



Newsletter

November 2021



Inner Runway Rehabilitation Project Celebration Lunch

On Friday, November 5, Southport hosted a luncheon to celebrate the successful completion of the inner runway rehabilitation project.

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

The project was originally proposed to be completed within six weeks, but with everyone's hard work and contributions, the project was wrapped up within five weeks, one week ahead of schedule. To celebrate the timely completion of the project, Southport invited all those who contributed to the success of the project for a come-and-go lunch.

The come-and-go lunch took place in Hangar 5, Southport's new facility ideal for short-term and long-term aircraft storage. Bill's Sticky Fingers, a local favourite in Portage la Prairie, catered the event and satisfied everyone's appetites with ribs, chicken fingers, fries, and coleslaw.

Guests were invited to grab their meal, meet our team, and participate in fun contests, such as a paper airplane toss on our small-scale runway and a CYPG themed scavenger hunt, for a chance to be entered into a draw for four tickets to the Winnipeg Jets vs the Washington Capitals game in December.

Southport would like to extend a thank you for all the hard work of all contributing parties and staff for the completion of this large-scale project.



Holiday Message from Chair, Board of Directors

"The Holiday Season is a time for us to be with family, to enjoy the company of friends, and to marvel at the joy we see on the faces of the children in our lives. It is also a time to show compassion for those less fortunate than ourselves, those who have no place to go and no one to see. If you can, reach out a hand, literally or figuratively, to help our fellow man.

The past year has been interesting, to say the least. I firmly believe that there is hope, and a light at the end of the tunnel, to get back to a sense of normal and a return to times when we are able to greet our neighbours without fear, and to rally together around a campfire to enjoy the season. Together we will get there.

I would like to thank our CEO, Peggy May and her staff for their outstanding professionalism and efforts they have put in over the past year to assist you and all members of the Southport community to achieve your past goals and set new ones for 2022.

On behalf of the Southport Board of Directors, and from my family to yours, I wish you a happy, healthy and joyous Holiday Season, and a great 2022. Have fun, be a child again, and remember - Santa is watching (but not too closely)!"



Doug McLennan
Chair
Board of Directors



Portage Chamber Best Business Awards

On Friday, November 19, Southport won the award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community at the Portage Chamber Best Business Awards Gala. It is an honour to receive this award and be recognized for our dedication to the community!

Congratulations to all award winners and nominees and to the Portage la Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce for hosting a wonderful evening.



Southport Office Holiday Hours

The Southport Office will have reduced hours and closures this holiday season. A reminder that our office remains closed for public access. For urgent maintenance requests or emergencies during the closures, please call 204.428.6037.

December 24 | 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

December 25 – January 2 | Closed

Facilities Update

In October, Southport's Facilities Maintenance team saw a total of 812 work orders with a grand total of 5,517 work orders to date in this fiscal year! With the first snow fall in November, the Facilities Maintenance team has been busy clearing snow and winterizing the Four Winds Cultural Centre, located in Southport's Interpretive Park. The team has also kept busy with ongoing residential renovations, engineering the boilers and AC units at Central Plains RecPlex. Southport thanks the Facilities Maintenance team for their hard work in maintaining the community, making it a beautiful place to live, work, and play.



Tenant Feature: KF Aerospace

KF Aerospace – Defence Programs (KF Aero) services the Royal Canadian Air Forces' primary flight training program. As the prime contractor of a team of top Canadian aerospace companies, KF Aerospace has established a turnkey operation at the Southport Airport with new facilities, training devices, and courseware to satisfy the training requirements of the RCAF.

The first-class aviation training program not only features the very best in aircraft and equipment, but also takes full advantage of the latest advances in simulators and flight training technology.

KF Aerospace is Southport's largest tenant and embraces Southport's proud military history while putting us on the map as they train 80% of all Royal Canadian Air Force Pilots.



Southport Digital Media PCI Presentation

On Wednesday, November 24, members of our Marketing Team, Anyssa Gates, Coordinator, Communications, and Lauren Beckwith, Specialist, Marketing, visited the local high school, Portage Collegiate Institute (PCI), to present to the Graphic Communications students.

Our team members shared their advice and success stories from their marketing careers.

Thank you PCI for welcoming Southport's Marketing Team into your classroom. We look forward to working with students and faculty in the future!

Southport Storage Units

Free up some space with a storage unit at Southport's Storage Complex.

204.428.6030



Southport Cheers on the Portage Terriers

On Friday, November 26, Southport staff and family cheered on the Portage Terriers against the Dauphin Kings. Unfortunately, the Portage Terriers lost the game with a score of 5 – 2, but it was a great night of hockey and fun with the staff. Lucky staff member Chris Egan, Technician, Facilities Maintenance, hit the ice for his chance to score a Bill's Sticky Fingers gift card at the first intermission. He was given three pucks to shoot and came close to winning with his last shot, but unfortunately, he left the ice empty handed.

Southport and Central Plains RecPlex are proud to be an Official Partner and the dry land training facility of the Portage Terriers. Go Terriers!



Southport Cheers on the Winnipeg Jets

On Tuesday, November 9, the Southport staff cheered on the Winnipeg Jets against the St. Louis Blues from a suite! The staff got to experience a high energy game that led into overtime and a shoot out. Unfortunately, the Winnipeg Jets lost the game with a score of 3 – 2, but it was a great night of hockey with the staff.

Southport appreciates the staff's dedication and efforts shown every day.

Go Jets Go!



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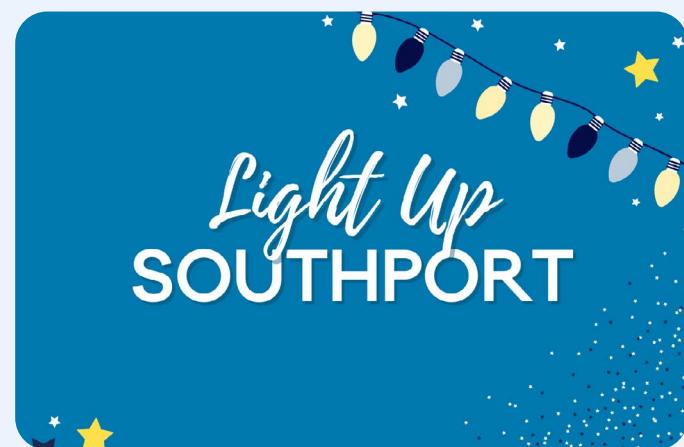
Holiday Spirit Shines at the Southport Office and Central Plains RecPlex

To kick off the holiday season with some cheer, the Southport's office and Central Plains RecPlex 'elves' were busy decorating Christmas trees. Visitors now passing by the office or visiting the Central Plains RecPlex, can now see both beautiful displays, providing a dose of holiday cheer.

Annual Residential Holiday Decorating Contest

Southport Residential Tenants, get ready for the holidays and "Light Up" the community in celebration of the holidays. Dust off your lights for a chance to win a gift card to a local business. In addition to winning a prize the first, second, and third place winners will also choose a local, charitable organization to receive a donation from Southport.

On December 15, members of the Southport team will drive through the community between 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, to deliver prizes to homes showing holiday spirit.



Climate Smart Corner

In November, Dean Rennie, Assistant Manager, Properties and Climate Smart Program Manager, was asked to participate in a panel discussion at the Manitoba Environmental Industries Association's (MEIA) Emerging Issues Conference, The Net Zero Future: Investing in Sustainability. The panel presentation titled, Investing in Net-Zero for Business, gave Dean an opportunity to talk about the Climate Smart journey that Southport has been taking over the past four years, and to encourage other businesses to begin reducing their carbon footprint.





Living at Centennaire South

Centennaire South currently has six units available that offer the best of new home construction and quality finishes in a safe, peaceful country setting just minutes away from the conveniences of Portage la Prairie.

With stunning prairie views, these pet-friendly homes are steps away from scenic walking paths and within walking distance to Central Plains RecPlex, a recreation facility with a fitness centre, rock climbing wall and bowling alley. Southport residents receive priority for the on-site daycare and 10% off one-year memberships at Central Plains RecPlex.

Southport Hosts Open House

The newest duplex units in Southport's Centennaire South development are move-in ready! To celebrate, and showcase these new homes, Southport held an Open House on Thursday, November 4. The Open House allowed prospective tenants and local businesses to have a sneak peek at the inside of the upscale homes.

If you were unable to attend, you can explore a similar unit from the comfort of your own home with our 3D virtual tour, accessible from our website.

Virtual Tour ▶

Stay up-to-date with Open House events happening in Southport by visiting Southport's website and by following Southport on social media.



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Newsletter Quiz!



In December, Central Plains RecPlex will host a 12 Days of Fitmas Giveaway over social media. Tell us what day the 12 Days of Fitmas campaign will start and be entered to win a Southport branded prize! Need a hint? Search through the pages of this newsletter!

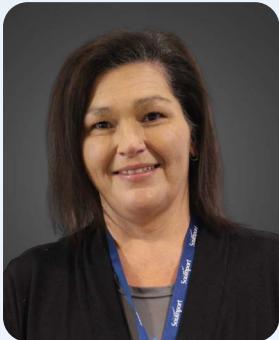
Send Us Your Answer!

Email: marketing@southport.ca

Message: [@southportairport](#) on Facebook

Southport Welcomes New Staff

Southport would like to welcome several new employees to the team, and also congratulate employee promotions. Each of these employees bring experience and talent that will serve them well in their new positions 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!



Nicky North

Central Plains RecPlex
Assistant Manager,
Recreation



Kassidy Cunningham

Central Plains RecPlex
Coordinator, Recreation
(Previously CSR)



Randi Verwey

Central Plains RecPlex
Customer Service Representative



Pam Hedrick

Central Plains RecPlex
Customer Service Representative



Joshua Sankar

Central Plains RecPlex
Customer Service Representative

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.

Cleaning Service Technicians

As a Cleaning Service Technician, you will be responsible to clean accommodation, residential, commercial and recreation areas. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Click below to apply and learn more about the position's responsibilities, requirements, and benefits.

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Central Plains RecPlex 12 Days of Fitmas

Don't get your tinsel in a tangle, Fitmas is returning! Get ready for some holiday and fitness-themed social media fun with 12 Days of Fitmas.

This year, we have partnered with Supplement King Portage la Prairie to offer awesome giveaways along with prizes from local businesses and tickets for your favourite sporting events, including the 2022 Canad Inns Mixed Doubles Trials and the Portage Terriers.

From December 13 – 25, watch for our daily posts and participate to be entered to win daily giveaways. Be sure to follow Central Plains RecPlex on Facebook and Instagram to follow along. Happy fitmas!



COVID Policies and Procedures

Stay up-to-date with the current Central Plains RecPlex Policies and Procedures found on our website!

[Learn More ▶](#)



Central Plains RecPlex Celebrates 5th Anniversary

On Monday, November 15, Central Plains RecPlex celebrated its 5th Anniversary of operation. Over the past five years, Central Plains RecPlex has welcomed many new members and has become an established recreational hub for our region.

A countdown leading up to the anniversary took place on social media, which allowed people to travel back in time to see the construction of Central Plains RecPlex. To celebrate on the day of, complimentary cupcakes were given to all RecPlex visitors.

Thank you for your ongoing support and utilization of the Central Plains RecPlex. We look forward to providing high-quality recreation facilities and services for many years to come.



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Central Plains RecPlex Black Friday Weekend

In celebration of Black Friday, Central Plains RecPlex had select BOGO deals with 25% discounts. The Black Friday deals were extended to include both Friday, November 26, and Saturday, November 27. The sale was an excellent way to kick off the holiday season at Central Plains RecPlex.

Stay up-to-date with events by visiting the Central Plains RecPlex website and by following Central Plains RecPlex on social media.



Central Plains RecPlex Holiday Hours

The Central Plains RecPlex will have reduced hours and closures this holiday season. Regular business hours will resume on January 2.

- December 24 | 6:30 am – 5:00 pm
- December 25 | Closed
- December 26 | 6:30 am - 5:00 pm
- December 31 | 6:30 am - 5:00 pm
- January 1 | Closed



10 VISIT PUNCH PASS

Central Plains RecPlex Stocking Stuffers

Did you know that the 10 Visit Punch Pass never expires?

It's true! Which means it's the perfect stocking stuffer for this holiday season. Visit the Central Plains RecPlex front desk or call 204.428.6050 for more information.

- Adult 10 Day Pass - **\$80.00**
- Youth 10 Day Pass - **\$56.00**



November Charity & Event Support



CFPD Advertisement Sponsorship

The Community Foundation of Portage and District (CFPD) ran an advertisement in the Graphic Leader highlighting École Arthur Meighen School (EAMS). In 2020, CFPD granted funds to EAMS to install two new basketball courts on the school grounds giving more variety for the students at recess. The new courts are also an added feature for the community as many families who reside in the area use the recreation facilities outside of school hours. Southport proudly sponsors these monthly advertisements as the CFPD is one of Southport's key community partners.



PDGH Dinner for 10

In 2019, Southport attended and donated a prize for the Portage District General Hospital (PDGH) Foundation Gala. Proceeds from the event allow the Foundation to access items that are not provided by provincial healthcare.

Southport and Red River College Stevenson Aviation Campus donated a Hangar Dinner for 10 for the live auction. The prize was a \$1,500 value, and was auctioned for \$3,000. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the prize could not be redeemed until November 2021. Southport is pleased to be a supporter of the fundraiser that helps the Portage District General Hospital.

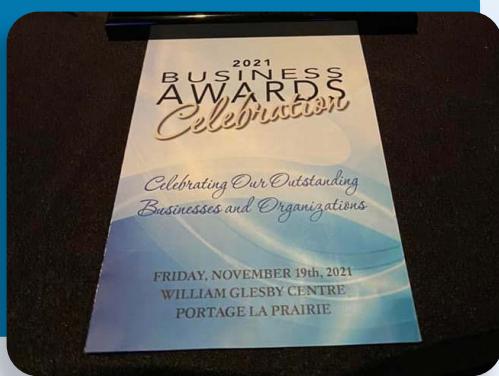


Remembrance Day Wreath Donation

In November, Southport donated a wreath for a Remembrance Day Service held in Portage la Prairie at the downtown Cenotaph on November 11, hosted by The Portage Legion.

Southport proudly supports The Portage Legion and the Remembrance Day Service through an annual donation to the Poppy Trust Fund. The Poppy Trust Fund helps support local Veterans and their families. Southport honours military personnel and those who gave their lives to fight for our freedom.

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Portage Chamber Best Business Awards

In November, Portage la Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce celebrated the business community with the Best Business Awards. The award categories were for Outstanding Business of the Year, Outstanding Not-for-Profit (sponsored by Southport), Outstanding Contribution to the Community by a Business, and Outstanding New Entrepreneur.

Southport is proud to support the Portage la Prairie & District Chamber of Commerce Best Business Awards and congratulates all local businesses on their achievements this year.



Portage Skating Club Poinsettia Fundraiser

Southport purchased poinsettias from the Portage Skating Club Fundraiser to help decorate the office and spread holiday cheer. Southport is proud to support local recreation for the youth and community.



CFPD Giving Challenge

From November 15 - 21, the Community Foundation of Portage and District held a Giving Challenge. Donations made during the week were stretched by Southport, the Province of Manitoba, and the Winnipeg Foundation.

Southport proudly supports CFPD as one of Southport's key community partners.

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Total 2021-22 Donations