

Southport

Newsletter
September 2021



Southport Holds Ceremony and Commemoration for National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

On September 30, Southport held a ceremony and commemoration for the inaugural National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. The ceremony took place at the new Four Winds Cultural Centre, located in Southport's Interpretive Park, across from the Southport Office.

The day began with a traditional Pipe Ceremony and blessing, performed by Darryl Taylor, Knowledge Keeper, and Cornell Pashe, Indigenous Community Coordinator of Portage Community Revitalization Corporation (PCRC).

Following the Pipe Ceremony, speeches were made honouring National Day of Truth and Reconciliation by Doug McLennan, Chair, Southport Board of Directors, Irvine Ferris, Mayor, City of Portage la Prairie, Peggy May, CEO, Southport Aerospace Inc., Eric Pashe, Chief, Dakota Tipi First Nation, Donny Smoke, Chief, Dakota Plains First Nation, and Cornell Pashe, Indigenous Community Coordinator, PCRC.

During the ceremony, Peggy May, CEO, Southport Aerospace Inc., and Colby Orchard, Director, FACT



Engagement, were asked to join Darryl Taylor, Knowledge Keeper, and were honoured by two elders, survivors of the Residential Schools, with sacred eagle feathers.

Indigenous artists, Dakota Hostiles and Lydia Gork, attended the ceremony offering songs in prayer while those in attendance were asked to stand and join an honouring circle to participate in a group smudge and



traditional tobacco offering.

The ceremony was concluded with Jacinda Houle, wearing a traditional Jingle Dress, blessing the grounds with dance while a Thank You song was performed.

Following the formal proceedings, a feast was offered to all dignitaries and guests.

The construction of the Four Winds Cultural Centre addresses a long-time need in the community and supports Addiction Foundation Manitoba (AFM), located in Southport.

Currently the centre features a sweat lodge and a 30-foot teepee. Construction of a large community picnic shelter will begin in October.

Stay up-to-date on this project by visiting Southport's website and by following Southport on social media.



Fall Balls FORE the Foundation Golf Tournament

On Thursday, September 23, Southport hosted a Fall Balls FORE the Foundation Golf Tournament, with all proceeds going to the Community Foundation of Portage and District.

Participants enjoyed food from Southport Golf Club and while on the course, golfers received ice cream sandwiches, provided by What's the Scoop, and popcorn, provided by Prairie City Cinema.

There were 13 corporate sponsors for each of the holes, putting green, and driving range. Not-for-profit organizations, that have benefited from the foundation, also joined the sponsors on each hole. Southport donated \$10,000 to CFPD, which will grow Southport's Endowment Fund with the CFPD to over \$45,000.



Southport Management and Board of Directors Gather for 2021 Strategic Planning Session

Southport's Board of Directors and Senior Management team gathered in the Flightline Building for an Annual Strategic Planning Session at the end of September.

It was a great few days, catching up personally, and looking ahead to the future of Southport.

This was the first in person event with the Board of Directors since January 2020!



 @SouthportAirport

 @SouthportMB

 Southport.ca

Facilities Update

Southport's Facilities Maintenance team has been busy with the residential renovations, concrete work, landscaping, and fencing around our site. The team has also been cleaning, inspecting, and reassembling boilers. Preparing for National Truth and Reconciliation Day, the team fenced the area surrounding the Sweat Lodge, and set up for the event. Southport thanks the Facilities Maintenance team for their hard work in maintaining the community, making it a beautiful place to live, work, and play.



Southport Tenant Feature

Assiniboine Community College operates a 2-year rotating Practical Nursing Program out of their campus at Southport. The program uses an interactive blended learning and classroom environment, with simulated clinical settings using the latest lab equipment. The program provides students with an opportunity to make a difference in the health care profession.

ACC uses the Southport Building for office, classroom, and laboratory space. The program has been successful at Southport. Click below to learn more about their program.

[Learn More ▶](#)



KAIROS Blanket Exercise

On Thursday, October 14, Southport staff will be participating in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise program. The KAIROS Blanket Exercise program is a unique, participatory history lesson, developed in collaboration with Indigenous Elders, knowledge keepers, and educators, that fosters truth, understanding, respect and reconciliation among Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

The Blanket Exercise covers more than 500 years in an experiential workshop that aims to foster understanding about our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples.

Everyone is actively involved as they use specific background icons that represent the various historical and current experiences of First Nations, Inuit and later Métis peoples. This program is highly regarded by Indigenous leaders across Canada and was selected for its unique and collaborative approach to fostering awareness and education.





Save the Date! Brake for Breakfast Program

On Thursday, October 28, Southport will be an hourly match partner for the Brake for Breakfast program, organized by Golden West Broadcasting in Portage la Prairie. Tune in from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm to make a donation and help us in supporting this fundraising and the benefits the breakfast program has to our community!

Filming is Complete! New Southport Promotional Video

Tripwire visited Southport on Monday, September 14, to begin filming the new Southport promotional video. The video is in the final stages of editing before it's Southport premier.

Stay up-to-date on this project by visiting Southport's website and by following Southport on social media.



Climate Smart Corner

Southport has started a five year plan to replace natural gas furnaces, that are reaching the end of serviceability. With more efficient and reliable electric forced air furnaces in 186 residential units, the project will see an estimated annual reduction of 607.42 tonnes of CO2 equivalent being released into the atmosphere. This project also has a climate resilience aspect. Southport is running the power supply line for each unit underground replacing the overhead power lines that are sometimes damaged in wind storms or heavy snow falls. Both of these items are in line with Southport's Climate Smart commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to prepare for a changing climate.



climatesmart



Construction Update: Centenaire South

Construction of the two newest Centenaire South duplexes continues! In September, driveway paving, placement of sod, and interior drywalling have been completed with finishings underway.

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.



204.428.6030



propertymanagement@southport.ca



Southport.ca



Southport Runway Construction

The inner runway rehabilitation project began on Monday, August 30, and was completed on Thursday, September 30.

The project entailed the narrowing and rehabilitation of runway 13L (left) and 31R (right), also known as the inner runway.

Maple Leaf Construction milled the old asphalt, reclaimed, shaped, and compacted it to prepare for paving. The runway was paved with asphalt and repainted according to the new dimensions.

Canadian Base Operations conducted an operational inspection and all runways and taxiways were opened to full operations on Friday, October 1. The final inspection with consultants is scheduled for Thursday, October 14 when the project will officially close.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this project a success!



What is this?



In September, a teepee was placed in Southport. Tell us where the teepee is located 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

Message: [@southportairport](#) on Facebook



Southport is Hiring

It's an exciting and rewarding opportunity to be a part of Southport, a winning team. Do you have what it takes? Tell us why you consider yourself to be a creative thinker and innovator. Join us and turn your potential into performance.

Manager, Leisure Facilities

As the Manager, Leisure Facilities, you will be responsible for the administration, facility maintenance, marketing and customer relations, and Environment, Health and Safety duties at Southport's leisure facilities. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Click below to apply and learn more about the position's responsibilities, requirements, and benefits.

Manager, Human Resources (HR)

As the Manager, Human Resources (HR), you will be responsible for the payroll and human resources duties at Southport. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Click below to apply and learn more about the position's responsibilities, requirements, and benefits.

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.

Click below to apply and learn more about the position's responsibilities, requirements, and benefits.

[Apply Now ▶](#)



STAY UP TO DATE WITH OUR LATEST NEWS



Southport Golf Club Upgrades

In September, construction was completed at the golf course for a storage tank and dry hydrant. This improves fire safety and allows 100% occupancy in the clubhouse.



The 2021 Golf Season has Come to an End

The 2021 golf season has come to an end. On Monday, October 11, the golf course closed for the season.

Southport would like to thank all members and guests of the Southport Golf Club for a wonderful and memorable 2021 season. Southport looks forward to seeing everyone in the spring for another great 2022 golf season!

Stay up-to-date on early bird pricing by following Southport Golf Club on Facebook and by visiting Southport Golf Club's website below.

[Learn More ▶](#)

 204.428.3174

 SouthportGolfClub.ca

 @SouthportGolfClub



JOIN OUR TEAM!



COVID-19 Restrictions Update

A friendly reminder that only individuals who are double vaccinated will be able to enter the building. Please come prepared to show both your vaccine card and your ID. An employee will be scanning vaccination cards and checking IDs prior to admittance.

Masks continue to be mandatory while in the facility unless you are engaging in physical activity.

Central Plains RecPlex will continue to follow all Manitoba Government Public Health Orders and will evolve as they do.

Central Plains RecPlex thanks you for your ongoing support and cooperation.



Save the Date - Discount Day

Spooky savings await you on Thursday, October 28 as Central Plains RecPlex will be hosting it's annual fall Discount Day. On this day, all new and renewed Central Plains RecPlex memberships will be 20% off. Additionally, when you purchase or renew a membership on Discount Day, you will be entered to win it for free.

Click below to learn more.

Hours of Operation

🕒 Monday - Saturday | 5:30 am - 10:00 pm

🕒 Sunday | 7:00 am - 7:00 pm



CentralPlainsRecPlex.com



recfrontdesk@southport.ca



204.428.3174



@CentralPlainsRecPlex



@CentralPlainsRecPlex

[Learn More ▶](#)

September Charity & Event Support



CFPD Advertisement Sponsorship

The Community Foundation of Portage and District (CFPD) ran an advertisement in the Graphic Leader highlighting Portage Skating Club & Portage Ringette Association. In 2020, CFPD granted funds to upgrade equipment for their programs. Portage Ringette installed new shot clocks at each ice surface in Portage, allowing games to be played at all age levels, in all arenas in our community, in a safe and healthy format. The Portage Skating Club purchased a jumping harness to increase safety for skaters of all ages and reduce the learning time required for double, triple, and quad jumps. The grant enabled the club to continue offering its programs in a safe but fun environment. Southport proudly sponsors these monthly advertisements as the CFPD is one of Southport's key community partners.



INVITATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Southport

AEROSPACE CENTRE INC.

HOLE

CentrePort Golf Tournament

On Wednesday, September 8, Southport sponsored a hole at the 7th Annual CentrePort Invitational Golf Tournament that took place at Bel Acres Golf & Country Club. All tournament proceeds supported scholarships and bursaries at Red River College and Manitoba Institute of Trades & Technology



UNITED WAY CENTRAL PLAINS PRESENTS
GLOW GOLF 2021

\$50 per golfer
All glow golf materials included! Pull carts only this year.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2021
7:00 PM REGISTRATION
8:00 PM SHOTGUN START
SOUTHPORT GOLF CLUB

CHAMPION PRIZES AVAILABLE!
Call (204) 857-4440 to reserve yours today!

PRIZE FOR
THE MOST
GLOWING
TEAM!

Southport
GOLF CLUB

Title Sponsor:
Southport
AEROSPACE CENTRE INC.

United Way Central Plains Glow Golf Tournament

Southport sponsored and attended the United Way Central Plains Glow Golf Tournament that was held at Southport Golf Club. Southport provided all the glow golf balls and flag glow sticks as part of the sponsorship. It was a fun evening of golf, with proceeds going to support a local not-for-profit organization that helps children, families, individuals, and seniors in our community. Southport was pleased to sponsor this tournament as the United Way Central Plains is one of Southport's key community partners.

September Charity & Event Support



Portage Terrier Golf Tournament

Southport sponsored and attended the second annual Geno Romanow Memorial Par 3 Challenge at the Portage Golf Club on Sunday, September 12. All proceeds from the tournament, in Geno's name, went to the Portage Terriers organization. Alumni, fans, and business partners joined together in making the tournament a success. Southport is an active supporter of the Portage Terriers in our community and is proud to provide the Central Plains RecPlex as the official home dry land training facility for the hockey team.



Portage Chamber Golf Tournament

On Thursday, September 16, Southport participated in the Portage Chamber Par-tee Golf Tournament at the Portage Golf Club. Southport sponsored a hole and entered a team to participate in the tournament. At the Southport booth, golfers had an opportunity to win prizes by playing a fishbowl/ping pong ball game to promote Southport facilities and recreation offerings.



KF Aerospace / 3CFFTS Hosts Family Day

On Saturday, September 18, KF Aerospace hosted a Family Day. This was a day to show appreciation to all the organizations, staff, and their families who are involved with 3CFFTS. The day involved an opportunity to fly in one of four aircrafts that are flown at Southport (ie. Grob, King Air, Bell 206 Helicopter and Bell 412 Helicopter). Southport participated in the event by handing out ice cream and water for all participants.

September Charity & Event Support



Community Foundation of Portage and District Golf Tournament

On Thursday, September 23, Southport hosted a Fall Balls FORE the Foundation Golf Tournament, with all proceeds going to the Community Foundation of Portage and District.

Following the event, Peggy May, CEO at Southport Aerospace Centre, presented the CFPD with a \$10,000 cheque, which will grow Southport's Endowment Fund with the CFPD to over \$45,000.



Stars Radiothon Participation

On Wednesday, September 29, Southport was a matching sponsor for the annual STARS Critical Care on the Air Radiothon. Southport's sponsor hour was from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm and as a matching sponsor, Southport matched all donations made during this hour, up to \$1,000. Over \$1,000 was raised during Southport's hour and overall, the radiothon raised over \$74,000 for STARS. Southport is a proud supporter of STARS and it's mission to provide a safe, rapid, highly specialized emergency transport system for the critically ill and injured.



In-Kind Donations

At the end of September, Southport has made a total of \$5,773.33 in in-kind donations. The in-kind donations have included donated recreation space and employee volunteer time.

37,190.00
Total 2021-22 Donations