

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WELLINGTON NO.97

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## 2020 NEWSLETTER

### Administration Office

The RM Administration Office is located in Cedoux, SK and is open Monday to Friday 9:00am - 3:30pm, inclusive. There are times where training, conventions or scheduled vacation time may mean the office will be closed, please call ahead if you plan on stopping by. During the Covid-19 pandemic, only one person at a time is allowed in the office. This is to ensure proper social distancing can be achieved.

### Council Meetings

Regular council meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 8:00am. On occasion, meeting dates and times may change due to seeding, harvest or other commitments.

### Council

Reeve:	Kelly Schneider	306-842-3525
Division #1:	David Beach	306-842-7464
Division #2:	Robert Kot	306-842-1852
Division #3:	David Menzies	306-245-3787
Division #4:	Edward Kyrilchuk	306-536-2632

Please contact your Councillor with any concerns you may have.

### Staff

Lead Hand:	Don Stein	
Road Maintenance Crew:	Ernie Wiggins	
Road Maintenance Crew:	Kolin Piwarski	
Road Maintenance Crew:	Vern Mack	
Road Maintenance Crew:	Matthew Pokletar	
Administrator:	Heather Wawro	
Pest Control Officer (Contracted):	Dustin Lang	please call 306-424-7719
Weed Inspector (Contracted):	Bob Baker	please call 306-885-2139

### 2020 Municipal Elections

This year positions for Reeve, and Division 1 & 3 Councillor are up for election. Please watch the Weyburn Review and Weyburn This Week for information regarding nominations, notice of poll, etc. If an election is necessary, all ratepayers of the municipality will be able to vote (if eligible) for Reeve and only those ratepayers registered in Polling Division 1 or 3 will be required to vote for a respective Councillor. Ensure to check your Polling Division which is stated in the top left corner of your Tax Notice. Government issued ID is required when voting just like provincial and federal elections.

### 2020 Mill Rates

The 2020 mill rate and variable mill rate factors have been set by Council with no changes being made from last year's values. Municipal and Education mill rates are listed below:

Property Class	Municipal	Public School Divisions	Holy Family RCSSD
<i>Agricultural</i>	15.0 Mill Rate	0.48 VMRF	1.43 Mill Rate
<i>Residential</i>		0.70 VMRF	4.12 Mill Rate
<i>Commercial/Industrial</i>		2.10 VMRF	6.27 Mill Rate
<i>Resource</i>		2.10 VMRF	9.68 Mill Rate

(Taxable Assessment x Mill Rate ÷ 1,000 x VMRF = Taxes)

### Pay Your Taxes Online

Taxes and other amounts payable to the RM of Wellington No. 97 can be paid online through your banking institution. Currently the RM is set up with Credit Unions, TD Canada Trust, Scotiabank and BMO Bank of Montreal. If you don't see your banking institution listed please double check with them as different clearing houses provide this service for many institutions not listed. Please start your search with **RM OF WELLINGTON** or **WELLINGTON NO** when searching for the RM's vendor name. Your account number is listed in the top right-hand corner of your tax notice. **If you bank with Affinity or Conexus Credit Union** and your account number is shorter than 4 digits, use zeros to prefix your account number - for example your account number is CAD, you will enter 0CAD as your account number. If your banking institution doesn't have the RM set up as a vendor, an e-transfer can be sent to [rm97@sasktel.net](mailto:rm97@sasktel.net). These transfers are now automatically deposited into the RM's bank account without a security question and answer to be set up. You can also continue to pay by cheque or cash; debit or credit card payments are not accepted.

## New RM Shop

A new RM shop is being built in Cedoux to replace the current shop which was built in or around 1960. There are no plans to tear down the old shop, it will continue to be used but the main equipment will be stored and maintenance will be performed in the new shop. The space the new shop will offer allows employees less disruption in planning for repairs and juggling equipment around. Completion is slated for the end of September 2020.

## 2021 Revaluation Year

Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) conducts revaluations based on a four-year cycle. 2017 was the year of the last revaluation, and 2021 Revaluation will see assessed values updated to reflect a new base date of January 1, 2019. The legislated base date means that 2021 values reflect a property's value as of January 1, 2019. The RM will be sending Assessment Notices to all ratepayers reflecting their property's 2021 assessed values in April 2021. More information about the 2021 Revaluation can be obtained by visiting SAMA's website [www.sama.sk.ca](http://www.sama.sk.ca).

## Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture & Recreation, 2021

Each year the RM receives a community grant to be given to local non-profit volunteer community groups that get people involved in sport, culture and recreation activities. The deadline for community groups to apply to the RM for a portion of this grant is **May 31, 2021** for activities that will be administered from April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022. If you would like to receive more information regarding program criteria please feel free to contact the Administration Office. The recipients of the 2020 grant were Tyvan Senior Citizens & West Osage Gun & Archery Club.

## Controlled Burns

Don't forget to report **ALL** controlled burns, please call **1-866-404-4911** (Provincial Government control burn line) to avoid being charged for an unnecessary fire response. Ensure to call back when the control burn is complete.

## RCMP Non-Emergency Reporting Line

To report non-emergencies across the province, you can call **310-RCMP (7267)**. This number directs you to your local police agency and leaves 911 free for people in emergencies.

## Things to Be Mindful Of:

- The RM's right of way on most roads in the municipality is 66' or 20m (33' or 10m from the centre of the road on each side). Please keep this in mind when spraying or farming your land which is next to a main municipal road. Having the grass killed off by over spraying in the right of way or farming into the right of way jeopardizes the strength of the road and promotes the growth of weeds.
- Please be aware that Section 18 of *The Stray Animals Regulations, 1999* sets out the minimum requirements a fence must meet in order for it to be considered a lawful fence. Further to this, Section 19 of the Act states the setbacks a fence needs to be away from crops growing or being harvested (2.5 metres) and haystacks or loose grain (6 metres) to be deemed a lawful fence. These sections can be read in their entirety at <http://www.publications.gov.sk.ca/details.cfm?p=1454>. Feel free to call the Administration Office with any questions you may have.
- When passing municipal equipment that has its warning lights in operation the speed limit, whether or not it is in motion, is 60km/hr. Also, a driver of a vehicle is required to yield the right of way to the operator of road maintenance and construction equipment that has its warning lights in operation. The safety of our operators and general public are very important. Please be mindful of these items when meeting our municipal equipment. Our operators try their best to pull to the side, when it is safe to do so, to keep traffic flowing.
- Please ensure when using any of the four community wells, the switch is in the off position prior to removing the well key from the switch. Failing to do so causes the pump to continue to pump water onto the road wasting water and creating time delays for those hauling water.
- All buildings, dwellings, structures and shelterbelts are required to be set back a minimum of 150 feet from the centre of any municipal road allowance and 300 feet from any intersection.
- Bylaw 06-04, A Bylaw to Establish a Haying Policy for the Municipality Pursuant to Sections 8 and 12 of *The Municipalities Act*, sets out guidelines regarding cutting salvage hay along municipal roads. Deadlines to keep in mind are:
  - Anytime on or before July 8<sup>th</sup> of each year, the adjacent landowner or lessee has first option to salvage hay along municipal roads. Permission must be obtained from the adjacent owner or lessee, if you would like to cut the salvage hay and are not the adjacent owner/lessee. After July 8<sup>th</sup> of each year, any person may cut salvage hay without the permission of the adjacent landowner/lessee, provided the adjacent landowner/lessee hasn't begun salvage operations.
  - All bales must be removed no later than August 8<sup>th</sup> of the year.

The above information is only a portion of what is set out within Bylaw 06-04. A full copy can be obtained from the Administration Office.