

RM OF MEETING LAKE NO. 466 Annual Newsletter – August 2021

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Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm open during lunch

Regular Council Meetings:

Every second Thursday of the month

May – October begin at 8:30 am

November – April begin at 10:00 am

RM Map available on iHunter APP

Municipal Maps are available at the cost of \$15.00 each or \$20.00 for laminated. Regular maps can be mailed out for an additional \$2.00.



Payment Options – E Transfer, Cheque or Cash

Taxes are due December 31st of each year for that year. If not paid by December 31st, outstanding taxes will become arrears as of January 1st and a penalty of 1% will be applied at the beginning of each month that the taxes remain outstanding. It is your responsibility to review your tax notice(s) and receipt(s) to make sure all the taxes you want paid prior to December 31 of each year are paid.

2020 Audited Financial Statements are available on the RM website and also at the RM Office.

WATER DRAINAGE FOR LANDOWNERS

Responsible drainage allows landowners to manage water while addressing the impacts on neighbors and the environment. The new approach is about approvals (all drainage needs an approval) and networks.

Please contact Saskatchewan Water Security Agency Regional Office prior to any drainage at: 402 Royal Bank Tower, 1101 - 101st St. North Battleford, SK S9A 0Z5 Ph: 306.446.7450 | Fax: 306.446.7461.

*****DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING PERMITS*****

Development Permits and Building Permits are required when: new construction, building renovations or when changes are necessary and when buildings are moved into the municipality.

Both application forms are available on-line or at the RM office. Permits will not be issued until all applicable fees are paid.

Controlled Burn

Always report your planned control burn to avoid possible fire call costs. When burning grass, bush piles, stubble, etc. please be sure you are wellprepared and that you have fire guards in place. Prior to any burning, call into the Control Burn Centre at 1-866-404-4911.

Fire Insurance Coverage – Ratepayers are responsible for any firefighting charges when the fire department is called for a fire on your property. Please ensure to have adequate fire insurance coverage.

Landfill Hours:

<u>May 1 – October 31</u> Monday Wednesday Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

<u>November 1– April 30</u> Monday Wednesday Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Closed Statutory Holidays

All organic farmers are encouraged to register all their organic lands to the RM office as to let commercial pesticide applicators take the necessary precautions to avoid spray drift onto such lands. Keeping animals within your property is the responsibility of the owner. If your animals are roaming within the R.M., action may be taken to restrain the animals and all costs incurred in doing so will be the responsibility of the animals' owner.

Please be aware of the safety issues and consequences of a ratepayer pushing snow from a driveway on to the municipal road or shoulder. Piles of snow left on or near the road can freeze creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snow removal equipment. This hazard exposes the risk of serious bodily injury and poses the risk of liability for the resulting damages to the party who pushed the snow on the road. Please keep our roads safe.

SNOW REMOVAL ON SEASONAL ROADS/NON-MAINTAINED ROADS

The R.M. of Meeting Lake No. 466 will not be responsible for removal of snow on any seasonal roads/non-maintained roads with the exception to a residence where it is being heated during the winter months. The ratepayer who requests the seasonal roads/non-maintained roads it be opened, will be invoiced accordingly. Any other requests will be at discretion of council.

2% liquid strychnine will not be manufactured anymore, as of March 4, 2021, cannot be sold to ratepayers after March 4 , 2022 and producers cannot use the product after March 4, 2023.

Canadian Agricultural Partnership CAP

The Canadian Agricultural Partnership is a five-year, \$388-million investment by federal and provincial governments in strategic initiatives for Saskatchewan agriculture.

CAP offers many funding opportunities for producers. You can find the information on the following link <u>https://www.saskatchewan.ca/business/agriculture-natural-resources-and-industry/agribusiness-farmers-and-ranchers/canadian-agricultural-partnership-cap</u> or call the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377.

Some examples of the funding opportunities as are follows:

Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Funding to support rural water development and environmental programming, including Agri-Environmental Technical Services, Environmental Farm Plans, Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program (FRWIP), Farm Stewardship Program (FSP) and Irrigation Programs.

Public Trust

Funding to build agricultural awareness, encourage farm safety and develop leadership. Programs include Agriculture Awareness Initiative Program (AAIP), Agriculture Student Scholarship, Farm Safety Program, Industry Organization Development Program (IODP) and Next Gen Ag Mentorship Program.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

Please be aware of and immediately report any noxious weeds to the RM office. Keeping these difficult and invasive weeds out of our RM is to everyone's benefit.

Seeding of Crops on Municipal Road Allowances is Forbidden. Council is requesting that ratepayers do not farm/crop main grid municipal road allowance. Crops will be cut with mower if it is within the one pass of 15 feet, shoulder cut.