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RM of Wolverine No. 340

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WHAT'S NEW

The RM contracted Resterra Land & Road Reclamation to mulch approximately 6.4 kms of road. This work is located in Division 2 on Township Road 350 west of Highway # 20 and took place in June 2024. The RM would like to thank the adjacent yard-site owners and all travelers of this road for your patience during the road mulching process.

RM Photo



Updated RM maps are available for sale - \$15.00/map

MUNICIPAL TAXATION

The 2024 Uniform Mill Rate was set at 7.25 mills.

The Mill Rate Factors remain the same as in 2023 and are as follows:

Agriculture – 1.04 x uniform mill rate

Residential – 0.80 x uniform mill rate

Com/Ind. – 2 x uniform mill rate

Based on the above mill rates the RM has budgeted to levy approximately \$1,064,000 and is an increase of approximately \$20,000 from the 2023 levy.

Some capital costs include the purchase of a 2024 John Deere 772G motor grader and a new 2023 Schulte 15ft Rotary Mower.



RM Photo – 2024 John Deere Grader

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 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*.

Current Council Members

Reeve Bryan Gibney	306-365- 4795
Div 1 – Darcy Mehrer	306-231-0037
Div 2 – Ron Suchy	306-365-8123
Div 3 – Rod Dale	306-944-4905
Div 4 – Sandy Flory	306-682-0988
Div 5 – Joan Nemeth-Syroteuk	306-682-3232
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	Greg Pries
Equipment Operators	Rod Bernauer Adam Wegleitner Patrick Syroteuk
Mower Operators	Ron Saretsky Terry Cooke

RETIREMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

I would like to take this opportunity to announce my retirement from my position as the Administrator of this municipality as of December 27, 2024. Upon retirement I will have held this position for just over 25 years, with a total of 34 years in local government/administration.

My career here has been very rewarding & I have enjoyed the work & made some great friendships along the way. I would like to give a big thanks to past & previous council members, I have always considered myself lucky to work in a municipality with a forward thinking & progressive Council. As well, to all my fellow co-workers, thanks for your hard-work as you made my job a lot easier!

And a big shout out to all the great residents and landowners, I have really enjoyed getting to know you!!

RETIREMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

For 25 years, Sandi Dunne has been an integral part of this municipality.

The role of Chief Administrative Officer covers so many aspects of the day to day operations of a rural municipality. While the job of the elected official is to set policy and bylaws, it falls on the Administrator to oversee and follow through with said policies and bylaws. While rules and laws are needed in society, enforcement can be a difficult task. Sandi has always followed through with the utmost in professionalism, dignity and grace. Her knowledge, insight & education have been the foundation for the success and beauty of this municipality making it one of the best places to live in rural Saskatchewan.

Please join the Reeve & Council in wishing Sandi the very best in retirement & all of her future endeavors.

NEW ADMINISTRATOR HIRED

Kelsey Dutka has accepted the position of Administrator for the RM and her start date will be September 3, 2024. Please give her a warm welcome once she gets here and we are sure she will do a great job!

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENTS

Property taxes can be paid 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.

APPOINTMENTS

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

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

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

2023 FINANCIAL SYNOPSIS

The 2023 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

SCHOOL DIVISION MILL RATES

The 2024 mill rates for the public & separate school divisions will remain the same as in 2023 and are as follows:

- Agricultural 1.42 mills
- Residential 4.54 mills
- Commercial/Ind. 6.86 mills
- Resource 9.88 mills



The Municipal Cemetery is located on a part of the NE 08-36-23 W2. The RM recently erected new signage at the cemetery, with a portion of the cost being paid with donations that the RM has received over the past few years. Signage was constructed by RS Welding.

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL
NEW RESIDENTS &
LANDOWNERS!!**

SNOW REMOVAL

Just a reminder, the RM will undertake snow removal on private driveways. The landowner/resident must complete an annual Agreement & Waiver. The minimum fee for this service will be \$150/request.

CUSTOM WORK RATES

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

240LC Track hoe	\$225/hr.
300JD Rock Truck	\$225/hr.
D65 Komatsu Crawler	\$225/hr.
524P JD Loader	\$155/hr.
580N Case Backhoe	\$125/hr.
Graders	\$175/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

MOWING OF DRIVEWAYS

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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The RM & RETAIL POST OFFICE will be open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (open over the noon hour) until September 30, 2024.

Please note that the office may be closed early when staff have RM business away from the office or personal appointments and/or holidays.

RM WEBSITE

Please visit the RM Website at www.rmwolverine.ca. You will find lots of great RM information and the most recent RM map.

CELL #'s & EMAIL ADDRESSES

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

Weed Control

The RM will once again be spraying invasive and noxious weeds within municipal road allowances. We are mainly spraying for invasive weeds such as common tansy, absinthe and scentless chamomile.



RM Photo

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 2023 this RM paid out \$3,260 under this program and received provincial funding of \$1,720.00.

SASK POWER – Wood Power Pole Maintenance Program

Sask Power contractors will be in the Humboldt area undertaking maintenance of the wood power poles. This maintenance will be undertaken over the summer months.

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

Please Respect Our Work Crews & Work Sites

Reduce your speed to 60 kms/hr. when passing RM graders, mowing &/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!

APPLICATION OF DUST SUPPRESSANT

The RM has undertaken coordinating and applying calcium chloride dust suppressant when requested by yard-site owners on a custom work basis. If you wish to apply re-cycled shingles instead of calcium chloride you can do so by applying to the RM and once approved undertake the purchase and application of spreading at your own cost.

The yard-site owner must make application to the RM. Application forms can be found on the RM web site or obtained at the RM office. If you are interested in dust suppressant, please contact the Public Works Director to discuss your needs for next year.

The RM usually coordinates application of Calcium Chloride in late April/early May.

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.

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



It has been brought to the RM's attention that chemical spray containers related to spraying, such as chemical totes and handlers have been noticed on equipment when filling up with water at our main well located on the SE 01-35-24 W2. This practice is in contravention of Municipal Bylaw 04-95, any person or company that violates this bylaw is guilty of an offence. If caught doing this, your water account at this well may be cancelled and you will be unable to purchase water from this well.

Where to Find Information

The following forms and applications can be found on the RM website:

- Development Permit (Ag & Non-Ag Use)
- Building Permit
- Application for Dust Control
- Application for Access Approach
- Snow Removal on Driveways
- Dwelling Exemptions-Listing of Lands
- Application & Guidelines for Culvert Installation &/or Approval to Undertake Work in Municipal Right of Ways

These forms can also be obtained by contacting the RM Office directly.

PLACEMENT OF BUILDINGS & TREES

Structures, trees & shelterbelts must be placed at least 150 feet from the centre of the road & 300 feet from the centre of an intersection.

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. **Just because you may crop the road allowance, does not mean you own the road allowance.**

FENCES

Electric or barbed wire fences must be erected outside of the municipal right of ways and the setbacks (from the centre of the road) are as follows:

- Grid Roads – 69 feet
- Main Farm Access Roads – 50 feet
- All other road allowance – 33 feet

Development in the RM

When planning any type of development in this RM, such as the development of a yard-site, construction or move in of a house/garage, construction of a shop or barn for agriculture use, or for private & commercial gravel pit excavation & development, please contact the RM office to discuss your development as permits are required.

It is the responsibility of the landowner or developer to ensure that the proper permits and approvals are obtained. Non-compliance could result in a stop work order.

GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Municipal elections will be held later this year for the offices of Reeve, Division 1, 3 & 5 Councillors. The deadline for nominations is October 9, 2024 with elections (if required) to be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2024.

Individuals seeking nomination must submit a Public Disclosure Statement with their nomination form. The nomination form and Public Disclosure Statement will be publically posted.

This RM also has enacted a bylaw which will allow for a Mail in Ballot Voting System. Eligible voter 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, or by September 13, 2024.

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