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## *End of an Era in Recycling*

We are asking citizens of Saskatoon to contact their families, neighbours, co-workers and friends to continue efforts to influence City Council with phone calls, emails and letters.

For adults with intellectual disabilities, their friends, their families and for everyone who champions the caring principle of inclusion, June 13<sup>th</sup> was truly the end of an era. City Council decided to severely limit Cosmopolitan Industries' involvement in recycling in Saskatoon. Adults with intellectual disabilities at Cosmo are shut out from benefiting from the future economic and population growth of Saskatoon. Although paper fibre tonnage collected through the City Program has shown healthy increases for the past decade and is projected to continue to grow, City Council voted to restrict Cosmo to approximately 7,800 tonnes of paper fibre for each of the next 7 years remaining on the contract between the City of Saskatoon and Cosmo and no tonnage after that.

In one vote, the present City Council took an action that no other City Council had ever taken before; they imposed a limit on the opportunities available to participants at Cosmo through recycling.

Our participants have more experience with limits than most. These limits were created by chance or fate. They triumph over

limits every day. Cosmo is devoted to this mission. For three decades Mayors and Councillors have nurtured the conditions required for adults with intellectual disabilities to prosper through their dedication in recycling. They put the policies in place so that opportunities for this segment of the community could grow as Saskatoon grew and as recycling grew. This is no longer the case. That is the era which is ending. Monday's vote ensures that Big Business will get all the benefits of the growth in recycling.

The citizens of Saskatoon have flooded City Councillors with letters, emails and phone calls in support of Cosmo. Their message is that recycling must move forward without leaving adults with intellectual disabilities behind. City Council can create the conditions which will allow Cosmo to grow. Removing glass from curbside collection and prescribing bidders to use a dual stream collection method allows Cosmo to grow.

The glass is now gone and will

result in a less expensive curbside program according to a City official. Dual stream is best for the environment and the participants at Cosmo. That is the necessary next step. For Council to entertain single stream collection bids only caters to Big Business interests and is a sign that those interests are put ahead of the opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities.

We are asking caring citizens of Saskatoon to contact their families, neighbours, co-workers and friends to continue

*“Recycling must move forward without leaving adults with intellectual disabilities behind.”*

their efforts to influence City Council with their phone calls, emails and letters. The citizens of Saskatoon do not believe in imposing limits; they believe in creating opportunities. It is within the power of City Council to ensure that opportunities for adults with intellectual disabilities continue to grow with the new growth and prosperity of the City of Saskatoon.

**-Ken Gryschuk**  
Manager of Business Development and Community Relations

### **Thanks for the World Tour, Jack**

For the past 11 ½ years Jack Miller has been doing slide shows once a month from all over the world. We have seen trips to 6 different continents. The places we have seen include China, Argentina, Ireland, Israel, Peru, Australia, Florida everglades, Yellowstone Park, several African safaris, and too many other places to mention. Jack has even taken us on a trip around Saskatchewan. We have had the privilege of seeing pictures of some of the rarest animals in the world at Galapagos islands off South American coast. This included a tortoise that was the last of his kind. Did you know there is an Arctic cruise of Northern Europe? Jack took us there. Did you know there are 3 different kinds of Giraffes? Jack has shown us pictures of them.. Jack is a retired man who has more than 40 different slide shows of trips from around the world. Jack has been doing 9 to 13 different slide shows from September to June for many years. Now in his 80's he will be cutting back to only 3 or 4 a month. If you are lucky to check out his shows at the Library or Oliver Lodge you will be dazzled by his pictures. For most of us at Cosmo we are unable to see these places, due to cost and time, so it is nice that Jack was able to take us to some fascinating places in the world. As Jack says he would take him another life time to see every place he wants to visit. Thanks Jack, we at Cosmo now know about places we may never have heard of before. From everyone in Seniors, Pathways, and other areas that go to the slide shows, thanks Jack for showing us how wonderful this world of ours is. Good luck in the future.

-Richard Donnan (Pathways Supervisor)

### **Las Vegas Trip**

On May 17, 2011, Bev Brassard and I took Melanie Harriman, Shelley Letwin, Frank Binny and Marvin Balloway to fabulous Las Vegas. We were there for four days and I have to report Saskatoon had warmer weather than Las Vegas at least for a couple of days.

Our arrival consisted of us grooving to music and disco lights in a surprise limousine ride up the Las Vegas Strip. Everyone was very excited to ride in style and see all the unique hotels.

We went to Disney's the *Lion King Show* at Mandalay Bay and what an amazing production! The actors, costumes and visual effects were mind blowing. At the Excalibur we saw *Tournament of Kings* which was a dinner and show each of us got to eat with our hands and cheer on our Knight. We saw the dolphins and white snow tigers at the Mirage at Siegfried and Roy's Secret Garden. All of us agreed they are beautiful animals. At the Flamingo we saw flamingos, turtles, and ducks wondering around the gardens. Star sightings were few but we saw Pete Rose (baseball) and Dick Butkus (football). What an awesome city! We got to experience every part of the world, canals, pyramids, jungles, volcanoes, carnivals, pirate ships and so much more. We met some wonderful people, laughed until our faces hurt, shopped until we dropped, walked until we couldn't walk anymore but when we got into our limo to head to the airport we all agreed Las Vegas was absolutely the best!

Thank you Top of the Rock for letting Marvin, Shelley, Melanie, Frank, Bev and myself have wonderful memories to look back on with fondness.

Char Hopcraft  
Receptionist

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Marlene Donally who has been volunteering her time and material to make quilts and lap covers for Cosmo. To date she has made four quilts and six lap covers and they are all gorgeous and cozy!

### ***Congratulations!***

Roberta & Kelly Helmke welcomed  
Baby Girl Gabriella Krystyna  
Friday May 6th, 2011  
8lbs 3 oz

Amy & Daryl Plowman welcomed  
Baby Boy Landen Mayne  
Friday May 27th, 2011  
8lbs 5 oz

Joanne & Rick Ashton welcomed  
Baby Girl Evelyn Joy  
Friday June 3rd, 2011  
7lbs

### **New Staff**

Amritjit Ball– casual  
Brandon Alexander– Paper Sorting–  
WRD  
Alaine Jack–term Job Coach– Contracts  
Kali Grainger– term Job Coach– Con-  
tracts  
Scarlett Serviss– casual  
Ernalyn Morales– casual

### **Staff Changes**

Nan Sun– Wheelchair Van Driver  
Shauna Carey-Grosse– Coordinator of  
Community and Enriched Support

### **Cosmo Says Goodbye**

Imma Donaldo– Pathways to Opportu-  
nity  
Jim McGorman– Wheelchair van driver  
Bev McBee– Accounts Receivable

**Music Makers Spring Concert**

Music Makers held their Spring Concert on Wed, May 11th. Our theme was show tunes including Hello Dolly, Swinging on a Star and Side by Side. We even had a slideshow of pictures about the songs that were playing running on the big screen. Thank you to the music makers musicians, staff (Sunny, Laurie Ann) and pianist Shirley MacLennan for all the work, practice, and effort that went into this year's spring concert.

- Marla Klaassen  
Recreation and Leisure Supervisor

**New Participant**

*Larita Laplante*

**Cosmo Say Goodbye**

*Andrew Proulx*

**Skipping  
Stones**



*By Brian Stones, Contracts Area Participant*

Well, Hello folks it's me again and I have Bieber fever. Right now though I am going to talk about Cosmo in the future.

1. We could make a DVD for our 40th Anniversary.
2. We could start having Bieber fever all over the building.
3. I could start a trend on wearing the Justin Bieber hairstyle.
4. We also could start a thing where I could support Justin, his mom and his fans.
5. We could also have Justin Bieber come and sing for Cosmo.

But there is one thing I want to talk about and that is TV classics. There are a couple of shows I want to mention. Remember romper-stomper-bomper-doo. Tell-me tell-me tell-me do .Please Magic Mirror please come help me today, have all my friends had fun at play. Remember that? I bet you all know this one: it's a good feeling to know your alive. It's such a happy feeling to know your growing inside and when you wake up ready to say, I think I'll make a snappy new day (snap2x). Gotta go for now! Have a great day!  
Brian Adam Skipping Stones  
p.s. Cosmo Rocks

**Top of the Rock– Moose Jaw Mineral Spa**

Karen Taylor, Evelyn Morrison, Marilyn Morrison and Zena Jerome along with staff travelled to Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan in April. We had an amazing time getting pampered at the Spa. We enjoyed a manicure, pedicure and a massage at Wrapture Spa. We visited Hopkins dining parlor which is one of Saskatchewan's most unique restaurants with Victorian décor and antique furnishings. We enjoyed going shopping at the mall and swimming in the Mineral Spa. All the while making life long friendships and sharing many laughs together which will not be forgotten. We would like to thank Cosmo and Top of the Rock for allowing this wonderful excursion to happen. We all had a memorable time in Moose Jaw and the Temple Garden Mineral Spa.

-Jennifer Graefer, Pathways to Opportunity Supervisor  
-Shauna Carey-Grosse, Pathways to Opportunity Coordinator

**Top of the Rock Ethos Salon Spa Day of Pampering**

Usually the stylists of Ethos come to Cosmo but for a special treat a few of us got to go to the salon in the Scotia Centre for a day of pampering. Verna Weibe and Irene McAdam were treated to manicures, pedicures and a fabulous new doo! After the relaxing morning we went out for lunch at the 2nd Avenue Grill. There we had Shirley Temples, an appetizer and a meal. Just when we thought we couldn't eat another bite we managed to eat a few scoops of Laura Secord ice cream. We had a great day relaxing, eating and chatting. Thank you to Top of the Rock for sponsoring our day and the Ethos Salon Spa for accommodating us at your salon.

- Marla Klaassen & Anna McCallum– Programs Division

**He's mean on the green!**

On June 7th, 2011 at the age of 82, Howard Langley took his first steps on to a mini golf course at Market Mall. He was determined to get a hole in one. His game started off with a lot of smiles and laughter with his friends. At hole five his wish came true. His lucky green golf ball skidded across the course and right into the hole with one shot! Howard yelled, "Hole in one!" Then he was determined to get one more! And 11 holes later he got his second hole in one at hole 16. Howard is excited to share his wonderful news with his friends. He even has been tagged with a new nickname, "Tiger" Langley. He says he has found a new love for a fun pastime!

-Howard Langley and Trisha Lazaro  
Seniors Division



Celebrate  
40 years with us!

**THE MIRACLE  
ON 34TH  
STREET  
FESTIVAL**



**FRIDAY SEPT 9TH, 2011  
1:00-4:00 & 5:00- 7:30**

Cosmo would like to extend an invitation to all former staff, board members, participants, families, friends, caregivers, business contacts, school groups, volunteers and community organizations to come take part in our 40th anniversary celebration. This will be an outdoor event featuring music, entertainment, food, special guests and fellowship.

*We are looking for volunteers to help with various jobs throughout the day including supervision, photography, clean up, and food service. If are able to lend a hand, please contact Anna @ 664-3158.*

Caregivers & Parents Please Note: Participants will attend Cosmo 12:00-8:00. Look for notes to come home regarding transportation times closer to the event. A special supper will be served for **participants only** from 4:00-5:00.

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