

R.M. of Pleasant Valley No. 288

Annual Ratepayers Newsletter

August 2020

2020 RM Council Members

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Councilor Div. 2:	Leon White	306 -831-2035 C
Councilor Div. 3:	Ken Cross	306 831-7108 C
Councilor Div. 4:	David Lamarsh	306 882-3418 H
Councilor Div. 5:	Jack Sinclair	306 831-6390 C
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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-

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, 2018, and 2017.

Ag. – 7.05 Mills – Mill Rate Factor: 1 - Agriculture Mill Rate: 7.05 Mills
Res – 7.05 Mills - Mill Rate Factor: 1.75 - Residential Mill Rate: 12.3375 Mills
Com – 7.05 Mills - Mill Rate Factor: 2.25 - Commercial Mill Rate: 15.8625 Mills

Municipal Staff Changes

The RM of Pleasant Valley welcomed Skylar Hillier to our maintenance workforce in April 2020. Skylar has been working directly with Foreman Laren, in an effort to learn the ins and outs of the RM. We are excited to have Skylar on staff!

Unfortunately, all good things must at some point come to an end and we have had two long time employees retire this summer. Landfill Attendant Ron Capnerhurst retired as of July 1st this year. Ron was a smiling face and helping hand at the waste collection site and went over and above his operational duties.

After 13 years as an important part of our operations and road maintenance team, Laine Anderson announced his retirement with the RM of Pleasant Valley as of August 7th. Laine's quiet demeanor, work ethic, and abilities will be greatly missed on our work crew. We wish both employees all the best in your retirement and will miss having you as part of the RM staff.

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.

Pest Control

Foreman Valen continues to look after the Pest Control Officer duties for the RM. Bait is available free of charge in limited quantities at the municipal office, or by contacting Laren. Bait stations are available for sale at the RM Office for a total cost of \$27.56 each.

2020 Property Tax Discounts

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

Waste Collection Station

The RM of Pleasant Valley Transfer Station is open Wednesdays from 1:00 pm - 7:00pm (May 1 to October 31), and 11:00 am to 5:00 pm (November 1 to April 30) 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.
- A clean wood and tree product pile is provided on a trial basis. ONLY clean wood and tree/shrub products will be permitted. NO wood that has been treated, painted, stained, or preserved in any way will be permitted. If abused this service will be removed.

****SCRAP METAL is currently accepted at the landfill, but Ratepayers are encouraged to Check with the Landfill Attendant prior to Hauling Scrap Metal****

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 contact the municipal office.

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 be reported to the Controlled Burn Centre for your own protection.

Rosetown Fire Department Service Call Rates:

\$550.00/Hour as well as \$33.00/Hour per Firefighter on Scene.

Fiske Fire Department Rates:

\$500.00 Flat Rate up to 2 Hours & \$200.00/Hour Following

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.

TWP Range Road Signage

You have likely noticed the new Road signs adjacent to Hwy #7 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 304" refers to the 4th mile north in Township 30 "RGE Road 3184" reading left to right refers to the 3rd Meridian, Range 18 Mile No. 4. 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.

Recycle Bins

Fiske Recycle Bins are emptied every two weeks, and McGee Recycle bin is emptied every four weeks. We kindly ask that you dismantle all boxes to allow for more room in the recycle bins. Additionally, to keep material from blowing around the communities, please DO NOT overload the bin once it is full. If the lid won't close, please wait for the bin to be emptied before dropping off your recycling.

R.M. Wells and Chemical Apparatuses

There is a Bylaw in effect with a **maximum penalty of \$25,000** to anyone caught filling their water tanks with chemicals near the well. Please ensure the safety of our water supply and refrain from handling chemicals near these well sites. **If you are caught you will be charged**

Note: The New Fiske Well, MacDonald Well and Anglia Well continue to be Non-Potable.

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 after being emptied. **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 and plentiful harvest season!