



MUNICIPAL MATTERS

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday
7:00am – Noon
12:45pm – 4:30pm

RM COUNCIL MEETINGS:

February 11 @ 9:00am
March 18 @ 9:00am
*Meetings are subject to change

INTEREST RATE ON RECEIVABLES

Effective April 1st, 2018, the RM passed a motion to charge 2% interest, on all receivables, other than taxes, over 30 days.

OATHS & NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES

The municipal office offers services free of charge for municipal business requiring Commissioner for Oaths or Notary Public signatures.

RM MAPS

RM maps are \$10.00 including GST and are available at the Municipal office.

MUNICIPAL HAIL

LAND WITHDRAWAL

The deadline to withdraw lands from Municipal Hail is **March 31, 2019**. For more information, please contact the RM Administrator.

REDUCED WEIGHT

CAPACITIES ON BRIDGE

Please Note – the municipal bridge located @ NW25-6-28 (known as Verwood Bypass) is now designated at 15T weight capacity due to bridge deficiencies.

FIRE COVERAGE CHARGES:

The RM of Willow Bunch #42 has passed a bylaw to Assess and Levy the Cost of Fire Prevention, Suppression and Emergency Response Services. **This means that if the Fire Department is called out to a fire in the rural municipality that the landowner will be billed for the fire suppression services to a maximum of \$10,000.00. It is up to each ratepayer to make sure they have \$10,000.00 fire suppression coverage.** Most farm and residential policies have an insurance clause to cover fire suppression services. It is important that you contact your insurance company to make sure that you have coverage for fire charges. Please ensure you have adequate coverage. If you are charged and payment is not made, it will be applied to your taxes.

SUPPRESSANT

SPRING 2019, the RM will be contracting FORT DISTRIBUTORS LTD. to apply dust suppressant to interested parties. The cost of the product application is .36/L + GST and the rate of application is **approx.** 2L/m² = 0.72m². The average area of application is approximately 1600 m² – so the **approximate** cost would be \$1152 + GST. The cost of the product and application will be the responsibility of the ratepayer/resident. The RM will supply the preparation of the site at no cost. Should you be interested in dust suppressant for 2019, please contact the office to register your name.

MONTGOMERY WELL

Please note that the Montgomery Well has been converted to a **COIN OPERATED** well. The unit will accept Quarters, Loonies & Toonies.



RECYCLE OIL

The Recycle Oil Container currently located in the RM Yard will be relocated shortly to the Willow Bunch Transfer Station. You are reminded that you can leave your oil filters and 20 litre pails **HOWEVER** you **MUST REMOVE THE LIDS**. We **do not accept** the 1 litre or 4 litre containers.

RURAL WASTE COLLECTION

The RM Council is researching the option of participating in a rural waste collection program through Loraas Disposal. This program is designed to provide individuals with a convenient waste option. Containers are individually placed and serviced on the ratepayer's property to ensure that only they are responsible for their waste management and costs and not paying for outsider waste. Why not share between neighbors? Bins that are commonly left in open areas are abused from outsider and once discovered, the owners are left paying for a full container they did not utilize.

Benefits to a rural waste collection program?

- No outsider waste or cost affiliation
- No storing of waste until enough to warrant driving to transfer station/landfills
- No loading and unloading in vehicles/trailers
- No hauling
- Reduces unwanted pests and wildlife
- No burning
- No additional landfill fees

Cost? 3 yard bin \$50/month every 4 week pick up

4 yard bin \$60/month

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- pricing includes container rental, servicing (dumping) and landfill fees.

- GST and fuel surcharge extra

Call the Municipal Office with any questions or concerns.

REMINDER

A reminder it is unlawful to empty grain trailers on the side of the road.

Section 39 (1(E) of *The Weed Control Act* states;

39(1) No person shall:

(e) deposit or permit to be deposited prohibited or noxious weeds or material infested with prohibited or noxious weeds in a place where the prohibited or noxious weeds might grow or spread;

(2) Every person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and liable on

summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$5,000.

NORTHLAND POWER

Northland Power is a power producer dedicated to developing, building, owning and operating clean and green power projects in Canada, Europe and other selected jurisdictions. Our facilities produce electricity from clean-burning natural gas and renewal resources such as wind, solar and biomass.

Northland intends to host a community Open House event in Willow Bunch prior to the Spring of 2019. At this meeting we will provide information on our development work to date and the results of our environmental studies. Watch for posters for this important upcoming event.

CLUBROOT PREVENTION

To date, visible symptoms of the soil-borne disease, clubroot, have now been confirmed 43 commercial canola fields in Saskatchewan. The clubroot pathogen was also detected in 3 additional fields, without visible clubroot symptoms in 2018. Clubroot is caused by a microbe, *Plasmodiophora (P. Brassicae)* and it affects the roots of host plants, which includes most brassicas. Commercial crops like canola, mustard and camelina, vegetables like arugula, broccoli and Brussel sprouts and weeds such as stinkweed, shepherd's purse, and wild mustard can all be hosts to clubroot.

Clubroot reduces yield by reducing plants ability to get water and nutrients from the soil. Infected roots disintegrate and release resting spores into the soil, increasing pathogen levels. Symptoms include swollen or club-like galls on the plant roots and above-ground symptoms such as stunting, wilting, yellowing, premature ripening and shriveling of seeds.

Clubroot has not yet been confirmed in this RM, so we want to prevent its introduction.

Clubroot can be spread by equipment, boots, animal traffic and contaminated seed, with activities moving the largest volume of soil between areas having the highest risk. Prevention includes reducing soil movement as much as possible. Consider sanitizing any equipment and vehicles that are new to the area, especially if they are coming from a known clubroot infested area. To sanitize equipment, remove crop debris and soil. Then, wash equipment with a power washer using hot water or steam and mist the equipment with a disinfectant (2% sodium hypochlorite solution, the active ingredient in bleach) and let sit for 20 – 30 minutes. Post no trespassing signs to discourage unwanted traffic in fields. If possible, create a separate exit in fields as far from the entrance as possible. Use clean seed and if potatoes are grown, source seed from a non-clubroot infested area. Practicing zero/minimum tillage will reduce soil movement.

Crop rotation will not prevent the introduction of clubroot, but it will limit spore levels in the soil, minimizing yield loss. A minimum three-year rotation (two year break in-between host crops) should be followed. Brassica weeds should be controlled throughout the crop rotation as well.

Producers are encouraged to scout fields regularly for above ground symptoms and pull plants at the main entrance and any areas with aboveground symptoms to check the roots for galls. A clubroot distribution map that shows where clubroot has been confirmed in Saskatchewan can be found at Saskatchewan.ca/agriculture. This clubroot distribution map provides an estimate of regional risk. Clubroot or the clubroot pathogen may be present at low levels in other areas. On farm monitoring is important to detect clubroot early.