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Join us for the 53rd GCWCC Seminar & AGM - Saturday, April 12th

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53rd Seminar & AGM: Register Before April 7th!

You still have time to register for the **GCWCC 53rd Seminar and AGM**, happening on **Saturday, April 12, 2025**, at:

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- **Registration: 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.**
- **Meeting starts: 9:15 a.m.**

The registration deadline is **Monday, April 7, 2025**. [Click here](#) to register.

You can also **view the AGM Agenda** by clicking the link below to see the scheduled presentations. Take a moment to review it and come prepared to **learn, share, and ask questions**.

If you have any questions or need assistance with registration, please reach out to us.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Meet Chinour Palani: New Grant Administrator for CCRGP & CIGP

We're pleased to introduce **Chinour Palani**, the newly appointed **Community Development Worker - Grant Administrator** for the **Community Centre Renovation Grant Program (CCRGP)** and the **Community Incentive Grant Program (CIGP)**.

Chinour has been with the **City of Winnipeg since 2015**, previously serving as a **Recreation Technician**. Through this role, she has worked closely with communities across the city, gaining valuable insights into their unique needs and priorities. She is excited to step into this new position and looks forward to supporting community-driven projects that contribute to Winnipeg's growth and development.

For questions or assistance regarding the grant programs, Chinour can be reached at cpalani@winnipeg.ca.

Provincial Minimum Wage to Increase to \$16 - October 1st

Manitoba Labour and Immigration has announced that the **provincial minimum wage will increase by 20 cents to \$16 per hour**, effective **October 1st, 2025**.

Regulated under the **Employment Standards Code**, Manitoba's minimum wage is updated annually. This year's **20-cent increase**, up from **\$15.80**, reflects the province's **2024 inflation rate of 1.1%**, rounded up to the nearest five cents.

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Volunteer Spotlight: Scott Brown & Jordan Constantino

This week, we highlight our **2024 Above & Beyond** honourees, **Scott Brown** and **Jordan Constantino**.



For over a decade, Scott has been a driving force behind **Riverview Community Centre**, dedicating countless volunteer hours to its success. As the organizer of the beloved annual **Hockey 4x4 Tournament** and the caretaker of the centre's outdoor rink and grounds, his leadership and commitment are unmatched.

Beyond his hands-on work, Scott inspires and empowers fellow volunteers, ensuring the centre's facilities and programs remain top-notch. His passion and dedication truly embody the spirit of going above and beyond.



For the past three years, Jordan has dedicated his time and expertise to running a free drop-in chess program at **Robert A. Steen Community Centre**. From September to June, he teaches beginner and advanced classes twice a week, creating a welcoming and engaging space for players of all ages.

With over 20 years of experience and a Canadian Chess Federation rating of 1988, Jordan's passion shines through his teaching and mentorship. He also organizes multiple tournaments annually, helping grow the game's popularity in the community. We are grateful for his dedication and lasting impact.

Safety Tip. Handling Needles & Sharps



As you prepare your community centre's outdoor spaces for spring activities, it's important to stay safe when handling needles and sharps. If you come across discarded sharps, follow these safety guidelines:

1. **Do Not Touch with Bare Hands** – Always wear puncture-resistant gloves or use tongs to pick up needles.
2. **Use a Hard Container** – Place sharps in a rigid, puncture-proof container with a secure lid (e.g., a plastic bottle with a screw cap).
3. **Pick Up Carefully** – Use tongs to hold the needle by the middle, pointing the sharp end away from your body.
4. **Do Not Bend or Break the Needle** – This increases the risk of injury.
5. **Dispose Properly** – Contact your local public health office or harm reduction program for safe disposal locations. **Do not throw needles in regular trash.**
6. **Wash Your Hands** – Even if you wore gloves, wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water afterward.

If someone gets pricked by a needle, seek medical attention immediately. Let's work together to keep our community spaces safe and welcoming for everyone.

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Important Dates and Information

- **April 7th** - Registration Deadline GCWCC AGM
- **April 11th** - CPRA Green Jobs Initiative
- **April 12th** - GCWCC Seminar & AGM
- **April 18th** - Good Friday
- **April 27th - May 4th** – National Volunteer Week
- **April 30th** - Spring Program Profiles Due
- **May 19th** - Victoria Day
- **Who to Call** - this link will take you to the phone list of Community Centre contacts on the GCWCC website.

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