RM of Wolverine No. 340

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PHOTO OF "MAIN STREET" IN BURR – CAN YOU GUESS THE YEAR??

DID YOU KNOW

Contact the RM office or PW Supervisor to request grading of driveways during the summer maintenance season.

The RM has purchased a 2018 Kubota Tractor and a 2018 truck.

2018 Kubota Tractor - RM Photo

This RM is no longer a member of the Agriculture Producer's Association of Saskatchewan.

All requests for new approaches will require Council approval. Widening of existing approaches can be approved by municipal staff. Application forms are available at the RM Office or on our website.

MUNICIPAL TAXATION

The 2018 Uniform Mill Rate is 7.15 mills. This is an increase from 2017 of ½ mill. The RM has been advised that the 2018 Potash Tax Share Payment that we receive will be decreased by approximately $467,000.00.

Council has approved the application of the following mill rate factors based on the uniform mill rate of 7.15 mills:
Agriculture – 1.2 x uniform mill rate
Residential – 0.62 x uniform mill rate
Com/Ind. –1.86 x uniform mill rate

Based on the above mill rates the RM has budgeted to levy approximately $876,000. Some capital costs include the purchase of a new Kubota tractor as well as a new half tonne truck, funding the depreciation of all municipal capital assets/allocation of funds to reserve accounts and undertaking the expansion and development of an existing gravel pit site and gravel pit reclamation.

Taxes are due December 31st of each year for that year. The Council of the RM of Wolverine No. 340 has adopted a Tax Incentive Bylaw which provides for early payment of taxes as follows:

Up to August 31st -	**5% Discount**
Up to Sept 30th -	**4% Discount**
Up to Oct 31st -	**3% Discount**
Up to Nov 30th -	**2% Discount**

RM WEBSITE

Please check out the RM's website. There is a lot of great information as well as various application forms available on the web-site. A PDF Version of the RM map can also be found on our website. You can find us at www.rmwolverine.ca. We will strive to keep it current and will be adding new articles and information on an ongoing basis.

Current Council Members

Reeve Bryan Gibney	**306-365- 4795**
Div 1 – Craig Bartel	**306-365-3001**
Div 2 – Ron Suchy	**306-365-2888**
Div 3 – Elise Dale	**306-231-5299**
Div 4 – Sandy Flory	**306-682-0988**
Div 5 – Dennis Merkosky	**306-231-8450**
Div 6 – Blaine Possberg	**306-231-5967**

ADMINISTRATION STAFF

Administrator	Sandi Dunne
Admin Assistant	Sandra Syroteuk

PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION STAFF

PW Supervisor	Dale Becker
Const. Foreman/Eq. Op	Dave Altstadt
Equipment Operators	Rod Bernauer
	Greg Pries
	Patrick Syroteuk
Mower Operators	Ron Saretsky
	Dave Smith

APPOINTMENTS

A big shout out to the following individuals that have been appointed as board reps and positions for this RM:

Guernsey Rec Board	Shirley Powell
Lanigan Library	Linda Gibney
Pest Control Officer	Pat Syroteuk
Weed Control Officer	Eric Ehalt
Poundkeepers:	
Div. 1 & 2 -	Bernard Senko
Div. 3 & 6 –	Eric Weisbeck
Div. 4 –	Sandy Flory
Div. 5 -	Lorne Giddings
Wolverine Cemetery Record Keeper:	Myron Kennedy

RM MAPS

Updated RM maps are being drafted and will include updated land ownership changes. Please contact the RM office to find out when they will be available to purchase. RM maps are $10.00 plus GST & PST if picked up at the RM office.

SCHOOL DIVISION MILL RATES

The 2018 mill rates for the public & separate school divisions are as follows:

- **Agricultural 1.43 mills**
- **Residential 4.12 mills**
- **Commercial/Ind. 6.27 mills**
- **Resource 9.68 mills**
- **Please note that school taxes do not qualify for tax discounts.**

ROCK PILES AND CLAY SOURCES

The RM is always looking for good sources of clay and rock piles for road repair and construction. Please let us know if you have a source.

Wishing everyone a safe haying & harvest season.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Property tax payments can be made by cheque, cash or through the following financial banking institutions in person, online or through telephone banking:

Credit Unions CIBC Scotia Bank

When making payments through these financial institutions you will need to use your "Customer Number" as your account number. This number can be located at the top right hand side of your tax notice – behind the landowner name and below the mailing date.

2017 FINANCIAL SYNOPSIS

The 2017 Financial Synopsis is enclosed for your review. Copies of the completed Audited Financial Statement are available upon request at the RM Office.

THANK-YOU

We always appreciate when residents and landowners let us know of any trouble spots on roads, when signs have been knocked down or are missing or just to discuss road concerns or other municipal issues.

We also love to hear that we are doing a good job every once in a while !! ☺

We would appreciate your continued assistance in making this RM a great place to live, farm and travel through!!

SALE OF GRAVEL & CUSTOM HAUL

If you require gravel on your driveway or for other uses, please contact the RM office or the PW Supervisor for scheduling and pricing.

The RM will sell pit run, fine screened or reject gravel to a maximum of 5 loads and will also provide or arrange custom hauling.

Scheduling for custom hauling will be at the discretion of the RM. Gravel will only be sold to ratepayers & residents and will not be hauled outside of municipal boundaries.

2012 Semi Tractor purchased in 2017

CUSTOM WORK RATES

The following hourly custom work rates will be charged to ratepayers & residents when custom work is requested:

240LC Trackhoe	$200/hr.
250JD Rock Truck	$200/hr.
D65 Komatsu Crawler	$200/hr.
540D JD Loader	$130/hr.
580N Case Backhoe	$100/hr.
Graders	$150/hr.
Tree Planter	$25/day

An additional $10/hr. will be charged to non-ratepayers. Custom work in excess of 2 hours must be approved by Council.

*****Operators wages are included in above prices*****

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW RESIDENTS AND LANDOWNERS!!

RM Photo

Mancroft Church – one of two Heritage Sites in this RM- located north of Township Rd 364 on Range Rd. 2240

DITCH MOWING

Ditch mowing is well under way for another season. Please drive carefully and with caution when meeting or passing the mowers. If you wish to have your driveway mowed please contact the RM office or Public Works Supervisor to ensure or confirm that you are on the list! Private driveways will be mowed when the RM undertakes the second cut later this summer.

RM Photo

USE OF EQUIPMENT WITH STEEL TRACKS ON RM ROADS

Driving equipment with steel tracks is prohibited down municipal roads and ditches. This type of equipment can only cross municipal roads or must be transported. Anyone that contravenes this policy will be responsible for the costs to grade and/or repair the municipal right of way.

RCMP NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER

There is now a RCMP Non-Emergency Reporting Line. To report non-emergencies across the province call 310-RCMP (7267). This will still direct you to your local police agency.

Please respect our work crews & work sites!!!

SAFETY REMINDER

It is required for motorist to reduce their speed to 60 kms/hr when passing RM Graders and/or construction equipment. Our employees and equipment operators are required to be respectful to all motorists, they would appreciate the same respect & consideration.

Please refrain from driving on roads that have been posted with a "Road Closed" sign as this is what you might run into!

If you must travel through a construction zone/closed road, please do so at a reduced speed to ensure your safety & that of our crews!!

REDUCED SPEEDS FOR HEAVY LOADS

If you are operating a vehicle, semi-trailer or equipment that weighs more than 10 tonne, please reduce your speed to a maximum of 60 kms/hr. School buses are exempt from this requirement. This reduced speed will be enforced by the RCMP.

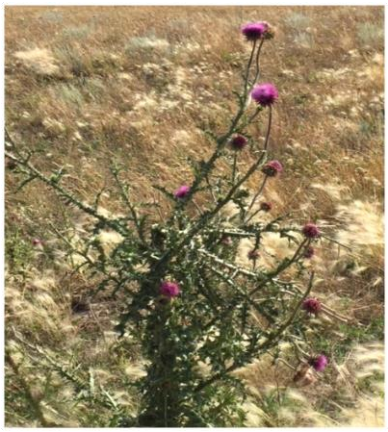
RM Photo

INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL PROGRAM

The RM has once again approved a weed management plan for this RM. We are currently employing a student through the WUQWATR organization to once again undertake the scouting and mapping of invasive plants within municipal right of ways and other municipal properties such as gravel pits. Based on the findings of this scouting, the RM will be contracting with Grasslander Services from Allan, SK. to undertake the spraying of some of the weeds identified during the scouting. It would be appreciated if when traveling down roads that are being scouted and/or sprayed that you drive with caution to ensure the safety of the weed scout and sprayers.

The Invasive Plant Control Program will assist the RM by providing funding for a portion of the herbicide costs. In 2017 the RM received approximately $1,315 for the herbicide used and $2,000 to cover a portion of the cost of the weed scouting. Due to changes to the programs for 2018, there is no longer funding available for the weed scout costs and only 50% of approved herbicide costs will be covered by this program for noxious weeds and 50% of the approved herbicides and application costs will be covered for prohibited weeds. Private landowners and producers can also take advantage of this program and obtain a rebate through this program based on the above percentages. The deadline to submit claim forms for this program for 2018 is October 31, 2018.

For more information on what herbicides and weeds are covered under this program contact the RM office or log onto the SARM Website for more program information at www.sarm.ca.



2018-Pic of Nodding Thistle found in the RM

EMERGENCY MEASURES ORGANIZATION & PLAN

The RM is in the process of updating its Emergency Plan and is looking for individuals that may wish to assist the RM is forming an Emergency Measures Committee to assist with the drafting of this plan or to take training in order to assist the RM in the event of a large scale emergency or disaster. Please contact the RM if this is something that you may be interested in.

CONTROLLED BURN

When undertaking a controlled burn on your property please contact 1-866-404-4911 as well as the RM office prior to doing so.

2018 - Pic of Township Rd 354 east of Highway #20 showing spring runoff/water in Division 4. Photo courtesy of Ernie Zubot

2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

On October 24, 2018 municipal elections will be held for councilors representing even numbered divisions in rural municipalities.

Nomination period begins on or before September 4, 2018 and will be advertised in both local papers, The Humboldt Journal and Lanigan Advisor. Nomination deadline is Wednesday, September 19, 2018. If a further call is required, the second nomination period will expire on October 3, 2018.

Individuals are eligible to be nominated for municipal council if they are:

- At least 18 yrs old on Election Day
- A Canadian Citizen
- Eligible to vote in the RM
- A resident of Saskatchewan

All candidates must have 2 eligible voters sign their nomination paper. The nominators must be eligible to vote in the division that the candidate wishes to represent.

The term of office for successful candidates in the 2018 election is four years, commencing at the first meeting following the election.

For more information regarding general election information or to determine which division you are eligible to vote in please contact the RM office.

2018 - RM Photo
Brithdir Church – one of two Heritage Sites in this RM – located on Range Rd 2243 south of Township Road 354.

BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAM

The RM is once again participating in the Provincial Beaver Control Program. However there have been some changes to the program for 2018 and in accordance with these changes Council has made changes to our payment policy. Any ratepayer or authorized person that destroys beavers within this municipality and can provide proof to the RM (beaver tail) and a valid trapper's license will be compensated $40.00 per beaver tail. If you do not have a valid trappe'rs license you will be compensated $25.00 per beaver tail. In 2017 this RM paid out $5,760.00 and received provincial funding of $1,637.00

2018 -RM Photo
Beaver Dam being re-built