are looking for help with the following roles - secretary, social media, renos/maintenance, treasurer and events/programming. Any amount of help is appreciated, you can join the board, a subcommittee, or even just by volunteering! If any of these things interest you, please email [sfxcc@gmail.com](mailto:sfxcc@gmail.com)