

# City Receives \$100,000 Grant from the Super Bowl Legacy Committee and Polaris Foundation for South Riverview Park Phase II Construction



**Happy Holidays**

**City Offices will be closed for the following Holidays:**

**Christmas Day  
December 25**

**New Year's Day  
January 1**

**Martin Luther King Jr Day  
January 15**

**President's Day  
February 19**



Polaris CEO Scott Wine, Councilmember Jane Evans, Dana Nelson (MNSBHC) and Mayor Jeff Pelowski hold the \$100,000 check from the Super Bowl Host Committee/Polaris Foundation along with four of the 60 Roseau Elementary School students who participated in the event.

On October 31st, the Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee (MNSBHC) Legacy Fund/Polaris Foundation awarded a \$100,000 grant to the City of Roseau to help fund the South Riverview Park Project. The funding will support the second phase of the project that includes building a skate park, refurbishing a basketball court and preparing a new outdoor ice rink



at the park site.

The grant is part of the Super Bowl Legacy Grant Program, which is made possible each year by a \$1 million contribution courtesy of the NFL Foundation and is complemented by the Super Bowl Host Committee. Through its 52 Weeks of Giving campaign, the MNSBHC has launched a year-long effort to make Super Bowl LII a statewide event by awarding 52 communities with grants that will help improve the health and wellness of young people in Minnesota.

The phase of the project supported by the MNSBHC Legacy Fund

will be completed by next summer. The initial phase included building a splash pad, playground and community gathering space and was completed this year. The South Riverview Park Project concept was developed by the city and the Roseau Park Board over years of community input and planning. The project brings access to fitness and recreation resources and facilities previously unavailable in our community.

“As we planned, we were very intentional about making sure these new amenities are located in an area that’s accessible to all residents, especially the families and communities that are underserved in Roseau,” said Jeff Pelowski, Mayor of Roseau. “This project will establish a multi-generational activity center in Roseau that will appeal to a range of ages and interests. We want this project to bring our community together and encourage them to be more engaged and physically active.”

The skate park will be multi-



purpose as designed to accommodate BMX bikes, inline skating and skateboarding, which are activities favored by kids in Roseau. The city and park board have fundraised to establish the park and make the community center free of charge to residents. The central location of the South Riverview Park also makes accessing the new resources easy via existing walking and bike trails around Roseau. The City of Roseau and the Roseau Park Board are responsible for maintaining the new park and facilities.

The Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee Legacy Fund, the City of Roseau and kids and families from the area celebrated the grant today at a sports relay event that the park board facilitated.

“We are pleased to contribute to this project and be able to celebrate today with kids and families in Roseau,” said Dana Nelson, Vice President of Legacy and Community Partnerships at the MNSBHC. “Our 52 Weeks of Giving campaign was established to provide new resources to kids around our state that will encourage them to be more active. The South Riverview Park Project is a great example of how the campaign is coming to life.”



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# 2018 Preliminary City Budget



In November, the Roseau City Council reviewed the final preliminary budget for presentation to the public at the December 4, 2017 City Council meeting. After, the December 4th public hearing the City Council will have until the end of December to adopt a final budget and levy for 2018.

The preliminary City budget for 2018, including the General Fund and all Enterprise Funds, is \$10,860,726 in expenditures and \$10,502,430 in revenues for a deficit budget of approximately \$333,229, after taking into account expenditures that have funds in hand at the city.

The 2018 budget does not propose any increase in the property tax levy for 2018 and the City Council has not raised the amount of money it has sought from local taxpayers in eight (8) years. Any variation up or down in

taxes paid by local residents in recent years has been a result of changes in the city's total tax capacity; which is the aggregate value of all property, or changes in individual property valuations as determined by the assessor and not due to increased spending from city operations.

The 2018 budget also does not propose any increases in the water, sewer or electric rates. Garbage collection rates are proposed to increase by three percent (3%) in 2018 due to rising costs in the Garbage Enterprise Fund. The City's electric rates are closely tied to our wholesale power costs from the Northern Municipal Power Agency (NMPA). NMPA does not currently project the need for an increase to the cost of wholesale power, and if NMPA is able to maintain its wholesale power costs, the City intends to hold the line on its local power rates for 2018 as well.

Major projects proposed for 2018 at the city include the on-going reconstruction and repair of city streets. Five hundred thousand dollars is proposed for the repair of various sections of utilities and streets on the east side of Roseau.

The City Council is also proposing significant improvements at the Roseau Municipal Airport. Next year the City intends to construct a new arrival-departure building for the airport adjacent to the new City bay hangar constructed two years ago. The new arrival-departure building will replace a facility constructed in the early 1960's. The total cost of the arrival-departure building and associated improvements for parking and the reloca-

tion of the existing fuel system is estimated to cost around \$800,000. The State of Minnesota and Federal Aviation Administration will provide up to 90% of the costs for these projects.

The City Council has also included two park projects in next year's budget. The first project is Phase II of the South Riverview Park development. \$150,000 is budgeted for the construction of a new basketball court and skate park at this site. \$100,000 of the project will be funded with grant dollars from the Super Bowl Host Committee Legacy grant. The next project is the construction of a connector trail between the pedestrian bridge and the diversion trail in City Park. The city received a \$75,000 grant to complete that project.

Also included in the budget are \$20,000 in small improvements proposed for the Gilbertson Baseball Field to improve safety, lighting and maintenance at the ball park. The Council also allocated some funds for a permanent restroom facility at the Riverview Park Gazebo. These funds would require a match of private donations to be completed.

The City Utility Department will continue its installation of electronic metering equipment into 2018 which will be a significant expense for the water, sewer and electric departments to purchase and install the new meters. By the end of 2018 the Utility Department should be nearing the end of that project.

The last major capital item in the 2018 budget is the lease payment on a new fire truck to be delivered to the Fire Department in the spring of 2018. The new fire truck will cost just over \$460,000, but donations and fundraisers have reduced the cost to the city to just over \$300,000 which will be financed over 5 years with \$60,000 annual payments.

## **HEATSHARE PROGRAM:**

The City of Roseau promotes the Salvation Army's Heatshare Program. This voluntary contribution program provides financial counseling and assistance to Roseau area elderly, disabled, and others meeting income guidelines who have exhausted all possible public resources and are still unable to pay heating and/or energy bills this winter. *Please consider a donation to Heatshare.*



For more information on Heatshare contact the City Utilities Department at 463-2351 or [www.thesalarmy.com/serv/heatshare.htm](http://www.thesalarmy.com/serv/heatshare.htm).

*Contributions are tax deductible.*

## **SNOW REMOVAL SEASON IS HERE!**

**Any vehicles left on the street during snow removal periods will be ticketed and towed without warning.**



The City recommends that all residents identify off-street parking areas for use throughout the winter, but especially during snowfall events and other winter conditions that make snow removal activities necessary, such as strong winds with blowing snow.

## Roseau Port of Entry Hours Proposed to be Reduced

A town hall meeting was held on November 2nd in Roseau by the Customs and Border Protection Agency (CBP). The purpose of the meeting was to announce a proposed reduction in the hours at the Roseau U.S. Port of Entry from 8 am to 12 pm down to 8 am to 8 pm starting January 7, 2018 in an effort to reallocate resources within the Pembina CBP district.

Many area residents, business owners, and government officials from both sides of the border attended the meeting voicing opposition to the proposed action, highlighting many negative impacts to the community. Attendees requested that CBP officials postpone any changes at the Roseau Port until a more thorough evaluation of all of the area ports of entry could be undertaken and recommendations made to the public. No action by CBP officials was taken at the meeting about re-evaluating the situation. Local residents with concerns about these proposed changes should contact Congressman Collin Peterson, Sen. Amy Klobuchar and Sen. Al Franken's offices.

## Roseau Skate Park Project

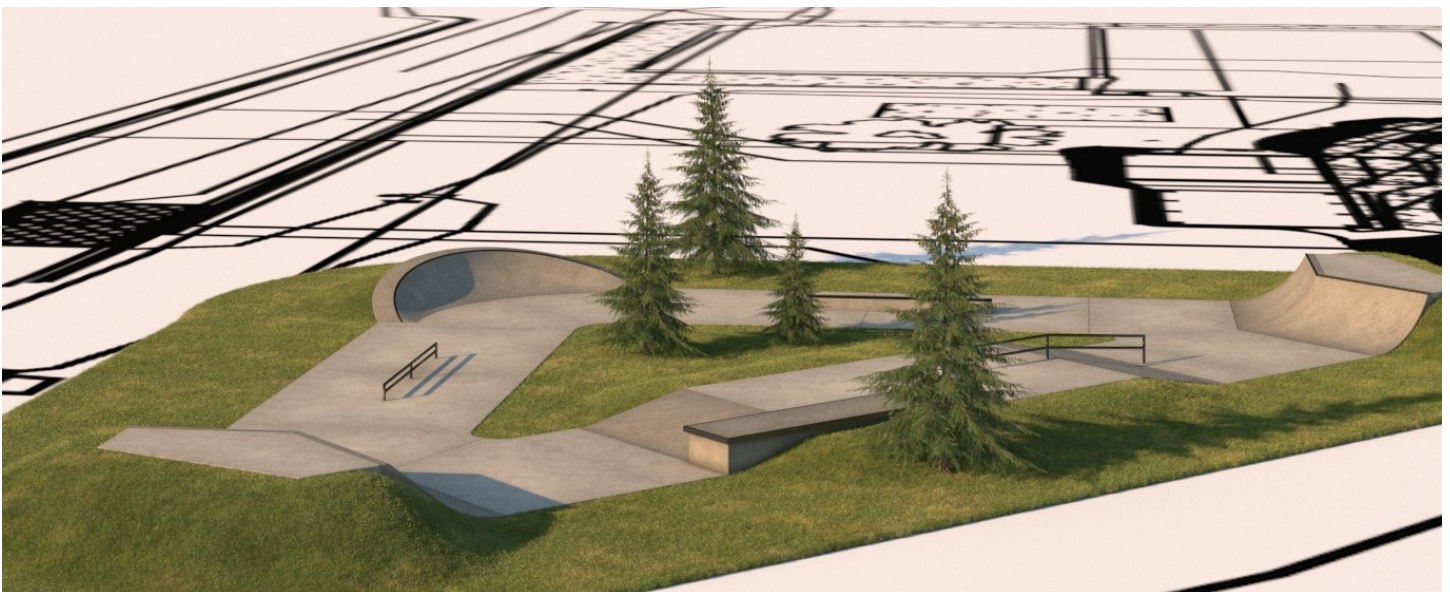
The Roseau Park Board is excited to announce that it is moving forward with Phase II of the South Riverview Park project. The major element in Phase II is the construction of a new skate park. The Roseau Park Board has been working with Spohn Ranch Skateparks, a specialty skate park designer, to create a skate park designed specifically to fit Roseau. Designer Vince Onel, has developed skate park plan for Roseau that is based on a park that exists in Landmark, Manitoba. Area skateboard enthusiast visited this park and liked this layout for Roseau. Roseau's park will be sized for our community and includes some of the most popular skate park elements such as quarter-pipes, pads, handrails, grind rails, ramps, and a slappy curb. Spohn Ranch utilizes precast concrete structures sourced from Barkman Concrete in Steinbach, Manitoba to create most of the park features which are then filled in with on-site flat concrete work. The components of the park were laid out to be both interesting for users as well as aesthetically pleasing design elements for the overall park.



Spohn Ranch has incorporated elements that are both challenging for seasoned users as well as being welcoming to novices. Elements included in the park are not exclusive to skateboarding but are also suitable for in-line skating, scooters, and bmx bikes giving the park a more broad appeal to area youth.

The estimated cost of the entire project is expected to be approximately \$130,000 when the final plans are fully developed. Spohn Ranch will act as both the skate park designer and contractor on the project. Spohn Ranch is located in California and will have crews on site to undertake the construction of the project under the direction of the City of Roseau.

### Roseau Skate Park Concept Plan Spohn Ranch Skateparks



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## City Seeks New Park & Rec Director

The Roseau Parks and Recreation Department is renewing its search for a park and recreation director after the resignation of previous director Adam Crist. The position will be advertised until December 15th, after which the City will initiate the hiring process. The various duties of the Park & Recreation Director are currently being handled by existing staff until a replacement is named.

### Sign Up for E-Billing Today!

The Roseau Utility Department encourages all residents and businesses to sign up for e-billing. E-billing allows you to electronically view your current utility billing as well as your payment history. You can also set up electronic and automatic payments through the e-bill portal.

Visit the City of Roseau Website and click on E-bill to sign up!

## Museum Exhibit — Fur Trade in Minnesota

A travelling exhibit from the Minnesota Historical Society will be at the Roseau County Museum in February 2018 providing information on the Fur Trade in Minnesota. Discover an 1800s-era international industry along the Great Lakes and in Minnesota.

This exhibit, rich with activities and objects, shows how plentiful beaver and furbearers brought together native people, explorers, and international trade. At the Fur Post, see the goods from around the world that were traded for furs and crafts. See if you have the strength to be a Voyageur or skills to be a clerk. Try your hand at Ojibwe beadwork. Learn how furs were transformed into fashionable hats. The Roseau Historical society will also add a Roseau County fur trade exhibit highlighting fur trade activities in our region.

## Temporary Storage Buildings

The Roseau Building Department reminds residents that temporary storage/garage buildings and greenhouses are not permitted as permanent structures within the city limits. These kit type structures, typically sold at home improvement stores, are not designed for year-round use and do not meet building codes for wind and snow loading and are not allowed to be used as permanent structures. The structures must be taken down each winter.

