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Dear Residents of the RM of Rocanville,

It's been quite the year weather-wise. We appreciate your patience as we navigated the continuous plowing and crazy snow drifts of this past winter as well as the wet conditions this spring, which contributed to a lot of mucky roads in rough shape. Wishing all of you better weather this fall! We hope you enjoy the read.

NEW FACES IN THE OFFICE



We said goodbye to our previous Administrator, Sydney Unick, in March.

We were very fortunate to welcome Andrea Smyth of Wawota as our new Administrator.



We also welcomed Echo Sash to the office in the new position of Office Assistant.

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COUNCIL CONTACT INFORMATION

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Council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. If you wish to speak to council on a meeting day, please call the RM office to be scheduled as a delegation on the agenda.

EMPLOYEES

Administrator: Andrea Smyth

Office Assistant: Echo Sash

Foreman: Chad Selby

Operator: Lorne Bailey

Operator: Derrell Clark

Operator: Brock Dufour

Seasonal Operator: James Reavie

Seasonal Operator: Dale Howes

Casual Laborer: John Hilts

APPOINTMENTS

Weed Inspector: Chad Selby

Pest Control Officer: Raymond Charles

Plant Health Officer: Tayo Adegeye

Fire Chief: Owen Wilson



YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

MG-30

This spring, the RM added another 9 miles of MG-30, which is a calcium chloride/magnesium hydroxide solution. The solution is mixed into the clay and gravel of the road surface in order to stabilize it and suppress dust.

The decrease in maintenance costs due to grading only a couple times per year along with the increased life expectancy of these roads make it an attractive option.

The RM spent **\$792,489.61** on 14.6 km of MG-30 in 2022.

E Side of Section 12/13-16-33 W1

The RM has hired Edge Excavating to replace culverts, haul clay, and clear and bury trees on this stretch of road. The project is estimated to cost **\$35,000**.



Qu'Appelle Valley Bridge

The RM of Rocanville in conjunction with the RM of Spy Hill and an RIRG Grant (Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Grant) will be replacing the Qu'Appelle River Bridge. This will be the last bridge that needs replaced for many years to come. The total estimated cost is **\$1,564,725.51**.



Scissors Creek Highway

The RM has hired Action Asphalt in the amount of **\$49,790.63** to crack seal the two miles of pavement on the Scissors Creek Highway N Section 7/8-31-17 W1.

Road Work Planning

The RM is committed to long-term planning for future road construction. We are working towards a long term plan that will hopefully see 4-6 miles of road built/clay capped per year. We want to hear from you on which roads you think should be in the plan!

Other Notable Expenses

- **\$300,000** over 2 years committed to Rocanville Aquatic Centre refurbishment
- Annual recreation grant to the Town of Rocanville **\$40,000**
- 65% of annual fire department expenses
- 45% of annual Rocanville Medical Centre expenses

GOOD TO KNOW

MILL RATE

Council has voted to keep the mill rate at 9 mills again this year.

☆☆CONTROLLED BURNS☆☆

ALWAYS report your planned, controlled burn! This will avoid fire trucks responding to a 911 call from a concerned party. If your burn is not reported, you will be invoiced for the cost of the fire department call. Call 1-866-404-4911 to report your burn.

SERVICES

- **Gravel:** Ratepayers are entitled to 5 loads of gravel per farmyard at cost plus trucking. Gravel delivery occurs on specific days of the month and RM trucks will only deliver within the RM boundaries.
- **Garbage Bin & Recycling:** The RM has a garbage bin and recycle bins for ratepayers at the Town of Rocanville Transfer Station. The RM gets paid for recycled material, so it's very much appreciated when you do your part! Please check the Community Calendar for current hours.
- **Water:** Water from two sources is available free to ratepayers. For water at the RM yard in town, please see the Administrator to purchase a key fob for \$20.

WELL WATER NOT POTABLE

Please be advised that the well water located on NW 33-13-32 W1 is not treated or tested and is considered unpotable. **DO NOT USE** this water for drinking, cooking, food preparation, and oral hygiene purposes.

CEMETERIES

The RM of Rocanville can accept donations to the cemeteries in our RM and issue you a tax receipt for the donation.

ELECTIONS

There will be elections in Divisions 2, 4, and 6 this coming November.

EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are in the process of creating an email list to be able to send out updates on important information that affects ratepayers. Please email the office to have your name added to the list. Also check out our Facebook page!

PROVINCIAL DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The RM has been approved for PDAP coverage for the storms that occurred April 15, April 24, and June 19th. Please stop by the office to pick up forms.