R.M. of Silverwood No. 123







New Building Bylaw

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The Construction Codes Act (the CCA) came into force on January 1st, 2022 and repealed and replaced The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act as the legislation which governs construction standards in Saskatchewan. Municipalities have always been responsible for administering and enforcing building and energy codes for buildings in their jurisdiction however, under the old Act farm residences were included in the definition of farm buildings and therefore exempt from these codes. Under the new CCA farm buildings are still exempt but residences are no longer considered a farm building and therefore these standards will apply to all new builds and major structural renovations that occur to any farm residences after January 1st, 2022.

Municipalities have been given a certain period of time to adopt their own bylaw otherwise those that do not have a valid building bylaw by the deadline will be subject to the model building set out in *The Building Code Regulations*. The R.M.'s new Building Bylaw was approved by the Ministry of Government Relations Building and Technical Standards Branch and became effective May 5th.

This means that effective immediately any new construction, or structural alternations to buildings, in the R.M. will now require a building permit and will need to be inspected by building officials. The only buildings exempt from this are farm buildings (shops, barns, bins etc. used only for agricultural purposes) that DO NOT have sleeping quarters. ANY building with sleeping quarters, or used for commercial purposes, will require a permit.

In 2021 the R.M. also passed a new Zoning bylaw which requires new development to apply for a development to apply for a development permit. Therefore most development will now require two permits.

What Is The Difference Between a Development Permit and a Building Permit?

Development Permit - This is a permit required under the R.M.'s Zoning Bylaw. A development permit outlines what uses are allowed on a site and how those uses fit within the requirements of zoning regulations. Acquiring a development permit is the first step for all projects that alter or affect your property.

Building Permit - This is a permit required under the R.M.'s Building Bylaw and mandated by the National Building Code of Canada. A building permit ensures that all new buildings, alterations to existing buildings, changes to building use, and building demolitions meet national safety standards.

Application forms and more information, including fees, are available on the R.M.'s website under Development.

2022 Scholarship Recipients

In 2013 the R.M. of Silverwood started a Scholarship for High School graduates of ratepayers in the R.M. The \$1,000 scholarship is for students entering post secondary education. Priority is given to students who are entering the field of Agriculture or an Agriculture related technical course.

For 2022 the R.M. made the decision to award three scholarships in one year as three of the applicants were all entering ag-related field of studies and their averages were all very high and within one percentage point. Congratulations to this years recipients:



Reina Murphy - McNaughton High School Lara Beierbach - Whitewood High School Megan Hayhurst - Whitewood High School

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Council Meetings

Council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. If you would like the opportunity to speak to council please make an appointment by contacting the office

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Pat Paquin, Jesse Mullie & Carmel Jorgensen

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Civic Address Signs

Each residence in the R.M. has been assigned a civic address and these can now be found on your tax and assessment notices.

The R.M. is now planning to install signs at the end of each lane to make it easier for emergency response vehicles to locate and access yard sites. Residents should start to see these signs being installed later this year and you may be contacted to discuss the best location for your sign. The following is from the R.M.'s civic addressing bylaw:

7. Rural Civic Address Sign Supply and Maintenance

- The Municipality will supply and install all initial rural civic address signs at no cost to the landowner;
- All replacement rural civic address signs will be purchased and installed by the municipality;
 - i. If the sign is damaged by the property owner the cost of the replacement sign & installation shall be the responsibility of the property owner and they will be invoiced for the replacement costs incurred by the municipality;
 - ii. If the sign needs to be replaced due to normal wear and tear, or damage caused by anyone other than the property owner, then the Municipality will be responsible for the costs of the replacement sign and installation;
- The property owner shall maintain the rural civic address sign in good order without changing or impeding it in any manner.



Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirements

As of July 1st every building that contains a residential occupancy is required to have smoke alarms installed inside each bedroom, in the bedroom corridor, and on each storey without a bedroom. These smoke alarms are permitted to be battery operated. If the building was constructed before June 6, 1988, then the batteries used for the smoke alarms must be 10-year batteries.

Also every building that contains a residential occupancy is required to have a carbon monoxide alarm installed inside each bedroom OR within 5 m (16') of each bedroom door. These carbon monoxide alarms are permitted to be battery operated. If the building was constructed before October 1, 2009, then the batteries used for the carbon monoxide alarms must be 10-year batteries

Important Reminders

Organic Farmland - If your land is certified Organic please contact the R.M. office with a copy of your certification certificate. This land is now marked with a different color on the R.M. map.

Nuisance Grounds - The landfill outside of Langbank is for the use of all ratepayers and is open Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are also recycling bins located in Langbank that may be used by all ratepayers. More information on items accepted can be found on the website.

Weeds of Concern - Please notify the R.M. immediately of any weeds of concern within the R.M. boundaries.

Controlled Burns - Controlled burns MUST be reported to 1-866-404-4911. This will prevent the fire department from being dispatched unnecessarily if 911 is called by someone passing by.

Scholarship - Each year the R.M. awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a grade 12 student pursuing post secondary education. Applications are due April 30th and are open to students from Whitewood, Kipling, Moosomin and Wawota high schools. Application forms are available from the school or the R.M. office.



Please Slow Down!

60 km/hr and Slow Watch for Children signs are installed near yard sites where it is important that drivers slow down. If you see these signs please follow them; slowing down doesn't cost you that much time but it could prevent a serious accident!





Beaver Bounty Increased

Effective April 1st the R.M. has increased the bounty paid for beavers due to increased fuel costs and an increase in grant funding available to the R.M.

The new rates are as follows: With a Trappers License - \$50.00/tail Without a Trappers License - \$25.00/tail

Provincial Disaster Assistance Program

The R.M. has requested designation under PDAP for three different storms that have taken place this spring and summer:

April 13th Snow Storm

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April 22nd Snow Storm
June 19th Wind & Hail Storm

If you suffered uninsurable losses during any of these storms (livestock loss, significant yard cleanup etc.) and would like to submit a claim please contact the RM office for forms.

THIS NOTICE IS A REQUIREMENT OF THE HEALTH REGION

Please be advised that the water from the community well located at NE 32-14-02-W2, that is available to the public, is not potable (unsafe for human consumption). The water from this well is not treated or tested. DO NOT USE this water for drinking, cooking, food preparation or oral hygiene purposes as it is considered to be unsafe for these purposes.