

# Southport

May 2021 Newsletter



## Southport Reveals Southport Golf Club Clubhouse Upgrades

The 2021 golf season is well underway, and Southport is pleased to reveal the new clubhouse addition and patio! The 2000 ft<sup>2</sup> all-season addition will serve as an ideal place for hosting tournament dinners, meetings, weddings and other future celebrations when it is safe to do so. Paired with a picturesque view of

the course and proximity to the Southport Airport, the clubhouse is a venue unlike any other.

In 2020, the clubhouse interior received several upgrades including vinyl plank flooring, a fresh coat of paint, new laminate countertops throughout, and modern fixtures in the washrooms. This year, the



clubhouse interior received the new 2000 ft<sup>2</sup> addition, a new accessible washroom, and the kitchen now has new stainless steel furnishings including two sinks, a cooler, a freezer and an ice maker. At the south end of



Southport Golf Club, the driving range began receiving upgrades in May, with many more planned for this season. The driving range recently received new hitting mats, bay dividers, bag holders and ball baskets. Soon, a new divot storage box, storage shed, and new signage will also be installed at the range.

This season, Southport Golf Club also gained a new cook, and their food has been a hit! If you haven't ordered take-out from the clubhouse yet, plan to place an order soon. Weekly specials are currently available for take-out Wednesday through Sunday from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm. Call to order today!



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## Southport Golf Club Celebrates Mother's Day with Giveaway

Southport Golf Club celebrated Mother's Day with a giveaway on social media. Participants who followed the instructions on the post and tagged their mom, or a mother figure in their life, were entered into a draw to win a pair of 9-hole rounds and a golf cart rental. The contest received such great interaction that the same contest will be held in celebration of Father's Day on June 20! Be sure to follow @southportgolfclub on Facebook for your chance to win!



## Facilities Update

### Facilities Maintenance Team Begins Annual Upgrades

In May, Southport's Facilities Maintenance Team began renovating some of Southport's residential units as part of Southport's Residential Housing Upgrade Project. This project commenced in 2017 and units are renovated as they are coordinated with the tenants. Tenants who are interested in having their unit upgraded may request to participate in the project. Learn more about this program [here](#).



### Southport Attends Travel Manitoba Hotel Summit

Southport Manager, Properties, Curtis Calvert, attended Travel Manitoba's event, The Hotel Industry and COVID-19 Recovery. The event was held in partnership with The Manitoba Hotel Association and highlighted how Manitoba's hotel sector continues to adapt to the ever changing pandemic environment and begins the recovery process.

### Southport CEO Completes Term as Manitoba Chambers of Commerce Chair

In May, Southport Chief Executive Officer, Peggy May, completed her term as Chair of the Manitoba Chambers of Commerce Board of Directors, and will remain with the organization as Past Chair for 2021. Southport is pleased to maintain active membership with Manitoba Chambers of Commerce and supports the organization at every opportunity.



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## Southport Tenant Feature

In coordination with Paramedic Services Week, from May 23-29, Southport was pleased to provide the Portage la Prairie and Area EMS with a gift card to a local restaurant.

Southport is proud to be the current home of the Portage la Prairie and Area EMS where they station 5 ambulances and the Regional Mobile Critical Care Unit.

Thank you to all paramedics, dispatchers, etc., who help keep us safe and healthy every day.



## Southport Welcomes New Staff

Southport would like to welcome new and returning employees to the team. Each of these employees bring experience and talent that will serve them well in their new position at Southport. If you see one of these new faces around the community, be sure to give them a wave. Welcome all, to the Southport team!



**Megan Lussier**

Southport Golf Club  
Clubhouse Server/Cook



**Jeremiah Ezekwem**

Southport Office  
Accountant

### Not Pictured:

**Tillie Botteril**

Southport Golf Club  
Golf Course Maintenance  
Summer Student

**Thomas Zatina**

Southport Golf Club  
Golf Course Maintenance  
Summer Student

## Climate Smart Corner

In 2020, Southport implemented an office battery recycling program through Call2Recycle, Canada's first and largest consumer battery stewardship organization. Call2Recycle promotes environmental sustainability by providing an effective, efficient and easy-to-use battery collection and recycling program.

This program has allowed Southport to divert many batteries from landfills, while also ensuring they are safely transported for recycling.



# A Message From the Board

## Comments From the Chair



### What drew you to become involved with Southport?

My association with Southport goes back to the late 1960s. I was in a family band (The Travellers) in my mid-teens, and we often played for various events at both the Officers' Mess and the Junior Rank's Mess at the former CFB Portage la Prairie. The band consisted of my mother on keyboards, my brother on bass guitar and vocals, me on drums and vocals and various guest lead guitarists and other musicians. I have fond memories of various events we played for there, however, the formal New Year's Eve dances were a highlight and really something to see for a young farm boy from Katrimie!

When I started out in business in Portage la Prairie in 1978, CFB Portage was still an important part of the Portage and District economy and when word came of the pending closure of "the Base" my partners and I shared the concern of the community for what the future would bring. I supported the "Save the Base" movement at that time and was relieved when Southport Aerospace Centre Inc. was formally established in 1990 and assumed ownership of the property and assets of CFB Portage in 1992. This preserved the legacy of military flight training at Southport.

After the establishment of Southport, I was fortunate enough to have a business relationship with the Board of Directors which lasted up until my retirement in 2014. In the meantime, I had become a General Member and enjoyed attending member functions and Annual Meetings. When I was asked if I would consider allowing my name to stand for election to the Board of Directors in 2012, I didn't hesitate. I was elected to the Board in September of 2012 and will be retiring this year after reaching my nine-year term limit.

### What have you enjoyed about being on the Board?

The first thing that I enjoyed was learning about the importance of good governance. I've often said that I was very fortunate to experience my first major corporate directorship with Southport. I had previous board experience with local service clubs and community organizations as well as provincial and national industry associations, however, Southport's commitment to governance excellence is what initially stood out to me. I have great respect for Southport's founders who laid a solid governance foundation upon which the future of Southport could be built. I am not too sure why, but my experience with Southport's governance tweaked my interest in corporate governance writ large. In my retirement, I have enrolled in governance education programs, attained a directorship designation, provided some governance consulting, and accepted other corporate directorships.

Other things that I have enjoyed are being involved with such a successful organization and my association with Board colleagues, our management team and staff, and the General Members. Although we haven't been able to meet in person for over a year, we have managed to stay connected virtually. I am, however, looking forward to attending Annual Meetings and General Member functions in person in the future.

Pre-Covid, at the start of my term as Board Chair, I really enjoyed attending the 3CFFTS Wings graduation ceremonies and dinners. It made me proud to see the quality and commitment of these new graduates who are preparing to serve in Canada and around the world. Seeing the graduates in their uniforms and the precision of their parades reminded me of the photos of my father in his uniform when he served with the RCAF during the second World War.

Southport is an amazing organization with a bright future ahead. It was my honour and privilege to be a part of it.





## Southport is Hiring

It's an exciting and rewarding opportunity to become a part of Southport, a winning team! Southport is currently accepting applications in several positions. Do one of these positions sound like the job for you? Head to our website to read the full job descriptions and to apply!

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### Facilities Maintenance Technician

As the Facilities Maintenance Technician, you will be responsible for performing and assisting with the installation, maintenance, repair and operation of a wide range of facility and utility systems, assisting with commercial and residential renovations, utilizing a diverse range of hand tools and a computerized maintenance management system for work order administration, and performing manual labour and other duties for the efficient operation of the Facilities Maintenance Team. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

### Customer Service Representative, Recreation

As the Customer Service Representative, Recreation, you will be responsible for providing exceptional customer service to all clients of the Central Plains RecPlex, performing daily duties efficiently and accurately including reception, food handling and bowling alley tasks, and for maintaining cleanliness of the facility. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

### Cleaning Service Technician

As the Cleaning Service Technician, you will be responsible for cleaning and sanitizing offices, meeting rooms, bathrooms, kitchens, dining and public areas, reporting on inventory levels of cleaning supplies, maintaining accurate records and MSDS sheets for all cleaning products, operating and maintaining cleaning equipment, and effectively communicating with the supervisor while following Southport and Workplace Safety and Health Procedures and Policies. Applications will be accepted until both positions are filled.

### Green Team Summer Students

As a full-time Green Team Summer Student, you will be responsible for performing grounds maintenance including seeding, planting, pruning, shovelling materials (gravel, concrete and asphalt), and painting and assisting Facilities Maintenance Technicians with site repairs and renovations. Applications will be accepted until all positions are filled.

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## Southport Sports New Vehicles

In May, Southport acquired two new fleet vehicles, Dodge Ram 1500 pickup trucks. The new trucks have been outfitted with Southport branding and will be used by Southport's Facilities Maintenance Team. Watch for these new trucks driving around the community!



## Southport Staff Celebrate Key Milestones

In May, Southport celebrated the achievement of key milestones for two staff. Coordinator, Facilities Maintenance, Curtis Tarr, celebrated his 5-year anniversary of working at Southport, and Administrative Assistant, Properties, Michaela MacKenzie, celebrated her 10-year anniversary of working at Southport. Congratulations, Curtis and Michaela, on achieving these important milestones!



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## Southport Outlines First Year of Operating During Pandemic to Portage Rotary Club

In May, Southport Director, Business Development, Deanna Talbot, and Director, FAcT Engagement, Colby Orchard, presented an update on Southport's operations to the Rotary Club of Portage la Prairie.

The update discussed some of the obstacles that Southport encountered in the past year and how we overcame them, as well as the progress that Southport made despite the pandemic situation. The presentation also highlighted key moments from 2020 including celebrating the grand opening of Hangar 5, assuming the management of Southport Golf Club and the development of Southport's Business Incubator Program.

## Southport Staff Attend Virtual MBPoli Power Hour

Southport Director, Business Development, Deanna Talbot, and Director, FAcT Engagement, Colby Orchard, attended the MBPoli Power Hour on May 4, hosted by Manitoba Chambers of Commerce. Honourable Ralph Eichler, Minister of Economic Development and Jobs, provided remarks about what is to come for our economy, with a focus on industries that have been hit hardest by the pandemic including tourism, travel, film production and hospitality.

The Minister also provided an update on Manitoba's investment attractiveness, inter-provincial trade barriers, support for local initiatives and job creation plans.

This informative session ensured that Southport is well-informed of Manitoba's economic status as we continue to move forward with the pandemic.

## Construction Update: Centenaire South

Construction of the two newest Centenaire South duplexes is well underway. In May, the footings and grade beams were poured, sub-bases were installed, plumbing rough-ins were completed, ICF block and steel were placed, foundation walls were poured, and backfilling began.

Southport is now leasing these four individual units for their fall completion. If you are interested in calling a Centenaire South unit home, visit Southport's website or contact Southport's Property Management Team to apply today.



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## Southport Promotes Mental Health Awareness

In observation of Mental Health Week, May 3-9, Southport provided themed, decorated cookies for all staff. The objective of Mental Health Week is to promote and protect mental health. The cookies provided a fun and delicious morale boost.



## Upcoming Events

### National Indigenous Peoples Day June 21

In coordination with National Indigenous Peoples Day, Southport will host a virtual groundbreaking ceremony for the new Cultural Centre that will be located in Southport's Interpretive Park.

### Southport Annual General Meeting June 30

Southport's Annual General Meeting will be held virtually on June 30 at 2:30 pm.

### Southport Community Beautification Contest June - August

Southport's Annual Community Beautification Contest will commence in the residential area in June. Residential tenants, be sure to begin planting your flowers and perfecting your yards for a chance to win a gift card to a local business!

## Southport Joins in Portage la Prairie Sign Wars

Throughout May, the Portage la Prairie area engaged in a sign war. Local hair salon, Styled With Meraki, started the trend. Southport couldn't resist joining in the fun and "called out" KF Aerospace, Rotary Club of Portage la Prairie, Portage Golf Club and Stride Place, encouraging them to become involved.



## Southport Hosts Virtual General Members Information Meeting

On May 26, Southport hosted a virtual General Members Information Meeting, in lieu of the annual General Members Evening event. The meeting was organized to inform Southport's General Members of the events that occur at Southport.

Southport Chief Executive Officer, Peggy May, provided a business update and Board Director, Marc Groenewegen, outlined highlights from the General Members Task Force Report that was produced in 2020.



## What's the Name?



Southport and Southport Golf Club are excited to be participating in the first-ever Portage la Prairie Burger Days from June 7-13! Tell us the name of our burger entry and be entered to win a Southport branded prize! Need a hint? Search through the pages of this newsletter!

### Send Us Your Answer!

Email: [marketing@southport.ca](mailto:marketing@southport.ca)

Message: [@southportairport](https://www.facebook.com/southportairport) on Facebook



## Live a Healthy and Active Lifestyle - Outside!

Currently, you may not be able to work out in a gym, but not to worry, Southport has several outdoor recreation options that are suitable for the whole family! Get out your ball glove and try out our ball diamonds or reach for your tennis racquet and head to our two tennis courts.

In the mood to get your blood pumping? On the west side of the RecPlex, you'll find our 400m gravelled track featuring a soccer field on the inner circle. Thinking about a leisurely form of exercise for those hot days? Southport has kilometres of paved walking paths that criss-cross throughout the community. The paved paths are perfect for your morning run or evening walk with your dog.

If you don't mind a short drive, visit Southport Golf Club for a round of 9, or sharpen your swing at the driving range. There are so many ways to stay active and live a healthy lifestyle at Southport!



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# May Charity & Event Support



## CFPD Advertisement Sponsorship

In May, the Community Foundation of Portage and District (CFPD) ran an advertisement in the Graphic Leader highlighting the Emergency Community Support Fund grant program which enabled the CFPD to fund a virtual mentorship program for Big Brothers Big Sisters Central Plains. With current Public Health Orders limiting mentorship opportunities, BBBS looked to virtual programming to keep their program matches engaged. Southport proudly sponsors these monthly advertisements as the CFPD is one of Southport's key community partners.



## Chance 2 Grow Flower Purchase

Southport purchased 130 plants from the Child and Family Services of Central Manitoba Chance 2 Grow program fundraiser in May. Chance 2 Grow funds a wide variety of recreational and educational opportunities for children in our community. Southport is pleased to support this program annually.



## Virtual Benefit Concert Support

In May, Southport announced its title sponsorship for a virtual benefit concert, featuring Doc Walker, for Prairie Fusion Arts and Entertainment on June 3. Southport is pleased to support Prairie Fusion Arts and Entertainment as the arts are an important part of our community.

**\$6,662.50**  
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