

R.M. of Marriott No. 317 Annual Ratepayers Newsletter

August 2024

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MARRIOTT CONNECT

Marriott Connect has been operational for just over a year. This method of communication has proven to be very helpful in notifying ratepayers of upcoming deadlines and ensuring that our ratepayers are receiving important notifications, such as fire ban implementation and removal.

Registration forms can be accessed on the Municipal Website or by visiting or calling the Municipal Office.

If you have previously registered but would like to opt out of receiving notifications, please contact the municipal office

Controlled Burning 1 866-404-4911

All controlled burns must be reported to the Saskatchewan Controlled Burn Centre. In a situation where Fire Services are called to a controlled burn, and the burn has not been reported, the land owner is responsible for all costs associated with the fire call.

Rosetown Fire Department Service Call Rates:

\$800.00/Hour as well as \$34.00/Hour per Firefighter on Scene.

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.

Fire Bans

The municipality has been working alongside the community fire chief to ensure that a Fire Ban and Restrictions are implemented at appropriate times to ensure the safety of our and surrounding municipalities. Upon implementation of the fire ban open fires are not permitted. No person shall light, or start or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited or started a fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air, this includes the lighting or discharge of fireworks.

Office/Shop Information

Street Address: 207 Highway 4 North

Mailing Address: Box 366, Rosetown, SK SOL 2V0

Email Address: office@rm288-317.ca

Phone: 306-882-4030 **Fax:** 306-882-4401

Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00am-12:00pm 1:00pm-5:00pm

Administrator: Samantha Herring
Assistant Administrator: Sheila Cole

Foreman: Ray McNally Shop Phone: 306 882-3009 Website: www.rm288-317.ca

New Office Emails & E-Transfer

Due to excess spam in our old SaskTel email, we have changed our email. Going forward, for general office inquiries, please use office@rm288-317.ca.

The RM accepts E-Transfers for Tax & Invoice Payments. E-Transfers can be sent to us at payments@rm288-317.ca. Please contact the office to set up a password for E-Transfers.

2024 Mill Rate & Budget

Council has completed the annual task of adopting the 2024 Municipal Operating Budget and setting the 2024 municipal mill rate(s) accordingly. The Mill Rate has increased as a result of fuel and other economic cost increases.

Ag. -6.4 Mills - Mill Rate Factor: 1 - Agriculture Mill Rate: 6.4 Mills Res -6.4 Mills - Mill Rate Factor: 1.25 - Residential Mill Rate: 8 Mills Com-6.4 Mills-Mill Rate Factor: 3.0-Commercial Mill Rate: 19.2 Mills

2024 Property Tax Discounts

The following discounts will be provided for the municipal portion of your property tax payments in 2024:

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%

Taxes for the current year become arrears as of January 1, 2024 and a 1% penalty will be added to any unpaid balance on this date and the beginning of each month thereafter.

We want to remind all taxpayers mailing or paying taxes online to pay only the amount owing on taxes. If you are unsure of the total amount, please contact the municipal office.

Scholarships

The RM of Marriott 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.

Waste Collection Station

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

- All household garbage <u>must be bagged</u> or it cannot be accepted.
- A large bin is on site for larger household items such as chairs, larger furniture and waste THAT WILL NOT FIT IN THE SMALLER BINS.
- The large bin is costly to dump and return. We ask that NO GARBAGE BAGS ARE PLACED IN THE LARGE BIN.
- WE DO NOT ACCEPT APPLICANCES, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL APPLIANCE STORE TO DISPOSE OF APPLIANCES.
- **ALL RECYCLEABLE MATERIAL SHOULD BE PLACED UNBAGGED
 IN DESIGNATED RECYCLE BINS **

** SCRAP METAL is not currently accepted** 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 ACCCEPTED.
- 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 Loraas at (306) 242-2300, or another waste management company and obtain their own bins for these materials.

For complete information regarding collection station rules and regulations please contact the municipal office.

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

Dust Control

This is a reminder that the RM of Marriott requires any ratepayer applying dust control to contact their division councilor for approval of dust control product and to ensure the completion of required road construction or maintenance prior to application.

2023 Financial Statements

The Financial Statement can be viewed in the municipal office or in the following location on the Municipal Website: https://www.rm288-317.ca/wp-content/uploads/RM-of-Marriott-Financial-Statement-2023.pdf

Municipal Building Permit/Code Inquiries

The RM of Marriott No. 317 has adopted a building bylaw requiring permits for all new residential construction or structurally altering renovation projects.

Building Permit applications can be obtained from the municipal website or by contacting the municipal office.

For all building code questions and inquiries, we ask that ratepayers contact MuniCode Services Ltd. at (306)955-6355.

Pest Control

Our RM Pest Control and Weed Inspector is Owen Zoerb. Owen can be contacted at (306)381-3377.

Bait is available free of charge in limited quantities at the Municipal Office, or by contacting Owen directly. Bait stations are available at the RM Office for a total cost of \$30.75 each.

Gopher Control

The Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership Gopher Control Program, managed by SARM, offers a 50% rebate to ratepayers upon completion of the required claim form.

The municipality will distribute gopher control products at a cost of \$180.00 per 20kg bag. Please note it is the ratepayer's responsibility to attend the office to complete the required claim form in order to receive the rebate.

Building/Structure Setbacks

Just a reminder that all buildings, corrals, and other permanent structures must be at least 150 feet from the centerline of any municipal road; or 300 feet from any intersection.

Before constructing a fence, please be sure to contact your division councilor to discuss distances from road allowances.

Harvest 2024

With Harvest 2024 underway we want to again remind our ratepayers 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 or Bale Wrap** 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 Milden shop located in Milden. 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 reseeding of damaged ditches within the municipal right of way.

On behalf of the RM Council and staff we wish you all a safe harvest season!