



**JANUARY
2012**

RECREATION & REGIONAL SERVICES WESTMAN REGION

NEWS

2012 GREEN TEAM – NEW DEADLINE: JANUARY 16

The deadline for 2012 Manitoba Green Team applications is earlier this year - January 16, 2012 - in order to give employers more time to hire and do criminal records and child abuse checks.

Program information is available on line <http://www.gov.mb.ca/healthyliving/youth/employers/greenteam.html>

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KIDSPORT: FOR THE LOVE OF CHOCOLATE

Canexus and Star FM proudly present "For the Love of Chocolate" Fashion Show! KidSport will host the event Friday, February 24, 2012 at the Royal Oak Inn in Brandon.

The Fashion Show will feature clothing by Jockey Clothing, Promises Bridal, North Shore Outfitters, and Pleasure Chest. A variety of decadent chocolate desserts will be available. The evening will also feature entertainment by Zumba. Several items will be auctioned off at the event, including two Winnipeg Jets tickets!

Tickets are now available for \$30. Tickets are available on a first-come first-served basis. Please call (204) 726-6072 or stop by the Westman Sport Manitoba office to pick up your tickets.

LIVE RIGHT NOW CAPITAL OF CANADA

Join the movement and inspire Canada to get healthy!

CBC, together with Radio-Canada, are looking for the Canadian community that most embodies the spirit of Live Right Now: a community where residents are motivated and supported to make healthier choices. To compete for the crown, residents need to rally behind their communities and track all the ways they make healthy choices using a specially designed Facebook app that will be unveiled January 13th, 2012.

Stayed tuned for exciting new details by following us on [Twitter](#) (@cbcLRN), visiting [Live Right Now](#). The search begins January 13th, so get ready to Live Right Now Canada! <http://www.cbc.ca/liverightnow/>

Call for Nominations - 2012 RCM AWARDS

*Nomination deadline is January 16th 2012.

Held in conjunction with the Recreation Connections Manitoba Annual Provincial Conference, the awards and recognition program pays tribute to those individuals who, through their efforts and skills, have made an outstanding contribution towards the betterment of recreation programs and services in Manitoba.

For more information, please visit <http://www.reconnections.com/>

CRAVING CHANGE

With so many questions about healthy eating and a food crazed society, "Craving Change", an educational program that can help participants develop a healthier relationship with food, will be offered in two locations;

- KILLARNEY (starting January 9)
- HAMIOTA (starting January 23)

There is no cost to attend.

If you would like to participate, [please register in advance](#)
Toll Free 1-877-509-7852.

Assiniboine Kiwanis and Healthy Brandon pre- sent the "Biggest Loser Challenge"

Put together your team of four and join in the fun. The challenge is open to everyone 18 years and over. Registration is \$25 per person (\$100 per team). A cash prize of 60% of net proceeds will go to the first and second place teams.

For more information and to register online, go to www.healthybrandon.ca or call Bev at 728-4311 or call Mari at 578-2194.

IT'S OVER BETWEEN US

Thinking about quitting smoking? Make it official by posting your "break-up letter" on our facebook page. Tell those cigarettes why you have to end the relationship – but keep it clean (no nasty language). Post it on www.facebook.com/manitobalungassociation. There will be a prize (\$50 gift card) for the best letter. Post your break-up letter any time during January 2012. Contest deadline: February 1, 2012

GRANTS

[Canadian Tire Jumpstart](#) – January 15 – June 1 for spring/summer programs.

[Urban/Hometown Green Team](#) - ***NEW DEADLINE*** January 16

[Celebrate Canada](#) - January 16

[Carolyn Sifton Foundation \(Letter of Intent\)](#) - January 31

[Manitoba Heritage Grants](#) – January 31

[Arts Development Project Support Program \(ADPS\)](#) – February 1

[School and Community Arts Programs](#) - February 1

[Young Canada Works](#) – February 1

[Literacy For Life](#) - February 1

[Coaching Manitoba Excellence Awards](#) - February 3

[KidSport \(Westman Region\)](#) - February 25

[Canada Summer Jobs](#) – February 26

[Earth Day Canada Community Environment Fund](#) - Feb 28

[Assiniboine Credit Union Sustainable Community Grants](#) - March 4

[Designated Heritage Building Grant](#) - March 15

[Women To Watch \(Sport Manitoba\)](#) - March 15

[Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds School Ground Greening Grants](#) - March 16

[Earth Day Canada: Hometown Heros](#) - March 30

[Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage](#) - April 1

[Water Stewardship Fund](#) - April 15

[Manitoba Mentorships](#) - April 27

[Manitoba Community Museum Grants](#) - June 1

[RCMP Foundation](#) - Spring 2012

[Sport Manitoba Community Sport Development Grants](#)

[Coaching Recognition Awards](#)

[Manitoba Community Services Council](#)

[Manitoba Hydro Power Smart Program - Power Smart for Business](#)

WORKSHOPS

Speed Up Your LEED

January 13, Brandon

cindy.choy@gov.mb.ca

Museum Collections Care & Preventative Conservation

January 13 & 14, Winnipeg

www.museumsmanitoba.com

SIRC Webinar

Governance Modules - Jan 17

www.sirc.ca/governance/webinars.cfm

Brandon Sport Alliance Coaching Academy

Age Appropriate Training - Jan 24

Training/Recovery Nutrition-Feb 21

www.brandonsportalliance.ca

MFC: Fitness Theory

Jan 25 - Feb 29, online Webex

www.manitobafitnesscouncil.ca

Museum Exhibit Design

February 15, Beausejour

www.museumsmanitoba.com

Manitoba Planning Conference

February 22 - 24, Brandon

manitobaplanningconference.com

2012 Recreation Connections Manitoba Annual Conference

February 29 - March 2

Victoria Inn, Winnipeg

*Early Bird Registration: Feb 3

www.reconnections.com

PACM: Gaining Ground

March 21, Portage La Prairie

www.pacm.ca

EVENTS

National Non-Smoking Week
January 15 - 23

**Westman Recreation
Practitioners Association**
January 18, Brandon

**KidSport: For The Love of
Chocolate**
February 24, Brandon

JOBS

MANAGER PARKS AND RECREATION

Town of Virden

- Vacant until filled.

INSTRUCTORS - AQUATIC FACILITY OPERATORS COURSE

- Deadline: January 9

RECREATION AND SPORT COORDINATOR

Coalition of Community Based
Youth Servicing Agencies

- Deadline: January 12

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Winnipeg Minor Basketball

- Deadline: January 13

LEISURE/TOURISM-EVENT COORDINATOR

Town of Rosburn

- Deadline: January 13

FACILITY & ICE MAINTENANCE PERSON

- Deadline: February 4
Dakota Community Centre

TOPIC OF THE MONTH

Recreation and Parks Matter . . .

~excerpt from Recreation Connections Manitoba Election Tool Kit Fact Sheet #3

To Support Sustainable Communities;

Green Spaces **protect habitat, biodiversity and ecological integrity.**

- Trails and pathways **save energy and protect air quality** by encouraging non-motorized transportation.
- Outdoor recreation is one of the **best approaches to environmental education**, a key to long-term sustainability.
- **Investing in community infrastructure** (i.e. recreation facilities, arenas, cultural centers, parks, sport fields, active transportation networks, etc.) can have **major beneficial impact on tourism, land value, migration and employment.**
- **Developing and adopting a provincial policy on active transportation** will support a balanced approach to integrate active transportation as a feature of a full transportation system . . . described by U.S. planners as a "complete streets" policy.
- The financial aid provided by the Provincial and Federal Government for facility renewal and expansion over the past few years has been a huge step in the right direction. However, **additional funding support is necessary to address the recreation infrastructure crisis facing Manitoba and Canada:**
- Officials with the Province of Manitoba's Community Places Program estimate 80% of recreation infrastructure in Manitoba is past its life expectancy. Many facilities were built in conjunction with the centennial year of 1967, making them more than 40 years old.
- Many of these facilities are substantially less energy efficient, and when combined with rising energy costs, it means community groups and municipalities are spending more and more just to keep the doors open.

For more information on recreation news and resources, please visit Recreation Connections Manitoba's website: <http://www.reconnections.com/>

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