

# R. M. of Chesterfield No. 261

## July 2016 Newsletter

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### ENCLOSURES with this Newsletter:

- 2016 Tax Notice (may be double sided)
- Abstract of 2015 Financial Statement
- Mark's Work Warehouse 10% discount cards (compliments of Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan)

### TIMELY PAYMENTS?

**REMINDER** to property taxpayers, about sending or delivering your payments to the municipal office on or before end-of-month deadlines:

The RM grants early payment discounts **only in the calendar month for which the payment arrives in the RM office (or in its bank account if sent by electronic means).**

### NO EXCEPTIONS!

### PROPERTY TAX DETAILS

Property Class:	Taxable Assessment	Municipal Tax Levy
Agricultural (7.5 mills)	\$ 98,074,795	\$735,561.15
Residential (7.5 x 1.2)*	2,771,585	24,944.27
Commercial (7.5x 3.25)*	1,418,719	42,198.67
Resource Com. (24.38)*	56,357,200	1,598,405.31
*mill rate factors: 1.2 Res. or 3.25 Commercial		
Total 2016 Assessment & Tax Levy (Avg. 13.3)	158,622,299	\$2,401,109.40

**Council** meets, usually, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month for its regular meeting, at the Eatonia council chambers, 304 Main Street. Meetings are open to the public.

### Notes to R.M. Taxpayers:

#### Update your mail and e-mail addresses:

Property owners within the rural municipality are encouraged to provide updated mailing addresses, telephone numbers, and if possible, their **e-mail addresses**. The municipality keeps information confidential and uses it only to correspond with property owners.

## ONGOING DESTRUCTION OF GRASSED ROADSIDES

**Farmers are again reminded that spraying or cultivating road allowances destroys grass which is necessary to preserve roads.**

Year after year, tax dollars are wasted re-seeding grass destroyed by abutting landowners, and the long-term effect is poorer roads that need to be rebuilt more frequently than they should. Restoring road shoulders, re-planting grass in areas where it has been destroyed are ongoing and, and the cost of doing so is substantial.

**Road allowances are a minimum of 66 feet in width, and many are 100 feet or more. Roads are public improvements available for the use of everyone. People who spray and cultivate the road allowances are trespassing.**

The *Highways & Transportation Act, 1997* states "no person shall break, cut, fill or otherwise alter or damage a public improvement," and in doing so will "be liable for the damage caused and shall reimburse the authority having the management and control of the public improvement for the costs of repairing the public improvement."

**Enforcement of municipal bylaws may soon be the duty of a newly hired *Bylaw Enforcement Officer*, and the penalties for bylaw infraction may soon be increased substantially.**

### NUISANCE GROUNDS

Eatonia Nuisance Grounds ~ NW 26-25-25-3

#### Hours:

1~6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9 a.m. ~ noon Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

There are no other landfills or nuisance grounds within the municipality, but ratepayers may use facilities at Alsask, Empress, or Sibbald.

**CONTROL BURN – call ahead: 1 866 404 4911**

### ELECTION THIS YEAR

In **October 2016**, municipal elections will be held for the positions of reeve and councillors representing odd-numbered divisions.

The term of office for all members of council is four years, which typically commences at the first meeting following the election.

The nomination period begins with publication of the call for nominations (on or before **September 6, 2016**). Nominations may be filed any time during regular office hours from the time the call for nominations is posted until the deadline of 4:00 p.m. on Nomination Day, which is **Wednesday, September 21, 2016**. If a further call for nominations is required as a result of insufficient candidates, the second nomination period expires on **October 5, 2016**.

### Council & Staff

<b>Reeve</b>	Karrie Derouin (res.)	306-967-0000
<b>Div. 1</b>	Brent Watts (cel.)	306-628-7601
<b>Div. 2</b>	Leah Cooper (res.)	306-967-2793
<b>Div. 3</b>	Dave Booker (cel.)	403-664-5174
<b>Div. 4</b>	Alan Busby (res.)	306-967-2528
<b>Div. 5</b>	Jeff Bailey (res.)	306-967-2846
<b>Div. 6</b>	Duane Cridland (res.)	306-967-2869
<b>Div. 8</b>	Bill Thomson (res.)	306-968-2554
<b>Admin.</b>	Bev Dahl (office)	306-967-2222
<b>A.Admin.</b>	Tosha Stallmann	"
<b>Foreman</b>	Richard Adams (shop)	306-967-2481
<b>A.Foreman</b>	Shane Stusrud	"