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RM of Wolverine No. 340

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WHAT'S NEW

You may have noticed some major changes to the landscape in Burr. The RM is in the process of constructing a 120' x 80' shop which is located across the road from the RM office. The cost of this project will be funded through municipal capital reserves, the Municipal Economic Enhancement Program, operating budget and possibility a short term loan.



New RM Shop under Construction - RM Photo

Development permits are now required for agriculture related developments & applications must be approved prior to development commencing. There is no charge to obtain this permit. Please contact the RM office for more information.

MUNICIPAL TAXATION

The 2020 Uniform Mill Rate is 7.65 mills. There was no increase in the municipal levy.

The Mill Rate Factors for 2020 remain unchanged and are as follows:

Agriculture – 1.12 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 \$950,000.

Some capital costs include the purchase of a new CASE Maxxum 125 Tractor and 2020 Schulte 15 ft. mower and of course the construction of a new RM shop.

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:

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

If not paid by December 31st, outstanding taxes will become arrears as of January 1st and a penalty of 1% will be applied at the beginning of each month that the taxes remain outstanding. Please note that the RM will undertake and has undertaken Tax Enforcement on outstanding tax accounts in accordance with *The Tax Enforcement Act*.

The RM has contracted Resterra Land Road Reclamation to mulch approximately 6.4 kms of main farm access road (Township Rd 360) in Division 5. This project should be completed by the end of July and is an economical way to upgrade gravel roads that do not require clay capping.



Division 5 - RM Photo

EMAIL ADDRESSES & CELL PHONE #'s
Please feel free to provide us with your email address and cell phone #'s, as it will allow us to contact you easier.

2019 FINANCIAL SYNOPSIS

The 2019 Financial Synopsis is enclosed for your review. Copies of the complete Audited Financial Statement are available upon request at the RM office or on the RM Website

RM WEBSITE

There is a lot of very useful information located on the RM's Website which we strive to keep updated. Public Notice of upcoming Council Meetings, bylaw & policy changes, general information on zoning & development within the RM as well as access to municipal forms & applications can be found on our Website. A PDF Version of the most recent RM map can also be found on our website. You can find us at www.rmwwolverine.ca.

Current Council Members

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| Reeve Bryan Gibney | 306-365- 4795 |
| Div 1 – Don Williams | 306-365-7752 |
| 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 |

IN MEMORIAM

We would like to take a moment to recognize some past council members that passed away over the past year:

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| Ted Senko, Div. 3 | 1957-1963 |
| Roy Powell, Div. 2 | 1957-1991 |
| Reeve | 1991-2008 |
| Gerald Saretsky, Div.4 | 1989-1995 |

The RM Council Meetings for the months of April, May & June were conducted over ZOOM Video-Conferencing!

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL NEW RESIDENTS & LANDOWNERS!!

ADMINISTRATION STAFF

| | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Administrator | Sandi Dunne |
| Admin Assistant | Sandra Syroteuk |

PUBLIC WORKS/TRANSPORTATION STAFF

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

APPOINTMENTS

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

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| Lanigan Library | Linda Gibney |
| Pest Control Officer | Pat Syroteuk |
| Weed Control Officer | Eric Ehalt |
| Pound keepers: | |

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| Div. 1 & 2 - Bernard Senko |
| Div. 3 & 6 – Eric Weisbeck |
| Div. 4 – Sandy Flory |
| Div. 5 - Lorne Giddings |

SCHOOL DIVISION MILL RATES

The 2020 mill rates for the public & separate school divisions remain unchanged from 2020 and are as follows:

- Agricultural 1.43 mills
- Residential 4.12 mills
- Commercial/Ind. 6.27 mills
- Resource 9.68 mills

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Property tax payments can be made by cheque, cash, E-transfer 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.

Please call 1-866-404-4911 & the RM office to report a controlled burn.

OBJECTS IN RIGHT OF WAYS

Please refrain from placing equipment, bales, rocks and other objects within the municipal right of ways as this can cause safety concerns and contravenes municipal bylaws. Trees & shelterbelts should be planted at least 150 feet from the centre of the road.



THANK-YOU

A big thanks to all residents & landowners that 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. Thanks for making this RM a great place to live, farm and travel through!!

SALE OF GRAVEL & CUSTOM HAUL

The RM will sell pit run, screened or reject gravel to a maximum of 5 loads as well as custom haul.

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



CUSTOM WORK RATES

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

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| 240LC Track hoe | \$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****

ROCK PILES AND CLAY SOURCES

Do you have a good source of clay and rock piles?? Please let us know as we can use for road repairs & construction.

DITCH MOWING

Ditch mowing has commenced for another year. If you wish to cut and bale the municipal right of ways please contact the PW Supervisor on an annual basis to let him know as well as indicate which right of ways you plan to hay so that this can be coordinated to everyone's satisfaction☺. Please watch out for the culvert markers as shown below.

Contact the RM to request mowing of private driveways. This is done on an annual basis and is undertaken during the second cut later this summer.

Please reduce your speed to 60 kms when meeting or passing the mowers.



RM Photo

SNOW REMOVAL ON PRIVATE DRIVEWAYS

The RM does custom snow removal on private driveways. An annual Agreement & Waiver must be completed by the landowner/resident. The minimum fee for this service will be \$150/request.

Weed Control

The RM will once again be spraying invasive and noxious weeds within municipal road allowances.

BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAM

The RM participates in the Provincial Beaver Control Program. 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. Without a valid license you will be compensated \$25.00 per beaver tail. In 2019 this RM paid out \$3,685 and received provincial funding of \$2,540.

SAFETY REMINDER

Reduce your speed to 60 kms/hr. when passing RM Graders &/or construction equipment. Our employees & equipment operators are required to be respectful to all motorists, they would appreciate the same respect & consideration.

Please respect "Road Closed" signage. It is greatly appreciated. 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/contractors that may be working on the road!

*Please respect our work crews
& work sites!!!*

Reduced Speeds for Heavy Loads

Please follow the reduced speed limits for heavy loads as indicated on our road signage. Vehicles, semi-trailers or equipment that weighs more than 10 tonne, must reduce their speed to a maximum of 60 kms/hr. School buses are exempt from this requirement. This reduced speed will be enforced by the RCMP.



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UNAUTHORIZED WORK IN RIGHT OF WAYS

The following are the right of way widths (measured from the centre of the road) based on the road classifications in this RM:

Regular ROW – 33 feet

Main Farm Access ROW – 50 feet

Grid Road ROW – 69 feet



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If you wish to undertake work in municipal right of ways you must complete an Application approved by the RM in accordance with municipal policy which will be submitted for Council's review. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by Council and returned to the applicant. Contact the RM office or visit the RM website to access the application form.

RM SIGNAGE

Intentional damage caused to municipal road signage, such as pushing it over with quads, running into it with trucks is considered destruction of property and can also become a traffic safety concern. If you see someone intentionally damaging signage in these ways please let the RM office know. Numerous municipal as well as highway signage have been destroyed in this manner.

2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Municipal elections will be held later this year for the offices of Reeve, Division 1, 3 & 5 Councillors. The deadline for nominations is October 7, 2020 with elections (if required) to be held on Monday, November 9, 2020.

Changes were made to *The Local Government Elections Act* that will come into effect for this election. One such change is the requirement for individuals seeking nomination to submit a Public Disclosure Statement with their nomination form, which will be publically posted with their nomination form. Council members have had to complete and submit these statements for the past few years on an annual basis.

The RM Council has also enacted a bylaw which will allow for a Mail In Ballot Voting System.

Mail In Ballot Voting System.

Eligible voters will be able to register to obtain a mail in ballot for the upcoming municipal election. An eligible voter must complete a Voter's Registration Form – for Mail-In-Ballot, in order to be eligible for this type of voting. Completed Registration Forms must be returned to the RM office at least 60 days prior to the date of a municipal election.

For more information on these changes as well as information on running for council and voter eligibility, please contact this office or check out the RM website at www.rmwoverine.ca as more information will be posted on the website as we get closer to election time!



STRAY DOGS

If you own a dog(s) please ensure that they do not run at large as this can become an issue for other landowners & residents.

**Have a great summer
and a safe and healthy
harvest season!**



RM Wildlife – RM Photo

DEVELOPMENT IN THE RM

Development within the RM is governed by the RM's Official Community Plan, the Zoning Bylaw as well as by Provincial Legislation in the form of *The Planning and Development Act*. When considering undertaking a development on your property, regardless of the type or scope of the project, it is in your best interest to contact the RM office to discuss your proposed project to see if it conforms to the above mentioned municipal bylaws and legislation.

In the end the onus is on the landowner or developer to ensure that they are aware of the development guidelines & requirements of this RM.

Copies of this RM's Official Community Plan & Zoning Bylaw are available in PDF on the RM website but we encourage you to contact the RM office and discuss your development with the Administrator/Development Officer to ensure that you will be in compliance with the most current rules & requirements of these planning documents. As noted earlier agriculture use developments now require a development permit.