

Massive Cleanup Underway at Asessippi

Well, wasn't that a flood X 2! We now have been part of or witnessed 5 floods in our 40-year history. And each one has been "the flood of the century" but we have never had 2 in one month as we did this time, and the second flood was approximately 8 feet higher than 2014 which was the highest ever!

At its peak, there was 3.9 billion gallons/minute going down the river on Asessippi property and that is why it ripped apart our infrastructure. It picked up our pumphouse, which was a 7-ton slab of concrete and flipped it over. No, there's no insurance and we want to give recognition to those that have stepped up to help us:

- Government of Manitoba
- Parkland Community Futures
- PrairiesCan

They have been extremely supportive and their financial support will get us through. Richard and his team plus Mike and Dennis are working very hard to get us up and running for this ski season while



the proper fix will be completed in the summer of 2027 (to repour the pumphouse properly). The river's unbelievable strength probably ate 60 feet of property away. We also want to recognize Manitoba Parks as they have been very understanding, not micromanaging, and letting us do what is necessary.

Happy
1st
day in
SCHOOL
September 2026

The Russell Inn Hotel & Conference Centre

The INNside Scoop

Remembering Lynn

Most of you did not know Lynn but simply said, you have a job at the Russell Inn today because of him. Lynn was a very good friend and business partner to Daymon, but he was also the founding Accountant and one of the founding partners of the Russell Inn. Without question, he was the biggest thinker of our company that created the foundation and principles that allowed this company to

grow from a little roadside motel with 22 staff to what we are today - The Russell Inn group of companies with just under 400 staff. Those who worked with him will remember lots of great memories and lots of great parties with Lynn.

Rest in peace, Lynn ♥

In Memorium

With his family gathered close, sharing loving goodbyes and treasured memories, John Lynn Spurway passed away peacefully on July 26, 2026, at the age of 87. Lynn was the devoted husband of Louise, proud father of Barb, Duncan, Beth, Tim, and Dan, and deeply cherished grandfather of Sydney, Madisen, MacKenzie, Lili, Oliver, Iris, and Lyndan. His life was defined by connection—family, community, and the countless relationships he nurtured with humour, wisdom, and an unmistakable spark.

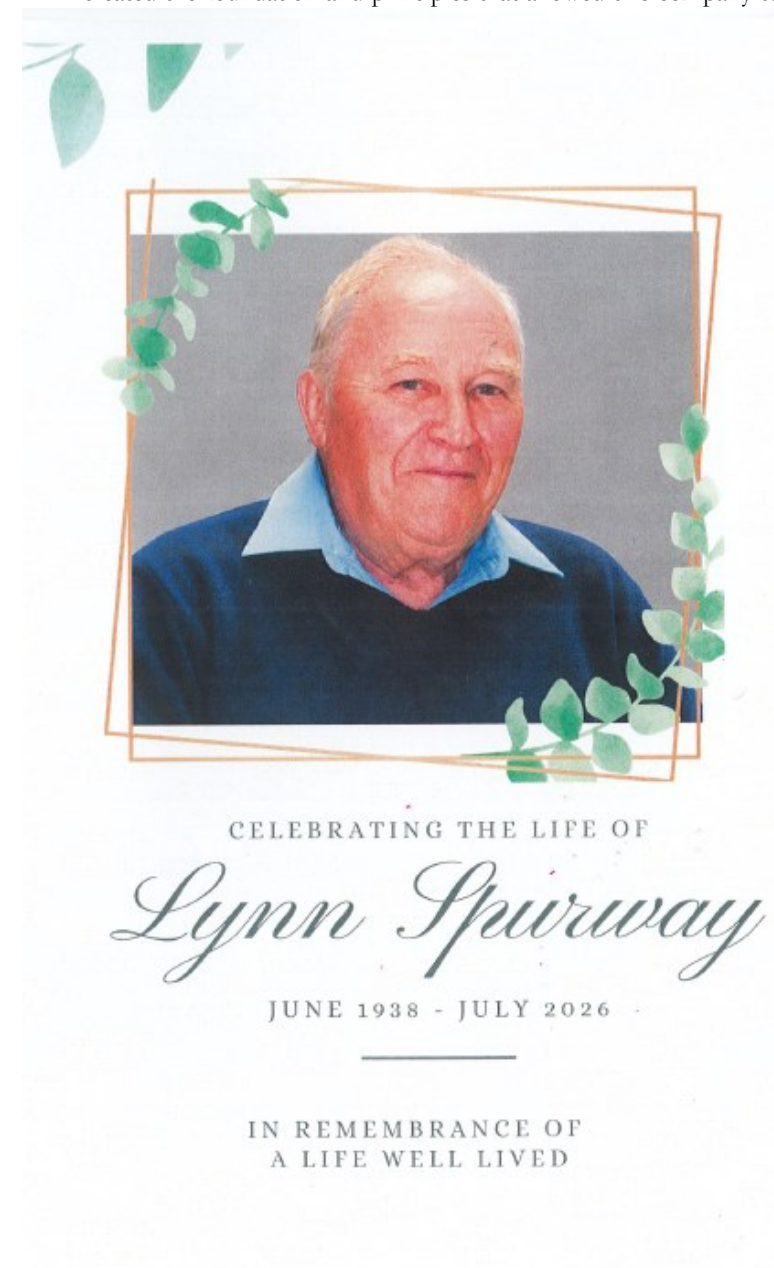
Born in 1939 to Sigrid and John Albert Spurway, Lynn grew up on a homestead near Riding Mountain National Park. Though his early years were marked by hardship, they were also filled with joy—swimming in Edwards Creek, skating on winter ice, building forts in the forest, and learning resilience from parents who worked tirelessly to provide. Those experiences shaped Lynn's determination to build a different future, one grounded in opportunity, education, and service.

That future began in Winnipeg, where he articulated at his Uncle Harvey's accounting firm and met the love of his life, Emma Louise Lumgair. He often said he was "completely taken with her," and together they built a partnership rooted in trust, shared values, and unwavering support. Their marriage in 1962 marked the beginning of a family life filled with adventure, community involvement, and a home that welcomed everyone with warmth.

From Inglis to Minnedosa to Russell, Lynn's career as a Chartered Accountant grew alongside his commitment to community. Whether advocating for potable water in Inglis, volunteering in local organizations, serving on town council, or helping bring the Asessippi Ski Area & Resort to life, Lynn poured his energy into improving the lives of others. His creativity, persistence, and vision left a lasting imprint on the region he loved.

Yet Lynn's greatest joy was always his family. Their home on Pelly and Westbourne became a lively gathering place—full of music, laughter, garden harvests, and the familiar rhythm of Lynn's washtub bass. He and Louise travelled widely, visited their children often, and remained steady sources of advice, stories, and love.

Lynn's spark endured through every challenge, and his legacy lives on in the family he adored, the community he strengthened, and the countless lives he touched with generosity and heart.



Message From Daymon...

On August 9, we said farewell to our very dear friend, Lynn Spurway. Besides myself, there is only 1 remaining partner of the Inn and founding shareholder that is still with us - Bob Cross. For many of us, this is the end of an era of really good people. They were good fathers, husbands, great business people, good community people and also a whole lot of fun.

Our pumphouse's flood damage, while horrific, makes one realize you just have to laugh. It helps keep things in perspective when so many people have it worse and for most people the damage is to their homes, their memories or their livelihoods. We will get through this and be around for another 45 years. A big shout out to Richard and his team and Mike and Dennis. DG

Tim Hortons Camp Day

Every year, Tim Hortons hosts Camp Day, where 100% of proceeds from hot and iced coffee sales go directly to the Tim Hortons Foundation Camps. These funds help send youth from underserved communities to multi-year camp programs designed to build leadership, resilience, and life skills. This year, Camp Day was on July 15.

A huge thank you to our staff for all their hard work in organizing the event this year. They kept things running smoothly, sold bracelets, and set up fun games for our guests—and luckily, the weather held out so everyone could enjoy the outdoor activities. Thanks to our team's effort and the generous support from our community, it was another very successful Camp Day for a great cause!



Congratulations
Brent!

Brent completed the Restaurant Management Certification Program provided through Tim Hortons.

Well done!



Have you seen our Welcome to Russell sign? As part of our Celebrate Summer theme, this fun 12-foot sign welcomes guests.



Welcome/Welcome Back

A warm welcome to our new/returning staff:

Kaye Parong - Tim Hortons
Whitney Morin - C-Store
Shayleen Desjarlais - Housekeeping
Manjot Kaur - Tim Hortons

Happy Birthday!



- September 3: Irving Galang
Pretzel Godinez
- September 4: Cherry Fandalian
- September 8: Barb Twardoski
- September 10: Gino Banal
- September 11: Cynthia Hume
- September 14: Rosalie Mallari
- September 15: Philip Blake
- September 16: Jaleth Abad
- September 17: Jefferson Bandola
- September 19: Louie Babia
- September 22: Jayson Bandola
Harley McCauley
- September 26: Vander Evalaros
- September 30: Cleo Lacastesantos

Subway continues
to impress

receiving top scores in their latest REV (Restaurant Excellence Visit) as well as winning a pizza party from their franchise manager for their upselling skills = top sales for mini cookies. This beautiful trophy case is proudly displayed at Subway to showcase their achievements and to recognize our staff.

Well done!



Years Of Service
Recognitions

- 1 Year: Brent Dela Cruz (Tim Hortons)
- 2 Years: Jaleth Abad (Housekeeping)
Emmanuel Apilado (Housekeeping)
- 3 Years: Rojannie Advincula (Restaurant)
Ian Galang (Housekeeping)
Johann Ligot (Tim Hortons)
Thalecia Patten (Front Desk)
- 4 Years: Kethan Burton (Kitchen)
Ida Galang (Front Desk)
Alfred Mendoza (Housekeeping)
- 5 Years: Mary Ann Ligot (C-Store)
Chloe Mercer (Front Desk)
- 7 Years: Annabella Malonzo (Housekeeping)
Emma Pace (Housekeeping)
- 8 Years: Megan Kowalchuk (Sales & Marketing)
- 10 Years: Monique Pestano (Restaurant)



Congratulations and Thank You!