



# RM of Clayton No 333

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## GRADERS

## COUNCIL

# CONSTRUCTION

### STENEN BRIDGE

The Stenen Bridge to culvert project is completed. It did not take long and we appreciate everyone's patience during the process. The road and culverts are not weight restricted anymore.

### STENEN ACCESS ROAD

The Stenen access road is a restricted weight road. So even though the gravel grid allows higher weights you are not permitted to use that access (the black top) if you are overweight. You will be fined by the DOT if you are caught using that road.

### BARKMAN BRIDGE

The Barkman Bridge, which is located at SW 2 34 3, has been approved for the bridge grant. So like the Stenen Bridge we shall be replacing it with large diameter culverts. This will all happen the same as before with the work being done after July 1 because of the fish, we also need the creek to be as dry as possible for the construction to avoid any additional charges to the construction costs. If you live or farm land along that water source we are informing you that no drainage or channel clearing will be allowed prior to the construction. Remember any

additional costs to any jobs that we undertake are directly reflected on your taxes, therefore you pay the bill. Please consider all repercussions prior to doing anything.

### SHOP

As you may know we are in desperate need of a new shop. The council has purchased a parcel of land on the north end of Hyas and we have plans to start construction. We have started to break ground and the engineering portion of the job has been tendered and granted. Construction is hopefully to start by October and the boys should be in it by March! We are doing some of the work ourselves to save cost, like ground work and the finishing of the inside, this should keep the costs down.

### EQUIPMENT ON ROADS

When you meet our equipment on the roads, no matter which piece it is, the speed limit is 60 kms per hour. Our equipment is considered to be the same as Highways and Transportation, therefore the same penalties apply when they are on the road. The fines for speeding past working equipment and men have become triple. Please help us keep everyone safe while work is being performed on the roads. DO NOT cross a road closed barricade or sign



this makes for a very dangerous situation for the workers and for you! We know you want to see what is going on, but really it is dangerous and creates a situation where the workers now have to look out for you too, let them finish and come back later to check it out.

Our RM is 15 townships large! About 12.5 of those townships are not Provincial Forestry and fall under our jurisdiction. We have 464.25 miles of roads, 296.25 are all season roads and 168 are seasonal roads, these do not include the little dirt back roads. We have 2 bridges left and hundreds of culverts. All of this takes considerable time to repair, plow and grade. The 7 council members and 5 staff cannot possibly know of every situation. If you are aware of something please call your Councillor or the office and let us know, we will get there to take care of the situation.

## Dust Control

We use an approved dust control product on our roads that is why it must be purchased through us. Just because you buy some from us does not mean you can still cover it with your own, especially a canola based product. Do not do this, our bylaw and the *Municipalities Act* is very clear about this and Council has the right to charge you with the repairs and pursue the issue in court. No one wants that, so please just don't do it. Canola based products will start to smell and also damage the road, it causes them to be slimy when wet, hard when dry and slick in the winter. All of which are dangerous situations. The only fix is to dig out the portion of road and reconstruct it, which is a very costly procedure

## CULVERTS

We have replaced, repaired and installed a lot of culverts this year. Please be aware that with new culvert installation some settling is always to be expected, if you notice this happening at any of the sites, please tell the Councillor of the division or the office and we can have the boys take care of it. It is impossible to know what is going on everywhere, so cooperation is always appreciated.

## MAINTENANCE STAFF



Our maintenance staff is extremely busy and they are doing their best to get everything done, the jobs that are given to them are done in an order of priority which concerns the WHOLE municipality. Our RM is much bigger than the few miles around one person's house.

## Penalties and Discounts

In the next section we will tell you about the current arrears.

For now the penalties for arrears are 1.5% per month and the discounts are 10% for July, 5.5% for August, 4% for September, 3% for October and 2% for November.

This may change, now that the arrears are under control the penalties no longer cover the cost of the discount, it has served the purpose. Council will be discussing the penalties and discounts at an upcoming meeting and everyone should be prepared for a possible change in them.

## TAX ARREARS

We have finally managed to get our tax arrears under control, there is still some work to be done but the majority of it is complete. I would like to say congratulations to everyone for accomplishing this feat!

You may have noticed that this year in the paper was the regular list of land in arrears, those lands that will have a tax lien put on them if the taxes remain unpaid. An additional list of land that has past arrears and already has a lien on them was also advertised. Those are all of the lands with arrears, and Council decided to advertise everything this year.

Our total Municipal arrears now totals .... (Drum Roll Please) ..... **\$65502.28.**

Hurray! This is a very big deal.

If Council changes the discounts and penalties the additional cost will be fully bourn by the people with tax arrears. That is what the discounts and penalties are supposed to accomplish. There are many different scenarios and they will be exploring them all, I am confident that they will pick the option that is best for the majority of the RM.