

Murray Parrott speaks to Rotary Club about new hotel plan

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On Page 7 of last week's Neepawa Banner & Press, a photo was shared showing the beginning of the groundwork for Neepawa's Best Western Plus (BWP) hotel.

Just after print deadline, spokesperson Murray Parrott made an update presentation to the Neepawa Rotary Club on Wednesday, July 12.

Parrott said the project started to in 2017-18 but had been delayed for a number of reasons but the intervening years have brought about some exciting changes. He said, "We started out 63 rooms, then 67, then 69 and now the plan is set at 72 rooms. The foundation work is about to begin based on 72 rooms" The extra rooms came about as a result of re-arranging stairways and maintenance and laundry facilities.

Parrott and members of the group visited many other hotels and found out "many things not to do". All floors will be virtually identical, there will be a room for a hot breakfast and that kitchen will be available to cater to special events.

Parrott said they learned a lot from the BWP hotels at Winkler and Morden. The new hotel will have a large swimming pool and three water slides suited to various ages. The hotel will face west onto Hwy. 5 and

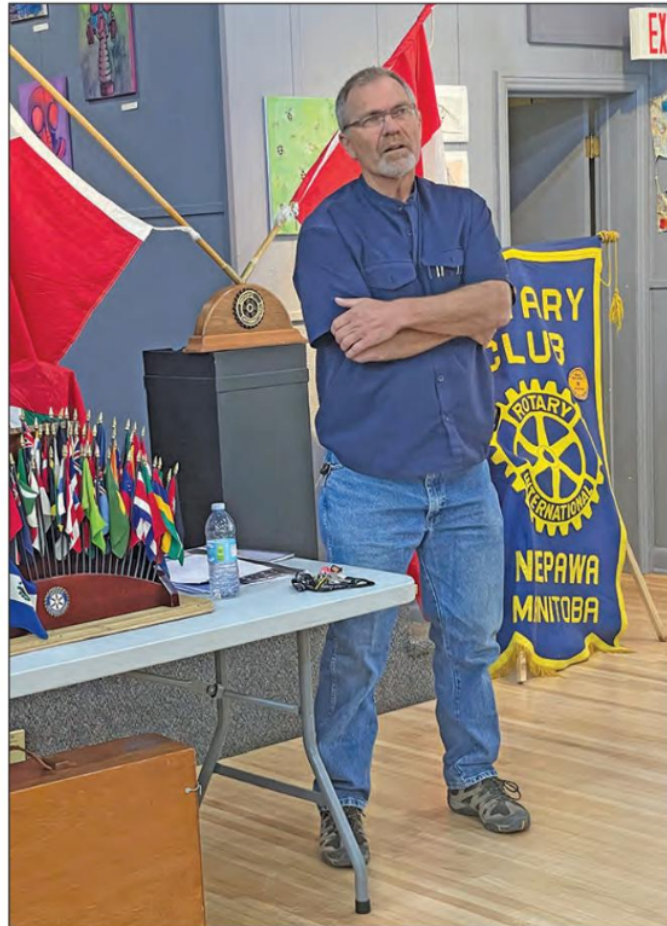


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Murray Parrott updated members of the Neepawa Rotary Club on the Best Western Plus just underway.

have good visibility from Hwy. 5 and 16. There will be 12 to 14 staff.

Parrott is optimistic the hotel will be up in 14 months and that will enable the facility to accommodate a couple years of hospital construction workers, work-

ers from the new regional school project and the proposed reconstruction of Hwy. 5. The group has 40 shareholders with varying amounts of investment. BWP is a membership group, not a franchise.