

## RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF WELLINGTON NO.97

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# <u>2025 NEWSLETTER</u>

#### **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 Thursdays and 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

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 Division #1:
 Sarah Leguee
 306-861-6659

 Division #2:
 Robert Kot
 306-842-1852

 Division #3:
 Brett Gaube
 306-537-4710

 Division #4:
 Edward Kyrylchuk
 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: Cory Reiss

Pest Control Officer (Contracted): Katlin Lang please contact the office

Weed Inspector (Contracted): please contact the office

### Municipal Website and Facebook page

The RM has a website containing **a lot** of information which will be of interest to ratepayers. The website address is <a href="www.rmofwellington.ca">www.rmofwellington.ca</a> and Facebook page is **RM of Wellington**. Please take the time to check it out!

#### 2025 Assessment and Mill Rates

2025 was not only a revaluation year for the RM, it was also a re-assessment year. That meant that rather than just adding an overall percentage to land and home values, SAMA actually went out and physically inspected property. Due to the new values in 2025 Council has lowered the mill rate. However, those who have land or property that saw a substantial assessment increase will likely see an increase in taxes. The school mill rates have also been lowered for 2025. Municipal and Education mill rates are listed below:

Property Class	Municipal		<b>Public School Divisions</b>	Holy Family RCSSD
Agricultural		0.48 MRF	1.07 Mill Rate	1.07 Mill Rate
Residential	11.65 Mill	0.85 MRF	4.27 Mill Rate	4.27 Mill Rate
Commercial/Industrial	Rate	2.10 MRF	6.86 Mill Rate	6.86 Mill Rate
Resource		2.10 MRF	9.88 Mill Rate	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. There is no charge for this.

Any new construction or structural altercation to houses/residences will require a Building Permit and 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 are subject to a building inspection. There are fees associated with building permits. For more information or if you have any questions, call the office.

#### **Controlled Burns**

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

#### Cost of Well Key

The price for a well key is \$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.

#### **Primary Weight Permits**

Primary weight permits are available for purchase at the Administration Office for an annual fee of \$100.00/unit. All municipal roads in the municipality are secondary weight roads, unless indicated otherwise and except for the Clearing The Path (CTP) roads (also known as the Correction Line and Pool Road). Purchasing a permit allows ratepayers to haul loads over the secondary weight limit, unless indicated otherwise, on all municipal roads legally within the municipality.

#### **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 <a href="mailto:rm97@sasktel.net">rm97@sasktel.net</a> 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 <a href="mm97@sasktel.net">mm97@sasktel.net</a>. These transfers are automatically deposited into the RM's bank account.