



# HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS

UPDATES FROM YOUR TOWN OF GRAVELBOURG COUNCIL

JULY 2026

## “CREATE TO GET CLOSER” CHILDRENS’ MURAL

Students from École Gravelbourg School and École Mathieu painted an amazing new mural last year and it was so much fun celebrating its official unveiling on June 17. Huge thanks to these talented kids, to Public Works for the installation, and everyone else involved. Go check it out next time you're at Lions Park!

-Zach Ogilvie



## MAYOR’S MESSAGE

As we welcome the first days of Summer 2026, I would like to take a moment to recognize something that makes Gravelbourg such a special place: our local businesses.

From our retailers and restaurants to service providers, contractors, farmers, and entrepreneurs, local businesses are the backbone of our community. They create jobs, sponsor local events, support our schools and organizations, and help keep our community vibrant and growing.

Did you know that for every dollar spent at a local business, a significantly larger portion stays within the local economy compared to dollars spent elsewhere? Studies have shown that local businesses recirculate up to three times more money back into their communities through local wages, services, taxes, and charitable contributions. Simply put, when you support local, you are investing directly in your neighbours and in the future of Gravelbourg.

Every purchase matters. Whether it’s grabbing a coffee, hiring a local contractor, shopping downtown, or choosing a local service provider, those decisions help sustain the businesses that support our community year-round.

As summer begins, I encourage everyone to explore what our local businesses have to offer and continue showing them the support that has helped make Gravelbourg such a strong and resilient community.

### MEETING HIGHLIGHTS JUNE 2026

 2024-2026  
PALESTRE REPORT

 BACKHOE  
REPLACEMENT TABLED

 BOULEVARD  
POLICY DEVELOPMENT

 LEAD SERVICE LINE  
REPLACEMENTS

 6<sup>TH</sup> AVE E PARTIAL  
ROAD CLOSURES

**NEXT COUNCIL MEETING:  
July 21 @ 7:00PM**

On behalf of Town Council, I wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and memorable start to Summer 2026. Enjoy the sunshine, spend time with family and friends, support local whenever you can, and make the most of everything our wonderful community has to offer.

Happy Summer, Gravelbourg!



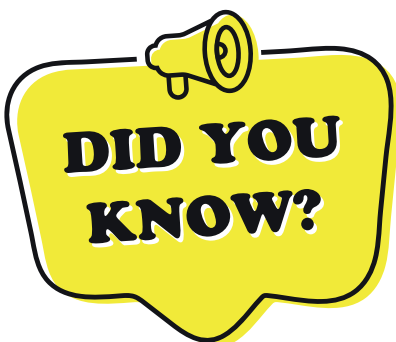
-Mayor Matt Forest

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MINUTES AND  
FULL VIDEOS



### TIPS TO KEEP CATS OUT OF YOUR GARDEN

1. **SPREAD** finely chopped citrus and/or banana peels around your garden beds
2. **SPRAY** the area with water infused with cat-repelling essential oils such as lavender, peppermint, and cinnamon
3. **KEEP** soil moist and/or cover any bare, dry areas with mulch like grass clippings



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## UPDATES FROM YOUR TEAM AT TOWN OF GRAVELBOURG

### RESTORATION CELEBRATION!

Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate the completion of the 1915 Grain Elevator restoration project! The Town has commissioned a plaque to commemorate this accomplishment, the culmination of 30 years of fundraising spearheaded by the Gravelbourg Museum. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered and donated funds to this worthwhile project over the years.



**2024/25 & 2025/26 COMPREHENSIVE ARENA REPORT**



Financial information, operational highlights, future planning considerations & more!

### PUBLIC WORKS

Our crew works diligently to keep the compost area tidy and organized. **PLEASE RESPECT STAFF AND FELLOW RESIDENTS – READ THE SIGNS AND PUT ORGANIC MATERIALS IN THE CORRECT AREA OF THE COMPOST SITE.**

**DO COMPOST** grass clippings, leaves, fresh fruit and/or vegetable waste  
**DON'T COMPOST** household garbage, plastic bags, cat litter, dog waste

**NO BRANCHES** accepted at compost site. Please take clean wood only to the wood piles located on north side of Nichol Ave across from the grain elevators.

### SPORTS & RECREATION

**AQUAPLEX** – Swimming lessons, public swims, SwimFit, and facility rentals continue to keep the Aquaplex busy throughout the summer. Registration remains open for Swimming Lesson Set 4, scheduled for August 17–21.

**THANK YOU REC VOLUNTEERS!** Whether coaching, serving on boards, organizing events, fundraising, improving facilities, or supporting programs behind the scenes, your time and dedication have a tremendous impact on our community. Recreation in Gravelbourg is made possible, and truly succeeds, because of the people who step up, get involved, and support one another.

### ADMINISTRATION

**PUBLIC PROPERTY DAMAGE AFFECTS EVERYONE** – When it comes to vandalism, the cost of any repairs, increased security, decommissioning and/or other measures that need to be taken as a result of an incident come at the expense of local ratepayers. Take pride in your community and help keep it safe and beautiful.

**PET LICENSING GRACE PERIOD ENDING SOON** on July 6, 2026. Please contact the Town Office to register any dogs and cats under your care as soon as possible.

### COMMUNITY & CULTURE

**OUR ANNUAL COMMUNITY EXPO** is coming up on September 3. Enjoy a free BBQ meal and explore 30+ booths hosted by local organizations, businesses, and services. Interested in a booth? Visit gravelbourg.ca to register today!

**KEEP GRAVELBOURG BEAUTIFUL CONTEST!** The Environmental Advisory Committee, Chamber, and Bouvier Greenhouses are teaming up to reward the best yard/garden in Gravelbourg. Nomination form available on gravelbourg.ca

**SECRET GARDEN MARKET** returns to Soucy Park on July 25 from 10AM – 4PM. Enjoy 25+ artisan vendors, live music, and more!

**BACKYARD CHICKEN SURVEY**