



R.M. of Silverwood No. 123

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Division 4	Robert Dodd 435-7573
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Council Meetings:

Council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like the opportunity to speak to council, please make an appointment by contacting the office.

Public Works Information:

Shop Phone # - 735-2768
Foreman – Murray MacPherson
Operators - Pat Paquin, Gerry Zorn
Wesley Nelson & Jesse Mullie
Langbank Nuisance Grounds &
Waterworks – Gayleen Gurr

**SEND AN EMAIL TO
rm123@sasktel.net TO BE ADDED
TO THE R.M.'S EMAIL LIST**

R.M. Donates Truck to Whitewood Fire Department

This past year the Whitewood Fire Department was in need of both a new snuffer truck and new carbon tank breathing apparatuses for their members. The cost of the breathing apparatuses alone was more than \$100,000. After much discussion the R.M. decided this is a very important service to ratepayers and agreed to commit \$67,500.00 to purchase the new truck. It was put into service this fall and is a massive upgrade to what was being used previously.



Fences in R.M. Ditches

In the past few years the R.M. has noticed ratepayers who have fenced around sloughs and have put the fence in the R.M. ditch very close to the road edge. These fences are dangerous for drivers and will not be allowed. As a result the R.M. passed a policy two years ago in regards to this but Council is finding that there are many ratepayers still not following this policy. As a reminder the policy reads as follows:

If you have installed a permanent fence close to a R.M. roadway you will receive a letter stating that the fence must be taken down. If you do not take the fence down by the stated deadline the R.M. employees will take the fence down for you and you will be charged for the labour costs.

If you absolutely need to fence around sloughs into the R.M. ditches a temporary fence will be allowed. If you wish to install a temporary fence you first need to obtain approval from your councilor and then the fence will need to be taken down prior to October 1st so that it does not impede snow removal during the winter.

Lawful Fences

Another issue regarding fences in the R.M. is that some are not built very well and therefore result in livestock being out often. Livestock that are routinely out can be a danger to people travelling on R.M. roads.

The Stray Animals Act does specify what constitutes a lawful fence which is as follows, either:

- Three or more barbed or high tensile wire strands secured to substantial posts that are not more than 20 meters apart, the wire being fastened to droppers not more than five meters apart, and the strands of wire being 35 to 40 centimeters from the ground; or
- Three or more barbed or high tensile wire strands secured to substantial posts that are not more than 7.5 meters apart, the strands of wire being 30 to 35 centimeters apart, with the lowest strand being not more than 30 to 35 centimeters from the ground.

In accordance with the Stray Animals Act no owner shall at any time allow any of his animals to run at large within the province. The same act states that the owner of a stray shall be liable to a proprietor for any damage caused by the stray to the property of the proprietor

R.M. Scholarship Reminder

The R.M. awards annually a \$1,000 scholarship to a grade 12 student who lives in the R.M. and is pursuing post secondary education.

Applications are due April 30th each year. The scholarship is open to students graduating from Whitewood, Kipling, Moosomin and Wawota high schools. Application forms are available from your school or from the R.M. office.

Fairmede United Church needing Donations

Rhonda Hall has provided the following information:

The Fairmede Church is the Centre point of our community, and our Committee has been working hard to keep the building in good repair. In 2018 we moved it onto a new foundation, and in 2019 we need to replace the shingles.

It was built in 1910, and it is in a sound structural state. These repairs were desperately needed so that we do not lose our beautiful little church.

If you would like to help with our project, donations can be sent to:

Fairmede United Church Restoration Fund
Box 440, Wawota, SK S0G 5A0.

We are a Non-profit organization and we are registered to issue Income Tax Receipts for your donation.

For further information please contact Rhonda Hall at (306) 739-2114.



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.

Wild Parsnip

Wild parsnip was found in the R.M. of Silverwood last summer. It is important to be aware of its harmful effects.

Wild parsnip is an invasive species with toxic sap that can cause skin to burn when exposed to sunlight. It closely resembles other common, non-toxic plants like dill, tansy and Golden Alexander. All of these plants have numerous stems with little yellow flowers but the wild parsnip's leaves are distinctive. Wild parsnip leaves are broad, twice as long as they are wide and have teeth on the edge. The leaves are also lower down on the plant.

If you find a weed that you think may be wild parsnip please contact the weed inspector, Robert Dodd, at (306) 435-7573.



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Gravelling of Lanes - If you are needing your lane graveled please contact a contractor directly:

Hopehill Hauling - Neil Davis- (306) 735-7172

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. Items accepted at the landfill are:

Collection Bins - Regular & large household waste, shingles

Metal Pile - any type of recyclable metal - appliances must have the doors removed and be put in a separate pile

Clean Wood Pile - NO treated or painted wood, NO waste and NO nails - CLEAN WOOD ONLY!

Items NOT Accepted - scrap tires, cement and propane tanks

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

Slow Down When Passing Equipment - Please remember to slow down when passing R.M. equipment!

Gravel Piles - If you enter a gravel pile with your ATV or dirt bike fines may be issued for trespassing!

Sprayer Ruts - Please don't cross R.M. ditches with High clearance sprayers when it is very wet out...this leaves large ruts in the ditches that are very rough for the workers at mowing time.