

# Legacy of the Late James Francis Taylor will Live on Forever Through Bequest

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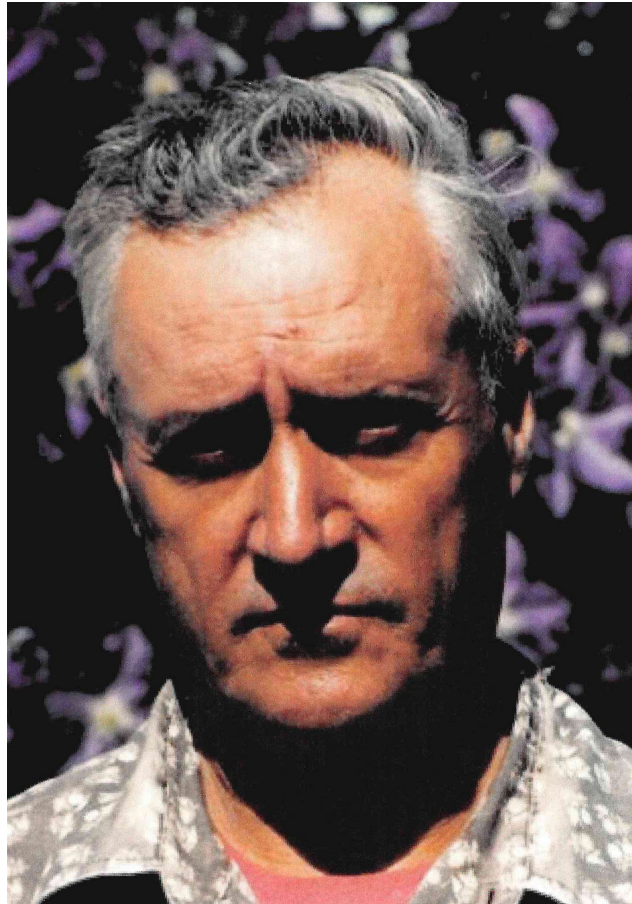
## CFPD Receives Significant Estate Donation

The Community Foundation of Portage & District recently received a substantial donation from the Estate of Mr. James ("Jim") Francis Taylor, in the amount of \$327,700. The former Portage la Prairie and Area resident passed away on January 10, 2004, but the funds he directed in his will only recently arrived to CFPD. The generosity and kindness of people like Jim is the reason why CFPD continues to grow and is able to provide even more funding to local community groups every single year. The impact of donations like Jim's is significant, touching many lives in our community.

## A Man of Hard Work and Integrity

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 II. 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.

## The Legacy of Mr. Taylor's Bequest

After a life of hard work and community-mindedness, including farming, serving in World War II, volunteering, and much more, Jim's legacy will live on through this gift he left with CFPD—one that will continue to benefit many people, forever, as all donations enter an endowment fund with only the interest being disbursed each year. Being one of the original founding members of CFPD in 1994, Jim knew the value of the Foundation then, and his bequest is a testament to this. Here at CFPD we are taken aback by Jim's generosity. The investment income earned from the donated funds—amounting to at least \$16,385 annually—will be granted back into our community through our bi-annual Community Grants Program, year after year. The current Board of Directors and Staff at the Foundation are extremely grateful for Jim and his donation. His act of generosity epitomizes our slogan—For Community, By Community, Forever!

## Learn More about the Foundation

If you want to learn more about what we do at CFPD, please visit our website at [www.cfpdi.ca](http://www.cfpdi.ca).



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