

Neepawa Rotary continues to support the community

13 different organizations benefit from annual fundraising effort

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The Neepawa Rotary Club just made another donation to add to its list of recipients. On Friday, June 11, the club donated \$1,500 to the Neepawa Theatre Centre (NTC) to help pay for the Roxy Theatre's bathroom upgrades.

This is one of 13 donations that the Rotary Club has made to a number of organizations over the 2020/21 season. "This is kind of the tail end of the proceeds from our Rotary auction, which we distribute throughout the community and throughout the year, as those who read the Banner & Press and watch [NACTV] have seen on a number of occasions," noted Neepawa club president Wayne Jacobsen.

Kate Jackman-Atkinson, board member of NTC, stated that they will be using this money to help bring the bathrooms up to COVID-19 expectations, by installing hands-free soap and paper towel dispensers and taps.

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More than \$25,000 given out by Rotary

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"This is sort of a COVID update type project and we're really looking forward to when we can let our patrons back in and they can see this," she stated, adding "We are very thankful and appreciative of this money, as well as all of the past support that the Rotary club has given to the theatre over the years."

One of many donations

In addition to the donation to the Roxy, the Rotary Club supported nine other local organizations and three international causes this year.

A donation of \$480 went to the Yellowhead Development Society Inc. to help the Neepawa Curling Club purchase stick curling equipment. ArtsForward

received \$340 in addition to their regular rental fees for using the facility as a meeting space. NACTV also received a general donation of \$200, as an extra thank-you for broadcasting the Rotary Auction informational programs. Rotary gave the Beautiful Plains School Division \$6,000 for technology to help with remote learning access. Touchwood Park Association was given \$6,400 to help pay for furnishing the lounge area of their new Day Program building. The Beautiful Plains Community Medical Clinic received \$2,000 for a new vaccine fridge. The Neepawa chapter of Victoria's Quilts Canada was given \$500 to help pay for quilting supplies. A \$2,000 scholarship is given to Neepawa Area Collegiate annually to award to a graduating student. The Neepawa Nursery School

received \$1,000, which came from the club's beer tasting event fundraiser, to help them with expenses since government funding was reduced.

The international projects that the club donated to were all through Rotary International. Those included \$1,504 for Polio Plus, \$1,950 for Ripple Effect Scholarships and \$1,200 for ShelterBox.

The majority of the funding for these donations came from the club's annual Rotary Auction, which took place online last December. "I think it's just wonderful the way that the community supports our Rotary auction every year," stated Jacobsen. "That, in turn, allows our club to be able to do these types of [cheque] presentations here in the community."



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NAC TV	\$200
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Neepawa Nursery School	\$1000
Beautiful Plains Clinic	\$2000
Victoria's Quilts	\$500
NACI Scholarship	\$2000
Polio Plus	\$1504
Ripple Effect Scholarships	\$1950
ShelterBox	\$1200
Roxy Theatre	\$1500
Total	\$25,074