

Spring Flooding

Spring flooding across Saskatchewan is affecting many of the same landscapes where resort and lakeside communities are located. Rapid snowmelt, rainfall, and warming temperatures have increased water levels in rivers, lakes, and low-lying areas, leading to localized flooding and emergency declarations in several regions. The Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency and Water Security Agency continue to issue High Flow Advisories and provide support to impacted communities as conditions evolve.

For resort and lake-adjacent communities, flooding matters because it can affect access roads, septic systems, shorelines, docks, and water quality—often before permanent residents or seasonal visitors return for the year. These events highlight the importance of proactive planning, infrastructure resilience, and understanding how natural systems interact with development near water.

Wetlands play a critical role during flood events. Naturally functioning wetlands absorb and store excess runoff, slow water movement, reduce peak flood levels, and help protect downstream communities and shorelines. Where wetlands have been drained or altered, floodwaters tend to move faster and cause greater damage. Protecting and restoring wetlands is therefore a key strategy for reducing flood risk, improving water quality, and supporting long-term resilience in resort and lakeside areas across Saskatchewan.

Courtesy PARCS, a member advocacy organization representing resort villages and organized hamlets with all levels of government.

What's in a Name?

RV Pasqua Lake began as a small group of lakfront homes and gradually expanded through multiple subdivisions. As the community grew, the main road through each new subdivision often took on that subdivision's name.

In 2015, the province standardized how properties are identified and located. This change helps emergency responders - such as police, fire, and ambulance - find homes more quickly, while also making navigation easier for service and delivery companies.

In March 2023, the RM registered street names, replacing some commonly used informal references. Below is a complete list of all streets registered with land titles in the Resort Village:

Centennial Drive	Herzer Bay
Bens Place	Graham Drive
Bence Beach	Pasqua Street
Pasqua Lake Road	Bolingbroke Place
Valley View Drive	Willow Street
Poplar Street	Maple Bay



photo by Jeff Lorch

Wildfire Season

Here are some simple tips to help reduce the risk of wildfire damage on your property:

Right around your house:

- Use non-combustible building materials
- Clear away vegetation and other flammable materials, and replace them with gravel, brick, or concrete
- Avoid planting wood shrubs and trees

1.5- 10 metres from the house

- Avoid woody debris like mulch
- Keep firewood piles and wooden patio furniture out of this area
- Move propane tanks, gas cans, and fuel containers farther away
- Use gravel pads around trailers, RVs, and sheds

10 – 30 metres from the house

- Maintain 3 metres between the crowns of evergreen trees
- Make sure trees are pruned 2 meters from lowest branches to the lowest branches
- Clear away fallen branches, dry grass, and evergreen needles
- Keep eaves clean of dried leaves and needles



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Short Term Rental Permits

Short-term rental properties can bring some real benefits to a municipality when they are well managed. First, they boost the local economy. Visitors who stay in short-term rentals often spend money at nearby restaurants, shops, and attractions, which helps support local businesses and jobs. They can also make better use of existing housing. Properties that might otherwise sit empty part of the year get used more often, bringing more activity and spending into the area.

The Resort Village has established clear rules to balance the benefits with potential downsides like noise and neighbourhood impacts.

All short-term rentals are now required to have an annual permit. To help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, the following standards apply:

- Short-term rentals must comply with all applicable building, fire, and health regulations
- Maximum occupancy is limited to two (2) people per bedroom
- Excessive noise, parties, and public disturbances are not permitted
- One (1) off-street parking space must be provided per guest room

Please note that operating a short-term rental without a permit may result in a \$1,000 fine for the first offence with increased penalties for continued non-compliance. Applications are on the website.

2026 Municipal Tax Levy

2.0 mils
\$260 base tax on residential land
\$260 base tax on residential improvements
\$80 base tax on agricultural land
\$175 base tax on commercial land

Prompt Payment Discount

Tax payments received before August 31 will receive a 5% discount on the municipal portion of property taxes.

Making your Payment

Please make your payments to the Resort Village of Pasqua Lake:

- e-transfers at office@rvpl.ca
- cheque or cash in person at 160 Broadway Street West, Fort Qu'Appelle
- cheque by mail - Box 1759 Fort Qu'Appelle SK S0G 1S0

Arrears Penalties

Unpaid taxes as of December 31 will be subject to a 2% interest penalty per month on total taxes.