

R.M. of Marriott No. 317

Annual Ratepayers Newsletter

August 2020

2020 RM Council Members

Reeve:	Orville Minish	306 831-8053 H
Councilor Div. 1:	Jack Ritchie	306 831-5529 C
Councilor Div. 2:	Glenn McNally	306 882-4505 H
Councilor Div. 3:	Darrell Kerr	306 831-7265 C
Councilor Div. 4:	Wes Cairns	306 493-7100 C
Councilor Div. 5:	Darren Krchov	306 882-3213 H
Councillor Div. 6:	Bob Kahovec	306 831-7996 C

Administrator Resignation

It is with mixed emotions that I would like to formally announce that I have resigned my position as Administrator for the RM of Marriott and RM of Pleasant Valley, as my family has decided to relocate to Saskatoon. My last day of employment being Friday September 25th. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as your administrator and will miss council, ratepayers and staff. Council is currently recruiting and working through the process of filling the vacancy. I thank you all for a fun and fulfilling five years with your community, and wish the incoming administrator all the best in the future. -Jill-

DITCH HAY CUTTING

Similarly, to practice that works well within other RMs, Council requests that ANYONE wanting ditches unmowed for hay salvage, MUST CONTACT the office prior to June 15th each year, and mark the ditches (on a map) that they would like to hay. Failure to do so, may result in the ditch being mowed at ANY TIME before you are able to cut it for hay. All ditch hay is to be cut prior to July 15th each year. All ditches marked for cutting, but uncut by July 15 of each year, will be mowed unless prior arrangements have been made.

2020 Property Tax Discounts

Once again the following discounts will be provided for the municipal portion of your property tax payments in 2020:
If payment received before the end of Sept.: 5%
If payment received before the end of Oct.: 4%
If payment received before the end of Nov.: 2%
Payments received in December are not subject to an early payment discount. There is no discount on school tax.

Taxes for the current year become arrears as of January 1, 2021 and a 1% penalty will be added to any unpaid balance on this date and the beginning of each month thereafter.

Office/Shop Information

Street Address: 207 Highway 4 North
Mailing Address: Box 366, Rosetown, SK S0L 2V0
Email Address: rm317@sasktel.net
Phone: 306-882-4030 **Fax:** 306-882-4401
Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-5:00pm
Administrator: Jill Palichuk
Assistant Administrator: Sheila Cole
Foreman: Ray McNally
Shop Phone: 306 882-3009
Website: www.rm288-317.ca

2020 Mill Rate & Budget

Council has completed the annual task of adopting the 2020 Municipal Operating Budget, and setting the 2020 municipal mill rate(s) accordingly. Mill rates are unchanged in 2020 and remain the same as they were in 2019.

Ag. – 6.6 Mills – Mill Rate Factor: 1 – Agriculture Mill Rate: 6.6 Mills
Res – 6.6 Mills – Mill Rate Factor: 1.25 – Residential Mill Rate: 8.25 Mills
Com – 6.6 Mills – Mill Rate Factor: 2.05 – Commercial Mill Rate: 13.53 Mills

Council works diligently to balance limited financial resources, while ensuring to provide RM ratepayers with the best possible infrastructure and resources while being as cost efficient and effective as possible. Funding is continuing to be allocated to a savings account in order to ensure that some reserves are in place for future capital expenditures.

2020 Municipal Election

2020 is a General Election year for all Municipalities in Saskatchewan. The position of Reeve, Councilor for Division 1, Division 3, and Division 5 are all up for election this fall. The term of these positions is four years. The call for nominations will be advertised in the local paper mid-September 2020, with the final day to submit a nomination form to the municipal office to run for a position being Wednesday October 7, 2020 by 4:00pm. Should a municipal election be required, Election Day will be Monday November 9, 2020 with polls open from 9:00am – 8:00pm.

For more information regarding running for an office or voter eligibility please contact the municipal office.

Spraying

Council requests your assistance when spraying with glyphosate (non-selective herbicides). When using this type of product please do not spray ditches as this kills grass and allows more weed growth and erosion.

Controlled Burning

1 866-404-4911

All controlled burns must be reported to the Saskatchewan Controlled Burn Centre. If Fire Services are called to a controlled burn, and it has not been reported, then all costs associated with the fire call will be billed to the land owner.

It is recommended that any burning except be reported to the Controlled Burn Centre for your own protection.

It is highly recommended that you contact your insurance provider to ensure that you have adequate fire insurance protection in the event of an incident.

Waste Collection Station

The RM of Marriott Transfer Station is open **Wednesdays and Sundays from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. excluding statutory holidays.**

- All household garbage must be bagged or it cannot be accepted.
- A large bin is on site for larger non-bag-able household items such as chairs, larger furniture and waste that will not fit in the smaller bins.
- Most companies who sell appliances offer a program where they will take the old appliance when the new one is delivered or picked up. Ratepayers are encouraged to dispose of old appliances using this method.

****ALL RECYCLEABLE MATERIAL SHOULD BE PLACED UNBAGGED IN DESIGNATED RECYCLE BINS ****

**** SCRAP METAL is not currently accepted ****

The RM office keeps a listing of people/companies willing to come pick up scrap metal from yard sites.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS:

- Hot coals, and ashes are not allowed, dead animals, tires, and all hazardous materials (oils, chemicals, asbestos) are also prohibited and WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- Construction material and demolition debris (including, concrete, bricks, shingles, and large amounts of drywall, will not be accepted. As the station is designed to only accept HOUSEHOLD garbage.
- Individuals or businesses needing to deal with large amounts of construction material are encouraged to contact Emterra at (306) 775-9999, or another waste management company and obtain their own bins for these materials.

For complete information regarding collection station rules and regulations please refer to the mailed-out pamphlet or contact the municipal office.

FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH ALL COLLECTION SITE RULES WILL RESULT IN LOSS OF SERVICE.

TWP Range Road Signage

You have likely noticed the new Road signs adjacent to Hwy #4 and at some intersections within the RM. The R.M. has established a road direction system incorporating the existing township and range reference points. This signage is a starting point for the Saskatchewan emergency services Rural Addressing System currently underway within the RM. Range Roads run north and south and Township Roads run east and west. In most cases the Range Roads are 1 mile apart while the Township Roads are 2 miles apart. The numbers on the Range Road/Township Road signs indicate: The Township or Range, The mile within the Township or Range, and the Meridian. The miles are counted starting from the south east boundary of the Municipality moving west with Ranges and north with Townships.

Example: "TWP 314" refers to the 4th mile north in Township 31. "RGE Road 3133" reading left to right refers to the 3rd Meridian, Range 13 Mile No. 3. Each Township is 6 by 6 miles; the miles are numbered from "0" to "5," and then back to "0" again. For more information regarding this number system please contact the RM office or refer to your municipal map.

Pest Control

Carl Lynn from Harris, SK is the RM Pest Control Officer and Weed Inspector. Carl can be contacted at 306 221-1589

Bait is available free of charge in limited quantities at the Municipal Office, or by contacting Carl directly.

Bait stations are available for sale at the RM Office for a total cost of \$27.56 each.

Scholarships

The RM of Marriott presently offers two cash scholarship opportunities to Grade 12 students residing within the municipality. The J.D. Archibald Scholarship is awarded on aspects of community involvement, sports participation, and other active participation in community and school.

The Howard Powell Award is based on academic achievements.

For additional information on scholarship applications please contact the municipal office.

Harvest 2020

As harvest 2020 is upon us, please remember to slow down and use extreme caution when transporting equipment on public roads, and ensure all warning lights are working.

As a reminder, **NO Grain Bags** can be disposed of at the RM Transfer Station. It is also illegal to burn grain bags and those caught doing so will be prosecuted. The RM requests that grain bags are cleaned up and disposed of immediately at designated collection sites **The nearest grain bag recycling facility is the RM of Mildren shop located in Mildren. Properly rolled up and secured grain bags are accepted from 8:00am-4:00pm on the last Friday of every month.**

Additionally, **please refrain from farming (seeding, spraying, or cultivating) the road allowance ditches on ALL DEVELOPED Road Allowances.** Failure to do so will result in being charged for the reseeded of damaged ditches within the municipal right of way.

On behalf of Council and Staff, we wish you all a safe and plentiful harvest season!