

# *R.M. of St. Peter No. 369 ~ 2024 Newsletter*

## Property Taxes

**Tax Assessment Notices** are sent out in February/March each year.

**Tax Notices** are sent out in July/August and are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. Early payment of taxes gives ratepayers the following discounts:

- July 31<sup>st</sup> – 5%
- August 31<sup>st</sup> – 5%
- September 30<sup>th</sup> – 5%
- October 31<sup>st</sup> – 4%
- November 30<sup>th</sup> – 2%

If taxes are not paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>, a penalty of 0.75% per month will be applied.

## Online Payment Options

**Credit Union**            **St. Peter # 369 (RM)**

**CIBC**                    **St. Peter No. 369**  
**(R.M.) Tax**

**Telpay**                **St. Peter #369**  
**(RM)**

Please note your account number is your customer number, located in the top right corner of your Tax Notice. If the account number requires more digits than your customer number has, please add zeros to the **FRONT** of your customer number.

**If you are mailing cheques or making your payments online, please ensure you leave enough time for mailing and/or processing (usually a couple of days). Once month-end or year-end is done, discount rates or applied interest cannot be changed or cancelled. If you wish to have these specific dates please send in a postdated cheque.**

## Snow Plow Club

In the event of heavy snowfall, the RM requests any ratepayers clearing municipal roads first be signed up and approved with the RM to ensure coverage by the RM's insurance policy. Forms and the NEW OH&S checklist are available at the office. For more information on the OH&S checklist, please contact the Office Administrator.

Upon approval of all checklists and routes by Council, the RM will pay \$100/hr. for snow removal (snow blowing only) on municipal roads.

## Pushing Snow across Municipal Roads

**Council has requested ratepayers refrain from pushing snow from their private properties across and/or onto municipal roads, in accordance with Bylaw No. 5/19.**

Snow ridges are dangerous to the patrol operators and to the travelling public. Anyone who contravenes Bylaw No. 5/19 is subject to Bylaw No. 3/13 (Penalties for Contravention of Bylaws) and will be held accountable for the cost of the cleanup.

Rate payers could also be held **liable** if someone is injured due to the snow piled on the road or road allowance.

## Snow Plow Routes

In the event of a major snow fall, the roads are cleaned as quickly and efficiently as possible, usually within two days.

Please err on the side of caution when meeting patrols plowing snow, there is a possibility you may not be visible to the operator. The operator's visibility is highly reduced while plowing snow.

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## **2023 Recap & 2024 Plans**

The 2023 construction season consisted of a few small projects, that the crew was able to complete. The 2023/2024 winter season was virtually nonexistent for the winter crew, but this allowed them time to go through equipment and start preparing for the shop move.

The 2024 road construction plans again consists of a couple smaller projects of building up some low laying roads. The RM would like to thank those who have or are planning on contributing clay for these projects, the RM would not be able to do this without you!

## **BIG NEWS**

The RM has officially moved into the new shop at the end of April. The RM is planning on having a grand opening this fall once harvest and construction season wraps up. Watch your mailboxes for more information.

### **Rural Municipality of St. Peter No. 369**

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Peter No. 369  
Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9:00 - 4:00  
Open over the lunch hour.

### **Administrative Staff**

Administrator Angie Peake

Office Holidays July 15<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>  
Aug 12<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Full Time Maintenance Staff**

Foreman	Ryan Peake
Equipment Operator	Jeff Ehlert
Equipment Operator	Evan HusteJ
Equipment Operator	Brandon Stammen

Please contact the Office or your Councillor regarding road issues. For urgent after hour concerns, please contact your Councillor.

### **Council Members**

Reeve	Lyle Dosch	306-231-9741
Division 1	Paul Ulrich	306-287-7606
Division 2	Jeff Hoffmann	306-231-7418
Division 3	Justin Korte	306-231-8915
Division 4	Lyle Kunz	306-231-7094
Division 5	Chris Braun	306-231-8233
Division 6	Jeff Kunz	306-231-5522

### **R.M. of St. Peter No. 369 Volunteer Fire Department News**

The Department is actively looking for more Volunteer Fire Fighters, please contact Angie at the R.M. Office for more information.

The Fire Department also had a big move this spring, the Fire Department now resides in the old RM shop. This building gives the department more room for the trucks as well as ample room for training exercises, which the old fire hall could not provide.

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## **RM Road Safety**

The speed limit on the RM's grid roads is 80 km/hr., unless posted otherwise. On designated roads, the speed limit is reduced to 60 km/hr. for trucks over three tonnes. These roads are posted stating the reduced speed.

## **R.M. Employees/Equipment**

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## **Orange Zone**

**THE SPEED LIMIT IS ALSO REDUCED TO 60 km/hr WHEN PASSING RM EMPLOYEES AND EQUIPMENT.** We ask travelers to be aware that the equipment is maintaining the roads for your use and that courtesy towards our operators is expected. Be patient and drive with care when meeting or passing municipal equipment.

## **Custom Work**

Custom work and ridging will be done only after roads are cleared, when time permits, and when the custom work contract sheet has been signed. Custom work contract is valid until ratepayer or the RM opts out.

**Please note that custom work is payable within 30 days of the invoice date. Unpaid custom work will be transferred onto the tax roll at December 31<sup>st</sup> of every year, and will be subject to interest charges.**

## **Animals Running at Large Bylaw**

The RM is seeing an increase in animals running at large throughout it, and therefore Council has implemented an Animals running at large Bylaw to help reduce this from happening.

Warnings and fines will exist for persistence problem animals. Please call the Office if you require more information.

## **Controlled Burn**

If you are planning a controlled burn of bush piles, old buildings, stubble, etc., **you MUST call and report it.** To report a controlled burn, call

**1-866-404-4911.**

You will have to answer the following:

- Your land location
- Your R.M. number
- Your name and phone number
- Your fire service provider
- The location details
- What is being burnt
- How long it will last

The RM asks that ratepayer's follow the "Best Practices for Open Burning" as outlined on the Government of Saskatchewan Webpage.

**Please be advised that the RM has amended the Fire Restriction Bylaw, the Offences for violating a fire ban have been updated as follows:**

1<sup>st</sup> Offence - \$1500.00

2nd Offence - \$5000.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Offence – Fire Department Call Out

## **Road Closures**

The RM would like to ask ratepayers to please **OBEY** road closed signs, as they are there for one of three reasons:

- 1) public safety
- 2) road integrity
- 3) construction in progress

If the signs are not obeyed and damages occur to the road, the responsible party will be invoiced for repairs to the damaged road.

Road closures will be posted to the RM's Facebook page when possible.

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## **New Building Bylaw**

Effective December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, a **NEW** Building Bylaw has been adopted.

**ALL**, residential and commercial construction/demolition/relocation projects will be required to obtain a building permit **BEFORE** construction/demolition/relocation commences, and must comply with building inspectors and all Bylaw regulations.

## **Pest Control Officer**

The RM continues to participate in the Provincial Rat Eradication Program. Rat bait and information is available at the RM Office for ratepayers, free of charge.

The RM's Pest Control Officer is Karl Breker. Inspections by the PCO will be made in the summer and fall. The PCO will check abandoned yards; Ratepayers are responsible for baiting their own properties. If you would like the PCO to inspect your property, please contact the RM office.

Dog & Child tamper-resistant bait boxes are available for purchase at the RM Office.

## **Vacant Yards**

Please ensure vacant yards are clean and baited for rats.

## **Culvert & Approach Policy**

If you wish to build or alter an approach onto your property there are standards that must be adhered to, and the RM **MUST** approve the construction and location of each approach. There is no charge for the application, but it must be approved.

Forms are available at the RM Office.

## **Municipal Right of Ways**

The RM has noticed an increase in Municipal right of ways (road allowances) being sprayed by commercial and non-commercial parties.

The RM requests that proper and/or extra precautions be taken to avoid this in the future.

If precautions are not taken to rectify the situation, stronger actions may be pursued.

Ministry of Agriculture specialists will provide program information and answer your livestock, range and agri-environmental questions.

For programs and services offered through the Ministry of Agriculture, **scan the QR code.**



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## **Transportation Permit**

The RM has implemented a transportation permit for overweight/oversized loads, this permit can be issued year-round, even in road ban season and leaves the RM more options than with the previous overweight permit.

There are fees attached to this permit.

For more information, please contact the Office.