

R.M. of Laurier No. 38
2017 Newsletter

Greetings from Reeve, Council and Staff

Staff, Equipment and Buildings

Max Johnston has excelled in the position of foreman and will continue as Weed Inspector. In addition to his foreman duties Max will head the mowing and snow removal programs along with general maintenance. Claude Poiron has been retained as the year round grader operator. Shane Underwood is also continuing his full time position with the municipality as a grader and scraper operator. He will be working on numerous small road construction projects throughout the season. Max Johnston and Shane Underwood are also the municipality's Pest Control officers. Maynard Chinski has been contracted to assist with the leafy spurge spray program and mowing. In the office, Elaine McLeod is continuing her contract as a casual administrative assistant.

Just a reminder to all to please be considerate of our staff and watch for equipment on the roads - slow down and give them room to work!

Bridges and Roads

New Bridge Construction should begin this FALL on the 705, with an 80/20 Funding Program between the Government of Sask. & the R.M. of Laurier.

The municipality is focusing on minor road construction and gravelling throughout the municipality. If you have road concerns please speak to your Division Councillor. Also, the municipality is constantly seeking "road gravel" sources. If you know of a potential gravel source in this municipality, please talk to any member of Council or contact the municipal office.

Website

The R.M. of Laurier now offers a host of important information that can be accessed through the Town of Radville website at <http://www.radville.ca/rm-office/>. As 2017 was an assessment year the new updated map should be available on the website and in the office, by the end of summer. Please be sure to check it out!

Other Municipal Issues

Garbage - Ratepayers and Residents are reminded that dumping of garbage in ditches is illegal and offenders may be penalized. Illegal garbage should be reported through the province's TIPS line at 1-800-667-7561 or #5555 from SaskTel Cellular. Reporting can also be done on line at Sasktip.com. For questions about Recycling please call the municipal office.

Leafy Spurge/Noxious Weeds – The R.M. is continuing their aggressive spray program to control Leafy Spurge. Please do your part by monitoring fields and grasslands, yard sites and ditches and reporting any new sightings to your Councillor or Municipal office. Also watch for field bindweed and other noxious weeds!

Pest Control – Max Johnston and Shane Underwood have completed their training and will add Rat Control monitoring to their list of duties. If you have rat concerns, please contact the office or leave a message at the shop. Annual yard checks for rats will continue. Remember, the municipality supplies oatmeal warfarin at no cost and other rat control products at 50% of the municipality's cost. Also a reminder that you can legally hunt beavers in the municipality.

Ditching and Drainage – The province has new ditching and drainage regulations! Please contact the Water Security Agency in Weyburn for your concerns.

Organic Farm Listing – Be sure to advise the municipal office when you change to or from Organic farming practices. This information is requested and needed from time to time by administration.

Fire Fighting- Emergency Planning – False alarms will be charged! The **Controlled burn numbered has changed as well! Avoid unexpected fire- fighting costs by calling 1-866-404-4911** for all your controlled burns. Review your insurance coverage to ensure it covers the cost of firefighting. Yard site maps, diagrams or photo's also greatly assist in the event of an emergency and can be left at the municipal office. As well, the R.M. has a bylaw to allow for the issuing of fire bans when conditions warrant.

Zoning Bylaw - If you are planning to subdivide land, construct buildings adjacent to roadways or develop gravel pits, please check with the municipal office first. The municipal Zoning Bylaw may affect your plans!

Speed Limits & Overweight Permits - Many municipal roads have speed restrictions for vehicles exceeding 10 tonne. As well overweight permits are required for haulers who exceed the weight limits. **All haulers are asked to use common sense and avoid hauling when road conditions are not suitable.** Also haulers please note the 705 Primary Grid is only a nine month primary road.

Residential Exemptions – Due to New Government requirements, please ensure you complete the enclosed residential exemption form to ensure your exemption is properly documented.

Payments - Only tax payments can be made by direct payment through the Radius Credit Union, (see RCU to arrange setting up payment); however E-transfers (Electronic Transfers) may be used to make any payment. If using E transfers to make payments, your financial may have dollar limits which could restrict your payments. When mailing payments please allow 10 days to ensure payment is received and if time sensitive request the post office manually date stamp your payment letter.

APAS - As a rate payer in this RM...you are a member in good standing of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS), Saskatchewan's general farm organization. APAS serves as the voice of thousands of farmers and ranchers both locally and provincially, as well as on a national level as a member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture. Your elected APAS representative advocates for you in general farm policy discussions, and you are welcome to attend local district meetings.

To learn more about meetings and policy submissions, visit www.APAS.ca

As an APAS member...you are encouraged to take advantage of the APAS benefits programs. These 14 programs can provide significant savings and advantages for you, your family and your farm operation. Benefits include:

Co-operators – Exclusive insurance coverage

Chrysler – Special pricing

Acklands-Grainger – Discounts on cash purchases

For the full list of APAS member benefits & more details: www.APAS.ca/my-rewards

R.M. of Laurier #38 Council Members

Reeve - Todd Labbie

Division 1 - Patrick Doud

Division 2 - Jim Doud

Division 3 – Bradley Vandenhurk

Division 4 - Rick Ricard

Division 5 - Bev Pirio

Division 6 - Alan Krausher

Administrator - Ursula Scott

Administrative Assistant – Elaine McLeod

R.M. Office 306-869-2255 Email: rm.38@sasktel.net

Fax 306-869-2524

Controlled Burns – 1-866-404-4911 Sask Tips 1-800-667-7561

Sask 1st Call - To locate underground cables and pipelines Call 1-866-828-4888.

Have a safe Summer and Harvest!