

# RM #254 Newsletter

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## Something New

The purpose of the municipality developing a newsletter is to keep our landowners informed as to what your municipal council is doing on their behalf. Numerous landowners have requested information as to some of the issues council is having to address, whether it be on an annual or one time basis.

We are hoping to use this forum to address many of the issues which may be of interest to landowners in our municipality. We are hoping to get feedback on this newsletter and see if we are providing relevant information to our landowners.

### October

Council made a motion to rent a terex from Korpan Tractor for one month to assist on clean up on the MRIF road constructed this year.

Garry Stone was appointed as the municipality's representative to the South Saskatchewan River Watershed Stewards Advisory Committee.

Council agreed to allow SK Water to install a manhole

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## SARM Mid Term Convention Highlights

Reeve Kevin Vollmer and Councillors Brian Brown and Rod Vollmer attended SARM Mid Term Convention in Regina. Councilors Brown and Vollmer were the municipality's official voting delegates. The Administrator was also in attendance.

SARM Mid Term Convention was held in Regina on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. President Dave Marit addressed the Association and opened with an update on rural issues SARM has currently been addressing; the education tax coalition, transportation and infrastructure, replacement of the Prairie Grain Roads Program, Clearing the Path, rail maintenance formulasm regulations to protect single producer rates, APF II discussions, disaster assistance, two percent strychnine for gopher control.

Richard Porter reported on Clearing the Path. Phase one has been implemented with 4300 kms of road being designated as primary roadways. The committee is now working on developing a road maintenance agreement template.

Judy Dyck, President of the Saskatchewan Biofuels development Council, reported on the state of the biofuels industry in Saskatchewan. The goal of the organization is to develop an inclusive and comprehensive biofuel industry in Saskatchewan and for Saskatchewan to be one of the largest and most efficient producers of biofuel in Canada.

Dr. Red Williams discussed the work being done on the Prairie to Ports Gateway and Inland Port. A Smart Port is defined less on the physical aspects and more on the logistics and coordination over a region, not a single location but a cluster (i.e. Moose Jaw, Regina and Saskatoon. An inland port will reduce congestion at coastal port, be a central hub serving the prairies and

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in the ditch along the road providing access to the Jukes subdivision as long as it is as close to the west boundary of the road allowance as possible.

Council set their 2007 Christmas party for December at the Strongfield Café. Stanley Rendall will be presented with his retirement watch at this time.

Rod Vollmer and Brian Brown were appointed to act as the municipality's voting delegates for the SARM Mid Term Convention.

Council agrees to allow Rob Peterman to install a temporary fence/gate along the north and south road allowance along the west boundary of 19-27-05 W3. This will allow winter grazing but will be open spring to fall.

Nona Stronski will be allowed to take part of the day on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> as holidays. The Administrator will also attend the Payroll Workshop in November.

We will donate an \$80.00 certificate for services to the 19ers Senior Hockey Team auction.

We also have expressed an objection to placing a Conservation Easement on the NE 29-28-04 W3 because of the concerns regarding the excess of wildlife in this area.

Jacine Vollmer was hired to provide janitorial services effective November 1, 2007.

## **November**

Donald Spence was appointed to act as Deputy Reeve for balance of 2007 and 2008.

The Reeve or Deputy Reeve and the Administrator are authorized to sign cheques and other municipal documents on behalf of the municipality.

The Reeve's Office Supervision for 2007 is set at \$1,200.00.

Council accepted the SARM Mid-Term Convention reports and will pay the delegate's and administrator's expenses.

Our next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2007 at 1.00 p.m. in the RM Office.

Darryl Norrish was given holidays in November. Employees with holidays left at the end of the year

may, with council approval, extend their holidays to April 15<sup>th</sup> of the year following the year they were earned.

Bylaw No. 03/2007 was passed, allowing the municipality to repeal bylaws.

Bylaw No. 04/2007 was adopted allowing the municipality to borrow \$450,000.00 for the purpose of purchasing shares in Gardiner Dam Agri-Energy in the amount of \$500,000.00.

Snow plow clubs were granted permission to plow snow on municipal roads conditional to all safety equipment being in place.

Council made a motion not to participate as a sponsor in the 19ers Hockey team fan appreciation night.

Council will advertise in the Outlook and Davidson papers for a mower operator for the 2008 season in a February edition of the paper.

Council will advertise in the Outlook and Davidson papers for a Pest Control Officer in the 2008 season in the January edition of the paper.

Council requested the Administrator contact all the municipalities and see how many will be complying with the requirement of compiling a list of capital assets as well as an amortization schedule as Resolution 6-07 was CARRIED at the SARM Mid Term Convention requesting that SARM lobby the provincial government to remove the requirement for municipalities.

Council tabled the request from the Loreburn Rec Board to participate in the fund raiser for the rink by paying \$1,500.00 for the costs of the chemical Edge.

Employees who worked Thanksgiving Monday will be paid at the flat rate.

The municipality will take out a 2007-08 membership in the Lake Diefenbaker Tourism Inc. for \$53.00.

The municipality agrees to pay a portion of the extra hours of opening for the Elbow and Loreburn Library.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE: ELBOW

DATE: JULY 29 – 20, 2008

Lakeshore Rodeo.

### SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE: LOREBURN

TIME: JULY 9, 2008

Loreburn Lions Farmers' Golf Tournament.

### SPECIAL EVENT

PLACE

TIME

Your event could be here.

## December

Council made a motion to not pay Natalie South the requested one week's pay in lieu of notice as the Reeve personally served notice one week prior to her being done work. Poison was to be ordered for the 2008 season.

Council is willing to contribute \$500.00 to the Strychnine Alternative Research Fund sending the contribution when needed in 2008.

A motion was made to cancel taxes owing on the SE 08-27-05 W3 as the municipality has taken title to this parcel of land. Tenders will be placed in the January 7<sup>th</sup> issue of The Outlook Paper, tenders closing February 6, 2008.

The municipality will pay all the Xmas Party expenses.

Changes were made to our SARM property insurance for 2008.

The municipality agrees to pay the water and loan arrears as presented by the Cutbank Rural Pipeline Utility and Line 19 Water Pipeline and that they will be applied to the municipal taxes of each subscriber.

The first meeting for 2008 was set for January 9, 2008 at 1.00 p.m. in the RM Office in Loreburn.

the northern US states, be a center of rail, highway, air and arctic transportation corridors and a link to the NAFTA trade corridors.

Cam Wilk, addressed the assembly on Thursday morning. Mr. Wilk, Inspection and Regulatory Management Branch, gave an overview of the current ground squirrel situation and areas that currently have access to the 2% liquid strychnine.

Delegates had an excellent discussion on options for healthcare in rural communities with presentations from: Maureen Klenk, Nurse Practitioner; Dr. Martin Vogel, Dr. Dennis Kendel, Registrar of the College of Physicians and Surgeons; and Donna Brunskill, RN Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Registered Nurses' Association. We need to adapt and find new ways for health professionals to work together.

Thursday afternoon the Convention greeted Premier elect Brad Wall with a standing ovation. Premier-elect Wall talked about revenue sharing, education tax on property and the need to work with SARM on agricultural issues such as Crop Insurance. Wall stressed that we need to prepare for the challenges to come with growth and the need to re-invest back into Rural Saskatchewan.

Gerald Ritz, Federal Minister of Agriculture reiterated that his government is committed to a renewed suite of business risk management programs, science and innovation, environmental farm plans and the next generation of agriculture policy framework. In addition, Ritz addressed concerns on rail transportation, including the recently tabled Bill C-8.

A motion was made to pay the Villages of Hawarden, Strongfield and Elbow \$1,000.00 and the Village of Loreburn \$3,000.00 as recreation grants for 2007. and also to pay the Villages of Hawarden and Loreburn \$500.00 as fire agreement fees.

Council agreed to also pay the Loreburn and Elbow Library board grants of \$1,000.00 for 2007.

A motion was passed to exempt 1/3 of the moneys paid to the Reeve and councilors be allotted as expenses under the Income Tax Act.

We will donate \$100.00 to the Ronald McDonald House.

Kevin Vollmer is to attend the Planning and Development Act seminar in Swift Current on January 15, 2008.

Council indemnity is set at \$130.00 per day and mileage at \$.50 per km.

All salaried employees will receive at 3% increase over their 2007 salaries. Hourly wages will be increased to \$18.00 per hour, new employees will start at \$16.00 per hour. Council agrees to pay the Administrator's RMA membership fees for 2008 in the amount of \$290.00.

Council approved the purchase of the 2008 edition of the Paymate program for payroll.

Kevin Vollmer, Donald Chernick, Garry Book and Donald Spence will meet with the Village of Elbow to discuss future issues concerning the Elbow lagoon.

Council directed the administrator to notify Scott Brown that we will be blocking the new culvert until such a time as the RM of Rosedale installs a culvert in their east-west road which will allow the water to distribute evenly.

The subdivision on the NE 12-26-06 W3 is approved as it complies with our Zoning Bylaw No. 02/98.

The request from the Village of Elbow to do road construction for them in 2008 is tabled.

Holidays were given to the employees as requested.

All custom work outstanding at December 31, 2007 will be added to and become part of the municipal taxes.

