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## **RED RIVER PLANNING DISTRICT OFFICE MOVES TO EAST ST. PAUL**

*Selkirk, MB* – The Red River Planning District (RRPD) is getting ready to close its doors in Selkirk on October 28<sup>th</sup> and reopen at 2978 Birds Hill Road in the RM of East St. Paul on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

The change of location is a result of the city of Selkirk withdrawing from the RRPD in early 2022 to establish its own planning department. The RRPD's board of directors wanted to ensure that RRPD was housed within the member municipalities it serves, so they searched for a new, accessible location that met the transportation needs of staff and most clients.

The new move-in-ready building in Birds Hill fits the RRPD's requirements, it's less expensive than the Selkirk location and it's easy to find.

"If you're going south on [Highway] 59, you can see the building welcoming you to the town," says Debbie Fiebelkorn, the mayor of St. Clements and RRPD's board chair.

"It's a beautifully designed building that provides a lot of amenities," says RRPD Executive Director Jennifer Ferguson. "It's a community hub."

Visitors will find the building as soon as they turn off Highway 59, conveniently located near a Sobeys grocery store and a Subway restaurant.

The RRPD is also exploring options to provide more accessible services to its Northern municipalities.

### **Business As Usual**

The RRPD will be fully operational during the relocation with minor interruptions to phone and in-person services:

- Thursday, Oct. 27: The phone system will be down, but RRPD staff will be accessible by email and in-person at 806A Manitoba Avenue in Selkirk.
- Monday, Oct. 31: RRPD will be closed to the public.
- Tuesday, Nov. 1: RRPD will reopen at the new location, 2978 Birds Hill Road in the RM of East St. Paul.

Online services including the [Cloudpermit](#) e-permit system will be available without interruption during the relocation process and the [RRPD website](#) will be updated to include important updates and additional information. Direct phone lines for RRPD will change, but the toll-free phone number, 1-800-876-5831, will remain the same.

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### **About Red River Planning District**

The Red River Planning District (RRPD) is a partnership between the Rural Municipalities of St. Andrews, St. Clements, East St. Paul, West St. Paul, and the Village of Dunnottar.

The RRPD provides planning and building development services for the district. Our responsibilities include the adoption, administration and enforcement of the development plan for the entire district; the administration and enforcement of our member municipal zoning by-laws and any secondary plans; and the building by-laws of our member municipalities.