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ELECTION YEAR

This year is an election year. Election Day is OCTOBER 26, 2016. The Reeve and Division 1, 3 & 5 are up for elections. If you are considering running please call the office and get your nomination forms and information about what being on council is all about. Nomination Day is SEPTEMBER 21, 2016 at 4:00 pm. Nomination papers and criminal record checks must be turned into the office by that day and time.



ROAD NUMBERS AND CIVIC ADDRESSING

The Council has adopted the provincial road numbering system. Each road now has a road number and the signs will be going up in the summer. As well, each farm yard has a civic address now. This new numbering system was created to help emergency service personal in finding rural houses. Council is requesting that each ratepayer purchase a civic address sign and display it at the end of the driveway

to help with emergency services. Once the system is fully functional these addresses will be available to any GPS system so family, friends, and other services will be able to find your rural home just by imputing your address into a GPS system.

SHOP

The shop tender has been awarded and the shop construction has begun. Norquay Cooperative is the general contractor tendered to do the construction. The deadline for completion is August 31, 2016. After this deadline we shall finish the interior ourselves to save costs. The men should be moved in by fall.

SHOP LEVY

As was discussed at the annual ratepayers meeting there is a special levy that has been added to your taxes this year. It is for the construction of the new maintenance shop. The \$100.00 levy has been added to every parcel in the RM and will only be added for 5 years, then the shop will be paid for in full.



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 tripled. 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

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.



RAILWAY CROSSING

The railway crossings are in terrible shape in our RM. We are asking for your help to have CN repair these crossings. If you call 1-800-465-9239 and report the problems it will help, the more calls they receive the better the chance that they will be fixed. When you call please quote the crossing number and the problem. These are listed from Norquay going west.

Road #	Crossing #	Problem
2013	044.68	rough crossing
2020	047.78	visibility
2021	048.78	visibility
2024	051.85	visibility
2025	052.86	visibility
2031	054.90	visibility
341	056.73	visibility east/west road

APAS

APAS has approached council every year requesting us to join. The yearly fee would be approximately \$14000.00. APAS is a lobby group that is strictly farming orientated. Council would like to hear your opinion of this, would you like the municipality to join APAS on your behalf? Please call your Councillor or office with your ideas.



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.



PARKLAND REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT

Our garbage dumps are now all closed. If you have garbage that needs to go to a dump you must haul it to the Parkland Regional Waste Management site. This site is west of Preeceville and a map is available at the office.

There are fees for some garbage like construction waste, but not for household garbage. Fees can also be found at the office.



TAX ARREARS

Well we are continuing to bring down the tax arrears. The total Municipal arrears as of December 31, 2015 are: **\$39171.94!** This is just fantastic news. Please keep up the great work and soon arrears will be a thing of the past!

PENALTIES AND DISCOUNTS

Council Passed bylaw 2015-02 which changed the penalties and discounts for taxes. The new penalty is 2% per month and the discounts have gone down to 5% for July, 4% for August, 3% for September, 2% for October and 1% for November.

We still and always will accept postdated cheques and prepayments for taxes. Prepayments qualify for the earliest discount. Council is very strict with the last day of the month policy for receiving payments. If your payment is not in the office by the last day of the month it DOES NOT qualify for discount or the lower

penalty, date of mailing or the date on the cheque is not acceptable for date payment is received. Please mail your payment early and postdate it so that it is not late. We also accept email transfers for taxes.



SNOW PLOW POLICY

Council has changed the Snow Plow Policy slightly, for a copy of the policy call the office and Kelly can get you one. The Staff has the authority to change the route slightly to consider the weather and road conditions. But mainly it is still the main Grids on the first day. The policy is still that the graders do not go out until the storm is over, this includes wind. On the first day after a storm the men work very long hours to get the roads open so that no one has more than 4 miles to drive to an open road. This is the best that we can do given the amount of roads that we have, and asking the men to do more is just not right. If you have a serious drift or issue please let your Councillor or the office know.

If you require special snow plowing please give us a lot of notice. Also the policy now does not allow for snow clearing in pastures, these are dangerous places for our machinery, the rocks and such are not good for the graders and the repair can be very costly.



911

In case of a fire, please call 911, not the fire station they no longer have a phone.



e-Notices

We are a test RM for e-Notices. We will have the ability to email almost all notices that we usually send though the mail. If you are interested in this service please contact the office via email and we can see if this is a viable option for us.