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CFPD Receives Second Gift from the Estate of the late James Francis Taylor, Bringing Total Bequest to $727,037

The Community Foundation of Portage and District (CFPD) has received a second, substantial donation from the Estate of former Portage la Prairie and Area resident, James ("Jim") Francis Taylor, who passed away on January 10, 2004. The first was received in December, 2025 in the amount of $327,700—and we recently received a second, in the amount of $399,337.83. The generosity and kindness of people like Mr. Taylor is the reason why CFPD can continue to provide funding to the local groups through our bi-annual Community Grants Program (for which we recently had our Fall Application Intake)—making a significant, positive impact on the lives of everyone in this community.

Jim, the eldest of 9 siblings, was born on February 2, 1925 in Portage la Prairie, to Frank and Janet Taylor. He attended Portage Creek School and later worked on the family farm in High Bluff during the summer, while operating a commercial fishing business at Delta in the winter. Jim also bravely served as an infantryman with the Canadian Army during World War 2. After the war, he worked in Thompson, Manitoba on one of the first hydro-electric projects in the area. In 1965, Jim took over operating the family farm following the death of his parents, making him a third-generation family farmer since 1900. Subsequently, in the year 2000, Jim proudly received a Century Farm Award through the Manitoba Farm Family Recognition Program. In his leisure time, Jim enjoyed playing baseball as a young man (with the Flee Island District men's team), and in his later years enjoyed attending the Herman Prior Centre and Prosvita Men's Club (as a member and volunteer). He was also a member of the Army, Navy, & Air Force Veteran's Association, and the local Royal Canadian Legion. Jim had an active community life, but home on the farm he also maintained a small bird sanctuary.

Here at CFPD we are deeply touched by the generosity of Mr. Taylor, and the bequest he directed to the Foundation. The investment income earned from the donated funds—amounting to at least $36,351 annually—will be granted back into our community through our Community Grants Program year after year (as the principal amount remains in an endowment fund forever, with only the interest being utilized). Mr. Taylor's life of hard work and community-mindedness will continue to impact others forever—a legacy that the current Board of Directors and Staff at the Foundation are extremely grateful for.

To learn more about the Community Foundation of Portage & District, please visit their website at www.cfpdi.ca or contact their office at 204-856-1971.

James Francis Taylor

