



# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WELLINGTON NO.97

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## 2023 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. The office will be closed on Fridays for the month of August.

### Council Meetings

Regular council meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of each month beginning at 8:00am at the Municipal Office located in Cedoux. On occasion, meeting dates and times may change due to seeding, harvest or other commitments. Check our website or Facebook page for the latest on meetings, all notices will be posted there.

### 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:	Michelle Klein	
Lead Hand:	Don Stein	
Assistant Foreman:	Kolin Piwarski	
Road Maintenance Crew:	Shane Chinski	
Seasonal Road Maintenance Crew:	Gary Kleininger	
Pest Control Officer (Contracted):	Dustin Lang	please contact the office
Weed Inspector (Contracted):	Bob Baker	please contact the office

### Municipal Website

The RM has a website containing **a lot** of information which will be of interest to ratepayers. The website address is [www.rmofwellington.ca](http://www.rmofwellington.ca). Please take the time to check it out!

### 2023 Mill Rates

For 2023, Council is happy to say that they have opted to keep the municipality's mill rate and mill rate factors (MRF) the same as last year's values. The school mill rates have also stayed the same for 2023. Municipal and Education mill rates are listed below:

Property Class	Municipal	Public School Divisions	Holy Family RCSSD
<b>Agricultural</b>	<b>15.0 Mill Rate</b>	<b>0.48 MRF</b>	1.42 Mill Rate
<b>Residential</b>		<b>0.70 MRF</b>	4.54 Mill Rate
<b>Commercial/Industrial</b>		<b>2.10 MRF</b>	6.86 Mill Rate
<b>Resource</b>		<b>2.10 MRF</b>	9.88 Mill Rate

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

### Development Permits & the Building Bylaw

All ratepayers **must** contact the office for a Development Permit Application for **any/all** development(s) on their property. Development must not proceed until the Administrator has issued a letter stating the development has been approved by Council. The reason for the issuance of an approval letter is to ensure that all development meets the Zoning Bylaw requirements and, most importantly, that you have not developed on a road allowance, too close to the road or property line or on environmentally sensitive land. Currently there is no charge for this.

The RM is legislated to adopt a Building Bylaw by December 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. This new bylaw will mean that any new construction or structural alteration to houses/residences will require a Building Permit and will have to be inspected by a Licensed Building Official (Building Inspector). The only buildings exempt from this are farm buildings that DO NOT have sleeping quarters (shops, barns, bins esc. used only for agricultural purposes). ANY building with sleeping quarters or used for commercial purposes will require a Building Permit and will be subject to a building inspection. There will be fees that are associated with building permits. More information on this, along with a fee breakdown, will be coming out in the next couple of months. Stay tuned to the RM's website for more.

### Controlled Burns

Do not forget to report **ALL** controlled burns, please call the Provincial control burn line at **1-866-404-4911** to avoid being charged for an unnecessary fire response. Ensure to call back when the control burn is complete.

## **Cost of Well Key**

Due to the rising costs of power, the price for a well key has gone up to \$125.00 yearly. The cost of having a well key is invoiced yearly and sent with your tax notices. If you are interested in using one of our public water wells, please contact the office to receive a key.

## **Information Updates**

If you have a new address or phone number, please get in touch with the office so we can update our ratepayer contact information. If you are interested in receiving email updates from the RM, send us an email at [rm97@sasktel.net](mailto:rm97@sasktel.net) to be added to our ratepayer distribution list.

We would like to be able to send emails to our ratepayers advising them when certain restrictions are put in place or removed, i.e., 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.

## **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 check with your banking institution to see if the RM is set-up as a vendor. Start your online banking vendor payment 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](mailto:rm97@sasktel.net). These transfers are automatically deposited into the RM's bank account.

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

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 2023 grant was split equally 3 ways between groups that are used in some way by Wellington ratepayers. The recipients were the West Osage Gun & Archery Club, the Francis Skating & Curling Rink and the Fillmore Recreation Centre. The deadline for community groups to apply to the RM for a portion of this grant is **May 31, 2024** for activities that will be administered from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. If you would like to receive more information regarding program criteria, please feel free to contact the office.

## **Gopher Control**

This year the RM brought in Burrow Oat Bait, a new product that has comparable results to strychnine. Burrow Oat Bait's active ingredient is Zinc phosphide 2%, a powerful acute rodenticide. It comes in 10kg bags and can be purchased at the RM office for \$199.00. We also have 9kg pails of Rozol for purchase. The cost of a pail is \$119.00 plus pst.

## **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 abide by the posted speed limits while moving within the RM. Also remember to slow down for oncoming traffic to avoid damage from rocks.

## **Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS):**

**What is APAS?** The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) has been the voice of Saskatchewan's farmers and ranchers since 2000. APAS is Saskatchewan's only democratically elected, producer-run, non-partisan, general farm organization.

**Our Recent Work:** Right to Repair; Farm Input Inflation Advocacy; Fertilizer Emissions Research; Livestock Summit; Farmers' Share of the Food Dollar; Surface Rights Regulations Advocacy

**APAS Member Benefits:** APAS partners with a wide variety of businesses and service providers to offer special pricing and discounts to all ratepayers in participating RMs. Some of the rewards include discounts on vehicles, merchandise, insurance and much more!

More info on APAS can be found on their website, [apas.ca](http://apas.ca).

## **Custom Work**

The RM offers custom work to our ratepayer at the below costs. If this is something you are interested in call the office or check the website for our application form.

Grader	\$250.00 per hour
Snow Blower	\$150.00 per hour
Mower	\$150.00 per hour
Minimum Charge	½ hour