

THE RM REVIEWER

Message From The RM

The road so far

We have seen many changes in our RM for the first half of 2024 and we look forward to the rest of the year. We have hired a new Administrator, Lisa Pahl. Lisa came to us with a background of 20 years of Municipal experience most recent being from the RM of Maryfield No. 91. She has embraced her position within the RM of South Qu'Appelle with much enthusiasm.

We also hired our new Foreman, Doug Evanovitch, in May. You can read more about Doug further on in this newsletter. In the back shop we have a new operator to welcome, Brad Lermينياux. Brad has been a great addition to the team!

The office and shop have been focusing primarily on processes and procedures for road maintenance repair.

We would like to heartily thank the Ratepayers for their patience while we work to both improve the condition of the roads within the RM and modernize administrative changes in the office.

Come Join Us For The 2024 Fall Ratepayer Supper!

Hey Ratepayers!

Keep your eyes and ears open for more on the RM's 2024 Fall Ratepayer Supper. Details coming soon on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1056177712101940/>) and the RM Website (www.rm157.ca). If you would like to be notified by e-mail please contact the office with your details as soon as possible either by phone (306-699-2257) or e-mail (rm157asst@sasktel.net). We are looking forward to seeing you there!

NOTIFICATION TO ALL USERS REGARDING THE NON- POTABLE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY – RM WELL

Please be advised that the water from the RM well located on SE 02-18-15 W2 water supply that is available to the public is non-potable (unsafe for human consumption).

DO NOT USE this water for drinking, cooking, food preparation and oral hygiene purposes.

The water from this well is not treated or tested and is considered to be unsafe for drinking, cooking and oral hygiene purposes.

Using Your Approaches

Council would like to remind all landowners to please use the approach when entering and exiting your field with sprayers and not use the RM ditch as this creates ruts which is a hazard when mowing. RM operators are instructed to report all ruts back to the RM Office. The landowner will be required to level the ruts and should the RM need to level a ditch due to ruts the landowner will be invoiced for all associated costs.

Hay Salvage

Hay can be salvaged on any Municipal Road Allowance.

Key dates are: Up to July 8th nearest landowner has the first opportunity to cut or bale hay. After July 8th it is open to first come first serve basis. August 8th all bales must be removed from ditches or they maybe removed and disposed of at the discretion of the Municipality.

2023 Financial Statement

A copy of the 2023 Audited Financial Statement, once completed, will be uploaded to our website (www.rm157.ca). To view the digital version on the website please click on Administration and the Financial Statements. If you would like a hard copy of it please contact the RM office.

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part of our
Ratepayer E-mail
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Group**

**Please contact the
RM office with your
information to make
sure you are added to
this group to receive
important information
faster!**

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The RM Office has a mail drop located at the front door for outside office hours.



Controlled Burns & Fire Bans

To avoid unwanted firefighting charges, please contact the Controlled Burn number at 1-866-404-4911 if you are planning a controlled burn. Please watch for when the RM has a fire ban implemented as there will be fees charged for burning during the fire ban. (Bylaw No. 2021-09 has more information regarding the different levels of fire bans). Please check your insurance coverage as there is no more cap.

Crop In Road Allowances

If there is crop in the road allowance there is no guarantee that this section won't be affected by standard municipal maintenance. Please proceed accordingly .

Pest Control Officer & Weed Inspector

If you are having a serious infestation of rats or mice please feel free to contact the RM office and we will reach out to our pest control officer and have him stop by to evaluate the situation.

Also, if you see any noxious weeds in the RM ditches or easements only please call the office and we can dispatch our weed inspector to spray. If the weeds are on your property please call Marksman Vegetation Management at their Regina office 306-535-8008. This will be at the ratepayer's expense.

Check Out What's New With The Emergency Services Team

The Emergency Services Team consists of 25 dedicated individuals who are committed to providing the most effective response times and maintaining their skills through continuous education.

We are excited to announce that the Fire Department has recently been approved and is "Jaws Active" zone within our RM 157. This will enable faster response times in emergency situations, further enhancing safety for all involved within our RM.

Your support and contributions are always greatly appreciated as we strive to enhance the safety and well-being of our team members and the public.

The Fire Dept is always looking for new and enthusiastic individuals to join our team! If you are interested please reach out to the Fire Chief, Ashley Thompson, and she will get a meeting set up.

Thank you from the RM of South Qu'Appelle No. 157 Emergency Services Teams.

Fire Dept & Medical First Responders.

Presenting Our New Foreman....

We would like to welcome our new Foreman, Doug Evanovich, to our team! Doug comes to the RM with 29 years of experience encompassing many projects such as the construction of roads, water projects, and utility installations (SaskTel, SaskPower, SaskEnergy). Doug has a phenomenal amount of practical knowledge about how to operate all kinds of power mobile equipment thanks to his years of experience in the field working across Canada. In doing so he has achieved many valued certifications throughout the years. The RM is thrilled to have Doug on board to bring some new insights and to help execute new plans to help better the RM as a whole going forward.

2024 Municipal Mill Rates & Mill Rate Factors	R.M. # 157	Hamlet of Edgeley	Hamlet of St. Josephs	Education Property Tax Mill Rates
Mill Rate	5.6	5.6	4.6	-
MRF – Agricultural Property	1.025	0.83	0.83	1.42
MRF – Residential Property	1.18	1.20	1.20	4.54
MRF – Commercial Property	1.70	1.424	1.424	6.86
MRF – Resource (oil and gas, mines and pipelines)	-	-	-	9.88
Minimum Tax – Agricultural Land	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00-	
Minimum Tax –Residential Improvements	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00-	

293 Exemption

The Municipalities Act provides for an assessment exemption for agricultural land owned or leased in the municipality, or an adjoining municipality, which is to be applied against a dwelling assessment occupied by the owner or lessee.

Under clause 293(2) (e) of the Act, the assessment on a dwelling that is situated outside of an organized hamlet and is occupied by an owner or a lessee of land may be reduced as follows:

1. If the taxable land assessment, owned or leased, has a property class of agricultural.
2. The land is located in the municipality or in an adjoining municipality.
3. The total of the eligible taxable land assessment may not exceed the taxable assessment on the dwelling.

It is the responsibility of the property owners to check their tax notice to ensure that the exemption is correct.

Planning & Development Fees
Development Permit NO Charge
Building Permit RM Admin Fee \$100 plus Building Inspection Fee
Moving/Demolition Permit \$25.00

Employee Information

CAO – Lisa Pahl
 Customer Relations - Stacey Herbert
 Administrative Assistant - Christina Iverson
 Foreman - Doug Evanovich

Council

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Division 1 Councillor	Vacant Position	
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