

Selkirk's industrial park open for business

First 10 lots available for spring 2015

By Donna Maxwell

Selkirk's long-awaited industrial park is ready for business.

A huge sign on Easton Avenue, across from the Rec Complex, is up and declaring the park ready for 10 new small and medium-sized businesses to move in and start work.

"This will bring more business to Selkirk and more jobs for residents already here," Mayor Larry Johannson said, noting the park will also attract new residents and help keep Selkirk-area youth here.

And it'll do more than that.

"A big one is added tax revenue," Johannson said.

"We always have to be looking for added tax revenue."

The industrial park's first phase will have 10 lots that will be ready



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Selkirk council members, left to right, Beerman, Johannson, Pat Pruden, Kelly Cook and Darlene Swiderski with CAO Duane Nicol and director of economic development Faisal Anwar.

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spring 2015. The total land area of the park is more than 275 acres and its four phases will accommodate 80 small and medium-sized businesses.

And while small and medium-sized businesses will be targeted, the park is open to large businesses as well.

Coun. Ken Beerman, who heads

up the city's economic development committee, said new apartments and condos in the city have brought more people here, and now the industrial park will provide good paying jobs for both existing residents and new ones.

"We've started the housing influx, now we need a business influx," Beerman said.

The city's administration estimates

the park will generate 50-250 new, well-paying jobs and will attract skilled workers and entrepreneurs to Selkirk.

Beerman said the city will now actively look for industry to locate in Selkirk. He said they'll attend industrial forums to spread the word.

"We want to let them know we're open for business," Beerman said.

Some already know that, he said, noting in the last three to six months administration have fielded many calls from companies that want fully serviced industrial/commercial lots.

The industrial park will also have a commercial area for big box stores.

Johannson said increased tax revenue from industry will help the city fund other needed projects, and he knows businesses do want to come here.

He said Selkirk's close proximity to Centrepport is a good thing that will have even more businesses looking this way.

"We want people to know we will be open in Selkirk," he said.

Beerman said development of the industrial park has been talked about for years, and he's

proud of the fact current council got the job done.

"Council has talked about doing this for years," Beerman said.

"It's time to make it happen."

Johannson said the economic development department has done fantastic work for the city and he's proud of everything they've accomplished.

The industrial park is located on Wersch Street at the west end of Greenwood Avenue.

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