



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WELLINGTON NO.97

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2021 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.

Council Meetings

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

Council

Reeve:	Schenley Borys	please contact the office
Division #1:	Sarah Leguee	306-861-6659
Division #2:	Robert Kot	306-842-1852
Division #3:	Brett Gaube	306-537-4710
Division #4:	Edward Kyrilchuk	306-536-2632

Please contact your Councillor with any concerns you may have.

Staff

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

New Municipal Website

The RM now has a website containing a lot of information which will be of interest to ratepayers. The website address is www.rmofwellington.ca. Please take time to check it out!

2021 Mill Rates

With 2021 being a revaluation year, we saw an increase in the assessment of agriculture land within the municipality and a reduction in assessment on some residential and commercial properties. The provincial government has decreased the percentage of value on commercial property, from 100% to 85%. For 2021, Council has opted to keep the municipality's mill rate and mill rate factors (MRF) the same as last year's values. Municipal and Education mill rates are listed below:

Property Class	Municipal	Public School Divisions	Holy Family RCSSD
Agricultural	0.48 MRF	1.36 Mill Rate	1.36 Mill Rate
Residential	0.70 MRF	4.46 Mill Rate	4.46 Mill Rate
Commercial/Industrial	2.10 MRF	6.75 Mill Rate	6.75 Mill Rate
Resource	2.10 MRF	9.79 Mill Rate	9.79 Mill Rate

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

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.

Information Update

We ask that you please take time to update the RM Office with your contact information and organic land holdings using the form on the backside of this newsletter. Either return this information by mail or email, rm97@sasktel.net.

We would like to be able to send emails to our ratepayers advising them when certain restrictions are put in place or removed, ie. Winter Weights, Spring Road Bans, Fire Bans etc. or when important information needs to get out to ratepayers quickly. This type of information will also be posted on the RM's website. Please know that the number of emails sent will not be overwhelming and email addresses will never be shared with the general public.

New RM maps will be updated and printed this year and we would like to once again include organic land holdings.

Payment of Taxes and Other Amounts Owning

Taxes and other amounts payable to the RM of Wellington No. 97 can be paid by cash, cheque, or online either by e-transfer or as a vendor payment through your banking institution; debit and credit card payments are not accepted. Please double check with your banking institution to see if the RM is set-up as a vendor. Please start your search with **RM OF WELLINGTON** or **WELLINGTON NO** when searching for the RM's vendor name (we are not set-up as a vendor with RBC or CIBC). Your account number for online banking must be a total of 4 digits. It is listed in the top right-hand corner of your tax notice. If 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. These transfers are now automatically deposited into the RM's bank account without a security question and answer to be set up.

RM Shop Grand Opening

Thank you to everyone who attended the Grand Opening of the new RM Shop on August 4, 2021. We hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful meal and visiting with neighbours in the community after a long and challenging 2020. Council apologizes for the unfortunate oversight in reaching out to ratepayers to notify them of this event. In the future, this type of notification will be sent to ratepayers by email and be posted on the RM's website. Please see "**Information Update**" on Page 1 of this newsletter to update the RM Office with your contact information. Once received, your email will be added to the email list.

Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture & Recreation, 2022

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, 2022** for activities that will be administered from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023. If you would like to receive more information regarding program criteria, please feel free to contact the Administration Office. The recipients of the 2021 grant were Tyvan Senior Citizens & West Osage Gun & Archery Club.

2021-22 Invasive Plant Control Program (IPCP)

The RM of Wellington has made application to participate in the Invasive Plant Control Program offered by the Federal and Provincial Governments under the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) agreement. This program is intended to assist RM's and producers with costs incurred to undertake and co-ordinate the control of Prohibited Weeds under *The Weed Control Act* and for Noxious Weeds approved under the current program (*absinthe, field bindweed, common burdock, bladder campion, ox-eye daisy, black henbane, hoary cress, hoary alyssum, leafy spurge, Russian knapweed, yellow toadflax, common tansy and wild parsnip*).

Producers are eligible for a rebate of up to 50% of approved herbicide costs on private lands (for both Prohibited and Noxious Weeds) and up to 50% of the cost of application of those approved herbicides (Prohibited Weeds only). If you would like more information regarding this program, please contact the Administration Office. All claims made under the IPCP must be received at the RM Office by October 31, 2021.

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.
- 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 8th 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 8th 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 8th 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.

Name: _____ Mailing Address: _____

 Phone #: Cell: _____
 Home: _____ Email Address: _____
 Organic Land Locations: _____
