

# RM #254 Newsletter

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## Thanks for clicking in

We are pleased to report we are very pleased with the number of people visiting our new website. We have more people viewing our newsletter on-line than picking them up in the office. To date we have had 425 visitors. Keep checking in for changes and updates.

## April Highlights

Spring road bans were removed at the end of the month. Millsap Holdings was chosen from our fuel tenders for 2007. They tendered in at \$0.819 before GST. Also tendering were Imperial Oil (\$0.848) and Riverbend Co-Op ((\$0.857).

We renewed our road maintenance agreement for contractual services to maintain roadways within the Gardiner Dam maintenance area for the period of April 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008 with Sask Watershed with the rate of \$75.00 per hour being set for compensation for services.

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## Summer Hours

The Municipality will be operating on Summer Hours for the months of July and August. Summer Hours will be as follows:

Monday–Thursday: 8.30 am – Noon, 12.30 pm – 5.

Friday: 8.30 am – Noon, Closed in the afternoon

August 31, 2007 Regular hours.



## Ethanol Update

Check the Gardiner Dam Terminal Home page for Ethanol news updates. See GDA Ethanol Project. Try and attend the upcoming meetings in your area.

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Council accepted the 2007 budget and set our mill rate at 9 mills. This is the same as 2006.

Council chose not to advertise in the RM Review newsletter published for the Village of Elbow. Dwayne Stamnes was hired back in April.

We appointed Kevin Vollmer, Donald Chernick, Rod Vollmer and Garry Stone to form the Municipal Road Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) Road Committee. Tenders were to be opened in the RM Office on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

We entered into a Road Maintenance Agreement with Sask Highways & Transportation for a gravel haul contract which will begin in late August.

Brian Brown gave a report on the Loreburn Rec Board Meeting. Council approved the farming project to raise money for the rink. The municipality will donate a man and tractor to roll the field. Council made a motion to change office hours for the summer months of July and August as follows: Monday – Thursday: 8.30 a.m. – noon, 12.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 8.30 a.m. to Noon, closing in the afternoon. This does not include August 31, 2007.

Council made a motion to not donate funds to assist in the purchase of an endoscopy for the Heartland Health Region. Council agreed to pay GDT for the municipality's portion of the business plan for the proposed Ethanol Plant and also pay the GDT JF \$594.35 for expenses incurred by our representative for the tour to the ethanol plant in the US.

Council agreed to pay the voluntary levy of \$200.00 to Sask Crime Stoppers. Council approved the proposed subdivision application for the NW 11-28-05 W3M as it complies to our Zoning Bylaw NO. 02/98.

## May

Council made a motion to pay our 2007 Mid Sask Reda levy of \$1,150.00. This levy has gone up from last year. Council adopted a Pipeline Crossing Policy and a copy of this policy is being forwarded to Enbridge Pipelines, as per their request.

The Administrator was given permission to attend the Local Improvement Act workshop on June 5<sup>th</sup> in Saskatoon.

Rod Vollmer was appointed as the official voting

delegate for the SARM Division 5 meeting which is to be held in Saskatoon on June 20, 2007. Council passed a motion to not contribute to the Sask Tips program for 2007. Sun West School Division's mill rate for 2007 of 20.38 mills was approved by council.

Council renewed Steven South's pesticide applicator license for 2007. Council passed a motion to write a letter to Stomp Pork Producers recommending they look into an alternate source for disposing of their garbage, i.e. Loraas Disposal.

## June

Council held a special meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> to discuss issues regarding the MRIF project. Council made a motion that each employee would work one Saturday per rotation on the MRIF project road until it is complete and be allowed to take one other day of holidays in lieu of missing their Saturday. Construction hours will be an eleven hour day but they will NOT work Sundays. Council hired Randy Ruuth to work as a labourer with the road construction crew until the completion of the MRIF road.

Council held their regular council meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Council paid the RCMP policing levy for 2007 in the amount of \$11,357.50. We also made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Village of Elbow July 1<sup>st</sup> fireworks display. Council renewed Darryl Norrish's pesticide applicator license for 2007.

Council decided not to donate to the "Save the Elevator" group in Elbow. Kevin Vollmer did agree to assist with flipping pancakes at the breakfast on the July 1<sup>st</sup> long weekend.

Council agreed to donate \$500.00 to the Lakeshore Rodeo Committee as sponsorship to a major event.

Kevin Vollmer, Brian Brown and Garry Book formed a committee which has the authorization of council to spend up to \$30,000.00 to purchase a ¾ ton diesel supercab 4 wheel drive truck.

Council accepted Brian Brown's report on the progress being made by the Gardiner Dam Agri-Energy (GDA) group working on the construction of an ethanol plant.

A letter was sent to DSP regarding burning of the coriander pit. A letter was sent to ratepayers regarding rat infestation problems and suggest they contact our PCO to work towards cleaning up their sites.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **SPECIAL EVENT**

PLACE: ELBOW

DATE: JULY 21 & 22

Lakeshore Rodeo.

### **SPECIAL EVENT**

PLACE: LOREBURN

TIME: JULY 11

Loreburn Lions Farmers' Golf Tournament.

### **SPECIAL EVENT**

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