

Yellowhead Broadband Tech Tip of the Month Firmware update

Knowing how to update router firmware is vital for two key reasons: Security and Performance. Unless you've spent the last few years under a rock, you know wireless routers are full of security holes. Plus, new security issues pop up all the time.

There's also internet connection speed to consider. As we place heavier loads on home wireless networks, we need a faster, more consistent internet connection. Continue reading to learn how to upgrade router firmware to keep your network fast and safe.

How to update router firmware

1. Connect the router to your computer with an Ethernet cable.
2. Download the firmware update from the router manufacturer's website.
3. Log in to your router's web management page.
4. On that page, select the downloaded firmware to update your router.
5. Reboot your router to finish the upgrade.

Public Skating

Both the Strathclair Rink and Shoal Lake Communiplex are open and the locals are having fun taking advantage of this privilege!



Photo credit: Candace Rothnie—Strathclair Arena

Check out their respective Facebook pages for days and times for public skating.

In order to comply with the current Manitoba public health orders, the following rules apply:

- 18 years and older must be fully vaccinated.
- 12 and up must be vaccinated (proof of one dose or proof of negative Covid Test within the last 72 hours).
- Under 12 must be accompanied by a fully vaccinated adult.
- Masks must be worn in the facility, not required on the ice surface.



Photo: Candace Rothnie - Strathclair Arena

A Message from Senior Services Strathclair, Elphinstone, Newdale

As a Senior Services Resource Coordinator, I wear many hats. We are always on the move assisting the seniors in our communities to ensure they are safe and can continue living in their homes. I serve three areas Strathclair, Newdale & Elphinstone. We assist the seniors with any needs they may have that includes, but is not limited to: Taking them to appointments, picking up groceries, providing services such as foot and flu clinics and any equipment they may need such as wheel chairs and walkers. At Senior Services, we provide all this and more at no or very little cost to the seniors. We provide transportation with the Handi-van, that I drive, to attend trips to the city for shopping, special events, casinos, lunches etc. The small cost for the fuel is all the seniors pay to attend these out of town adventures. We pride ourselves in ensuring our seniors are safe, independent and enjoy all life has to offer by assisting them with anything they need in their daily lives.

If there is anything you would like to adventure out on a trip, or anything please call Mona Moyer at 204-365-2012 OR 204-365-6311 or you can email me anytime at sspp2@mymts.net

Happy New Year to Everyone and Best Wishes in 2022!

~ **Mona Moyer — Senor Services,**
Strathclair, Elphinstone, Newdale ~

Dog License Renewals

Don't forget to renew your Dog License. These are due now, under By-Law No 7/2017.



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF YELLOWHEAD PUBLIC NOTICE Auditor's Report

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Section 194 of the Municipal Act that the 2020 Audited Financial Report, together with the related financial statements for the Rural Municipality of Yellowhead are on file and available for inspection by any person or his agent during regular business hours at the Municipal Office in Shoal Lake located at 306 Elm Street; or at the Municipal Office in Strathclair located at 127 Veterans Way or on the Municipal Website at www.yellowheadmunicipality.ca.

Dated this 8th day of December, 2021.

~ **Nadine Gapka—Chief Administrative Officer,**
RM of Yellowhead ~

What's Up Yellowhead?

January 2022

First, let me extend my sincere wishes to everyone for a healthy, happy and better New Year. It was nice this year to be able to enjoy a limited family gathering at Christmas.

New Year's day reminds me of YK 2000 when precautions were being taken to prepare for numerous events that were to happen as we entered a new century. Likewise this year we must take precautions to lessen chances of things to happen.

I had the honor to recognize years of service by three municipal staff members. Nancy Gerrard (8 yrs.), Nadine Gapka (16 yrs.), and Donna Bartram (20 yrs.). I was totally surprised when I too was recognized by Council for my years of service. Days later, the Vet Board honored me with a presentation for my years on the Board. Thankyou everyone for your kind words of congratulations.

During my term as Mayor, three years have been under the stronghold of the pandemic and it looks like it may be one more year of limited activity in our Municipality. Service clubs and organizations have had to be creative to remain functional as their regular fund raising events have been altered or cancelled.

These organizations play an important part in hosting events and activities in our communities, but they are also facing another serious issue. With aging members, there seems a reluctance for younger people to become members of committees and boards. I call it "succession planning", something not ever considered before. New ideas and input from new members would be welcome. Please consider joining a team and see how your ideas can achieve projects and programs that would do good for the community. Some committees have as few as three meetings a year while others a few more. You may be surprised at the ease of participating and the knowledge gained.

A big "Thank you" goes to the public works staff that gave up their Christmas holidays to work on removing out latest snow fall. Hampering their job was that we are still one grader short, and snow combined with record low temperatures is a recipe for problems. As repairs got done, so did the jobs as required. With input from the operators, we will be reviewing our procedure to see if things could improve should the conditions arise again. Please be patient with our staff as the extreme cold weather is making their job more difficult. Although school bus routes have priority, I urge those with serious health issues and those who are pregnant, to let the office know so that at times of heavy snow, our operators can create a plan for their snow clearing. ▲

Until later, PLEASE follow the provincial health rules. I urge to get the vaccination and booster shot. Stay warm, healthy and laugh.

~**Mayor, Mervin Starzyk**~

Shoal Lake Community Foundation Inc. 2021 Annual report

Grants totaling \$12,500 were awarded to the following organizations:

Morley House Lakeshore Board, North Shore Walkway Project, Oakburn Lions Club, Prairie Mountain Regional Museum, SL Community Hall, SL Communiplex, SL Garden Club, SL Kids Club, SL Mounted Police Museum and the SL Pickleball Committee. \$450 in Bursaries were awarded to SL Graduates: Alexandra David and Barret McKay. To date grants totaling \$69,550, in addition to \$40,000 from an Emergency Funding Program, have been injected into the local community via the SLCF.

The 2021 Giving Challenge generated \$9,310 in donations plus \$1,862 in stretch dollars from both the Wpg Foundation and the Government of Manitoba. Total assets now exceed \$340,000. Funds are invested with and managed by the Winnipeg Foundation.

Community Foundations grant out only the income earned from donations. As donation totals increase so does the amount available for granting. Community Foundations are long term entities and all monies donated are "Now and Forever".

If you are interested in learning more about the Foundation or would like to join our Team of Board Members please contact any Board Member for more information.

The SLCF wishes everyone a Happy and Safe 2022

~**Lisa Hogg, Paulette Koroscil, Cory Luhowy, Eric Menzies, Gloria Ross, Dennis Schoonbaert, Linda Simpson, Murray Solomon, Ruth Wareham, Deb Wowryk** ~

<div>  January 2022 Calendar Dates to Remember  </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
Boxing Day	SL Drop In Bridge 1:30 pm RM Offices Closed	SL Drop In 500 7 pm Pool Table open 7—9pm RM Offices Closed	SL Drop In Low in Hand 1.30pm	SL Drop In Spades 7 pm Pool Table open 7—9pm	New Years Eve RM Offices will be closed from noon today	New Years Day 
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	SL Drop In Bridge 1:30 p.m. RM Offices Closed	SL Drop In 500 7 pm Pool Table open 7—9pm	SL Drop In Low in Hand 1.30pm	SL Drop In Spades 7 pm Pool Table open 7—9pm	Ukrainian Christmas Day 	
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	SL Drop In Bridge 1:30 p.m.	SL Drop In 500 7 pm Pool Table open 7—9pm Council Meeting	SL Drop In Low in Hand 1.30pm	SL Drop In Spades 7 pm Pool Table open 7—9pm	Ukrainian New Year 	
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	Bridge 1:30 pm The Building Sustainable Communities Grant deadline today	SL Drop In 500 7 pm Pool Table open 7—9pm	SL Drop In Low in Hand 1.30pm	SL Drop In Spades 7 pm Pool Table open 7—9pm		
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	SL Drop In Bridge 1:30 p.m.	SL Drop In 500 7 pm Pool Table open 7—9pm Council Meeting	SL Drop In Low in Hand 1.30pm	SL Drop In Spades 7 pm Pool Table open 7—9pm	SL Drop in Crib Tournament	
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
		Pool Table open 7—9pm	Ground Hog Day 	Pool Table open 7—9pm		

Thank You to our Community from the Shoal Lake Communiplex

We wish to extend a heart felt thank you to the following people and organizations for donations to the Online Auction: Shoal Lake Curling Club, Shoal Lake Minor Sports, AAA U15 Male Chiefs, RM of Yellowhead, AAA U18 Male Chiefs, Lisa Hogg—Epicure, Devon Mackie—Tupperware, Brad Benton—Benny’s, AAA U15 Female Chiefs, Tazzman Sports Memorabilia, Michelle Menzies, Mazer Group, Shoal Lake Skating Club, Rocky Mountain Equipment, RBC, Morgan Geekie, Shoal Lake Pharmacy, Junction 16 Clothing and, Sam & Connie Chegwin. We were able to clear over \$3,500 to help with operation costs.

Consider Joining a Committee

Our Community needs you! We have some vacancies on various 2022 Committees, and would love to hear from anyone interested in becoming part of one.

Assiniboine West Watershed District—Upper Little Saskatchewan River Committee

This Committee meets twice per year to discuss budgets and any projects relating to this particular watershed.



Morley House Lakeshore Committee

This wonderful group of people is responsible for overseeing the general operations of the facility. They meet every month to do this and also discuss budgets and concerns or issues that need addressing as well as upgrading the facility and making it more comfortable for its residents.

Oakburn Advisory Committee

The Oakburn Advisory Committee meets at least four times per year. They compile a wish-list of things they would like to see in their Community. They establish and discuss budgets, issues and improving the community.

Parkland Service for Seniors Committee

The Parkland Service for Seniors Committee are looking to fill one position.

Shoal Lake Library Committee

The Library Committee meets twice a year, once in winter (at the beginning of the year (Jan/Feb) for budget purposes and again at year end (Dec).



Splash Park Committee

This Committee is currently trying to secure funding to build a Splash Park at the Lakeview Park in Shoal Lake. This will be a very exciting project to be a part of.

Shoal Lake Handi-Van

This Committee meets four times per year for an hour each time to discuss budgets and any issues that need to be addressed as well as dealing with any current projects. There are currently two vacancies on this Committee that need to be filled.

Anyone interested in becoming part of one or more of the above Committees is encouraged to contact the RM Office.

Having Your Say

Creating The Community We Want In 2022 - Together!

A Very Happy New Year to you ALL!

Looking into 2022, Community Planning Sessions will be held to engage, gather and connect in creative ways (within health recommendations of course), to gain a deeper understanding of how we all want our community to look, feel and grow.

We'll be at the Community Halls in Elphinstone, Strathclair, Oakburn and Shoal Lake throughout Feb, March, and April for approximately 3 days each, to visit, share and learn from as many community members as possible. If your community group or business is interested in being a part of this, setting up a table or display etc., please call 204-365-6431 or email: cdc@yhgov.net.

Open to the public – any restrictions or guidelines will be communicated within the week of each event. Our main goal is to share the ever-evolving plan and hear your feedback to understand how residents of each area think and feel about our community; what works well, what we are proud of, what we need to develop in relation to the services and amenities that we want to create together for our own quality of life and to attract more families to our community. Basically, to have a shared, strategic and collaborative plan for **‘How We Grow’**.

WELCOMING New Comers and Visitors:

Connecting and navigating in a new community can be a challenging undertaking, add a global pandemic and it may seem near impossible! We’ve been hearing from new comers and established residents alike that there is great interest in creating more opportunities to connect. Keelan Jones of Strathclair has agreed to be our point person for creating a ‘Welcoming’ group (and packages) for the RM of Yellowhead. His energy and enthusiasm, as a new community member himself, is a major asset to this initiative! Please, if you’d like to be a part of this initiative, connecting to new and established community members, adding items to welcome packages, or to make suggestions on ways to connect, please call/email Keelan at: 604-209-1574 k33lanjones@gmail.com

Congratulations to BENNY’S! Brad and Dianne Cramer were interviewed by Community Futures Westman: sharing their wins and challenges over the years, and how the support from CFW helped them get started! Proud to have them in our community! cfmanitoba.ca/westman-news/brad-benton-benny-s

~ **Jolene Bobinski, CDO, R.M. of Yellowhead** ~
cdc@yhgov.net or **204-759-3343** ~