

# Neepawa Rotary at work during COVID-19

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NEEPAWA ROTARY CLUB

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The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly affected all of our lives and this certainly includes the functions of the Neepawa Rotary Club. Despite these extreme challenges, the Rotary Club has managed to complete local activities, such as the highway clean-up, the re-staining of the observation decks and benches at Rotary Park and financial support towards the operations of the Neepawa Community Ministries Centre. Rotary members are currently busy getting ready for our annual Rotary Auction, the major fundraiser for the club. Funds raised from the auction will help the club support the schools within the Neepawa area acquire technologies to assist in student learning during the pandemic. In addition, funds raised will allow the club to support many other communities' needs.

The efforts of our local members allows the Neepawa Rotary Club to support the efforts of Rotary International. This year, the club is donating \$1,500 (USD) towards the fight against Polio. The year 2020 saw the eradication of polio throughout the African continent. Afghanistan and Pakistan remain the only two countries in the world to still have this crippling disease affect its children. The efforts of Rotary International continues towards the total eradication of polio worldwide.

The Neepawa Rotary Club is also providing support towards ShelterBox Canada. ShelterBox Canada is dedicated to helping ensure no family is left without shelter after natural disaster or conflict—by going where others can't or won't. The sturdy green boxes are filled with a family-sized tent, solar lights, water storage and purification equipment, thermal blankets, cooking utensils and basic food supplies. The efforts of ShelterBox Canada are crucial during times such as what is currently being experienced in the Philippines, where a series of typhoons have ravaged the islands.

One of the strongest supporters of ShelterBox Canada within the Neepawa Rotary Club was Roy McGillivray. The Neepawa Rotary Club is proud to announce that a \$1,200 donation to ShelterBox Canada will be made in the memory of Roy. Anyone wishing to provide support to ShelterBox Canada may do so at [www.shelterboxcanada.org](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org) or through the Rotary Club of Neepawa, Box 1515, Neepawa, MB R0J 1H0.