

May 2023 - Newsletter

**News from the Municipality of
Markstay-Warren**



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Feature of the Month - May 2023

There is two new employment opportunities from the Municipal Office available on our website.

FACILITY OPERATOR POSITION - ONE (1) FULL-TIME POSITION

Reporting to the Director of Operations or designate the position is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Community Hall/Arena and all associated Outdoor Recreational Facilities as well as general grounds maintenance throughout the Municipality.

GROUND MAINTENANCE POSITION (2 POSITIONS AVAILABLE, 8 WEEKS)

Reporting to the Public Works Lead Hand or the Director of Operations, the successful applicant shall perform duties as associated with the maintenance of Municipal Outdoor Facilities and to assist in the delivery of council approved Recreational Programs throughout the municipality and be proficient in the use of a riding lawnmower, whipper-snipper, brush cutter, hand tools and other related duties.

To apply to either position, please read the full details here, [Employment Opportunities](#).



Reminders

The Municipal Office will be closed on Monday, May 22nd for Victoria Day.

You can pick up a hard copy of the newsletter at the following locations; Bertrand's Store, Markstay Library, Warren Library, Health Unit, Rustic Cafe, Kukagami Jack, Hagar General Store, St-Charles Foodtown, and at the Seniors club.

The June newsletter's deadline for articles and ads is Wednesday, May 17th, 2023.

Birthday, Anniversaries and Thank You's

May 15th - Happy Birthday Helen

Wishing a beautiful day for the woman who does it all. The most amazing Mother, Wife and Nana we could ask for. Lots of love from all your family and friends.

May 15th - Happy 23rd Birthday Jared

May you celebrate with the loved ones who miss you very much, lots of love from Mom, Dad, Ava and all your family. You are loved so much.

May 25th - Happy 49th Wedding Anniversary Russell & Helen

Everyday you show us what true love and devotion mean, and for that, we are so grateful. Your love means everything to us, love from your girls, grandkids and the sons.

If you have someone you want to wish a Happy Birthday, please send an email to cdc@markstay-warren.ca with

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Public Notice

Status report on our roads

If you are unaware, the spring thaw has affected everyone, including other communities, not just ours. All Municipalities are facing the same issue. When the frost has thawed from the roads, the ground shifts causing heaving. As the frost continues to thaw, it causes boils to sprout up from the ground. This process happens more frequently on roads with a clay base.

The Public Works crews have been working long hours trying to keep up with this spring's thaw. This year was more severe than other years due to the thawing process happening very fast and it caused worse than normal road conditions. We had three roads that were completely flooded over, having the residents locked in their homes, unable to leave. I was personally in contact with the residents who were affected, just like I would in any other emergency. The crews worked through the weekends trying as best as they could to keep ahead of the road issues, including countless sinkholes.

I ask for patience and understanding as we try to keep up with all the road issues. In addition, due to the rain, the graders can't be operated as it would create very soupy road conditions and make the roads worse due to being overly saturated with water.

As the roads dry up, the crews will continue working on keeping the roads safe and passable for residents and visitors. Please drive safely and per the road conditions to avoid vehicle damage and/or accidents.

If you need more information, please feel free to contact the office via email info@markstay-warren.ca or by phone at 705-853-4536 ext. 200. If you choose to call and do not leave a name and contact number, we have no way to respond to your concerns.

Please remember, verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

Ken Elliott
Director of Operations
Markstay-Warren



Treasurer's Message

Water Bill 2023

During the month of April, the measuring of the water meters was done. Please pay attention to your mail at the beginning of May, as you will be receiving your 2023 water bill. The due date to pay your water bill is **Wednesday, May 31st**.

Building Inspector Information

If you would like to purchase building permits, or have any questions about your property, you can contact our Building Inspector, Paul Holland. You can contact him by email at cbo@markstay-warren.ca, by phone at 705-853-4536 ext. 209, or by visiting the Municipal Office on Monday, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays from 8:30am to 4:00pm.

Fire Chief Whynott's Message

If you would like to become a volunteer firefighter, or have questions for our current firefighters, please contact Fire Chief Mark Whynott at 705-853-4536 ext. 210 or mwhynott@markstay-warren.ca.

If you would like to burn this year, you will need to purchase a Open Air Burn Permit. You can purchase one by coming to the office at 21 Main St, Markstay.

Community Article - May 2023

Music and it's connections to our emotions

Music is an artform expressed by sounds, either by instruments, voice, synthesizers, computer generated or all of the above, and fueled by human creativity. It comes in many forms and genres, and some may be contested by groups of people of being the best kind of music, while others simply detest those genres.

I can honestly say that I have never met anyone who hated music in general. There was always some kind of sound that they would enjoy, even if it was a small sampling of the overall music in the world. Even those who are deaf can enjoy music by feeling the hum and vibrations caused by music.

Music can convey all kinds of emotions, either with the lyrics used, or with the rhythm of the sounds and instruments, or a combination of both. An example of music that can evoke emotions without lyrics is classical music. Let's take the symphony of "In the Hall of the Mountain King" by Edvard Grieg. It begins slowly, feeling like a journey, with repeating notes that increase in speed and volume. You can picture yourself heading down a path, avoiding dangers and finally encountering the "Mountain King" as the music culminates to it's end. This song would imply adventure, action, and motivation.

Let's take Chopin's Nocturne op.9 No.2's symphony. A very different feeling can be had from listening to it. A very calm, relaxing pace, and some could even say romantic. Something you can hear at a fancy restaurant playing while you're having a dinner with your date. It has a hint of potential. With most classical music, it is up to interpretation of the listener on what emotion it invokes in them. It's one of the many reasons why movies use instrumental soundtracks for the background sounds, to try and convey emotion to us subconsciously.

Let's move on from classical music and head into the lyrical songs that most of us listen to. The sounds used in lyrical music need to be different to the classical versions due to having vocalized words to match the rhythm, timing, and overall feeling of the song. It would be jarring to have a song that is calm and soothing in beat, while the lyrics is talking about something more upbeat, and requiring action, or adventure.

Let's take Linkin Park's One More Light's song. (If you haven't listened to it, I'd recommend it). If you were to just listen to the song without the lyrics, the tone of the music is sad, but it has a hopefulness within it. The lyrics lend themselves beautifully to the emotions, as stated in the chorus of the song;

*"If they say
Who cares if one more light goes out?
In a sky of a million stars
It flickers, flickers
Who cares when someone's time runs out?
If a moment is all we are
We're quicker, quicker
Who cares if one more light goes out?
Well I do"*

The song becoming more hopeful in tone with the instruments nearing the end, as the chorus is repeated, bringing in more hopefulness to the emotions of the song. The lyrics add to the emotion of sadness and hope to our consciousness, and the instrumental adds to our subconscious.

Music can help in time of stress, by creating a different emotion with the use of the instrumental and lyrics, whereas it could also make it worse by listening to the wrong song.

You can view the songs listed in the article by clicking the title of the songs, [Hall of the Mountain King](#), [Chopin's Nocturne op.9 No.2's symphony](#), [Linkin Park - One more Light](#). These links will take you directly to YouTube.





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