

Summer 2023

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## Neilburg Beach

Recently local volunteers spent their valuable time cleaning up the Neilburg Beach area, making this an inviting place for everyone to enjoy.

Please remember this is a use at your own risk area and respect the hard work done by volunteers and keep it clean.

Last year the municipality worked with the RCMP to locate the squatters responsible for the majority of the mess. With the early winter it was not possible

to complete the investigation. Early this spring we were able to attain the go ahead to remove the camper and debris.

Currently the Neilburg Beach is owned by the Neilburg Kinsmen Club. Due to the disbandment, the RM has submitted the paperwork to acquire ownership for continued stewardship of the land.

This area will not be formally maintained as it is not a park. Please go to Manitou Lake Regional Park

for camping. Signs will be installed imploring everyone to police themselves and keep the spot as natural and orderly as possible.

Thank you!



## Tax Payment Options

In person with **cash, cheque or e-transfer.**

**Sending a cheque.** Mailed cheques must be received in the office before December 31. Payments are not receipted based on the post marked date.

Through your bank via **e-transfer.** This may require the payment to be broken into multiple transactions dependent on the limits set by your financial

institution. Please include your information in the notes so the payment is applied to the correct property. *Send e-transfers to rm440@sasktel.net.*

**Credit card and debit card** payments are now available with a fee per use. Each transaction will include a 3.25% processing fee payable at the time of transaction. (Processing fees are the sole responsibility of the payee. The point of sale system costs the RM nothing.)

**Partial payments** of taxes are always accepted. If this suits your budget better we can help you figure out a schedule.

Once tax payments are processed a receipt will be given or mailed to you for your records.

**As always taxes are due December 31, 2023.**

Tax discounts have been eliminated in an effort to alleviate the loss of revenue.

## Making Hay

The RM allows for the cutting of hay on municipal road allowances.

Adjacent landowners or lessees have first option to salvage hay. Landowners must be notified of the intent to salvage hay on or before July 8 of each year. After July 8, any person may cut and salvage hay without permission, provided the landowner or lessee has not begun salvage operations.

The right of ways must be left neat and tidy. Bales must be at least 8 meters (26 ft) from the edge of shoulder of the road. **Bales must be removed within one month,** or may be retrieved by the RM.

No person shall cut hay during the period from one-half hour after sunset until one half hour before sunrise. Haying operations shall not obstruct the travelled portion of road.



## GO SLOW in the ORANGE ZONE

There are many construction projects throughout Saskatchewan this year, please take care when heading out this summer. This year the RM is constructing 1 mile in Division 5 and 1 mile in Division 1.



Remember to reduce your speed to 60 km/hr or less around any construction equipment, tow trucks and emergency personnel.

*Remember, a single grader is a working construction zone.*

**Please SLOW DOWN in the Orange Zone. Look for the amber flashing lights and reduce your speed.**

## Council

Reeve

Glenn Goodfellow  
306-823-4560

**Division 1**  
Trevor McCrea  
306-398-2912

**Division 2**  
Tannis Chibri  
780-870-8238

**Division 3**  
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306-823-7081

**Division 4**  
Darren Tyler  
306-398-7554

**Division 5**  
Floyd Whitney  
780-205-1463

**Division 6**  
Chip Chibri  
780-870-5668

If you are unsure which Councillor you should be talking with please contact the Municipal Office, 306-823-4321.

Municipal Staff are available weekdays during regular business hours and would be happy to help with any questions and concerns.



## View From My Window

The RM Office is interested in our municipality! We would love to see the ever changing vistas near you. Show us what we are missing!

Send us a snapshot from your window, yard or tractor! Share the beauty we have over the 11 townships in the municipality! Photos may be used on our website, in newsletters and RM publications, let's showcase our amazing landscape!

Please send photos to [rm440@sasktel.net](mailto:rm440@sasktel.net)

## Really I Need a Permit ! ?

**YES!** Permits are required for Developments, Buildings, and Control Burns. Permit Applications can be found on our website under the Permits Tab.

### **Development Permits**

You require a development permit for new construction, a change in use of land or a building, or a change in the intensity of land or building use. The permit allows us to inform you of the required set backs, guidelines, rules and planning policies which have to be considered. The information given allows us to determine if your project is a discretionary or permitted use.

Permitted developments are approved by the CAO and can proceed when approval is granted. If a permit falls outside of the parameters and is deemed discretionary, it requires a resolution of Council. When a development is for discretionary use under the Zoning Bylaw, a Public

Hearing is required. This hearing provides a means through which neighbors, and other affected individuals can provide feedback to Council.

Not all projects require a development permit. General maintenance and repairs, fences, trapping and the temporary confinement of livestock do not require permits.

### **Building Permits**

The Saskatchewan Government has offloaded the responsibility of building permits to municipalities. In April Council passed *The Bylaw in Respect of Buildings*, approved by the Ministry on June 20, 2023. This bylaw is for any new builds that are greater than 10m<sup>2</sup> (107.6 ft<sup>2</sup>) in building area, unless otherwise exempted by *The Act* or the regulations. This is brand new for the RM and we have hired a building inspection company to work with you through the process.

### **Burning Permits**

**ALL YEAR ROUND** you are required to obtain a free Burning Permit. Call the Municipal Office during regular business hours, 306-823-4321.

You are also required to call the Control Burn Hotline 1-866-404-4911 **after** receiving the RM permit.

Obtaining a Burning Permit and reporting your controlled burn may save you money. If the Control Burn Hotline has not been informed of your fire and 911 is called you will be **BILLED**. In the event your controlled burn becomes uncontrolled and 911 is dispatched, charges from protective or emergency services will be billed as per normal policy.

*Permits are required to protect you, your property, your neighbours and the municipality as a whole. When in doubt please give us a call.*

## Pest Control

The RM of Hillsdale No. 440 Pest Control Officer is **Rob Knoll • 780-999-4833**

Rob will be visiting yards, bin yards and vacant sites to ensure our rat population stays in control.

## Freemont Transfer Station

Located 5.5 miles East of Neilburg on Highway 40 and 1 mile South

Wednesdays • 9am to 5pm & Saturdays • 9am to 1pm

## Got Dust?

Slower speeds = less dust.

Most of our ratepayers live on unsurfaced roads and deal with dust. Slower speeds help reduce the amount of dust generated. All of our RM roads are 80 km/hr including any surfaced roads like Grid 675. Be respectful when driving past yard sites and be mindful of your speed.

Dust control was offered for yard sites this year. Due to the lack of interest, it was not feasible to proceed.

## Ditch Tender Loving Care

Keeping the right of ways **free** from debris such as rocks, fencing material, and garbage allows our mowers to cut easily and efficiently. On most roads our mowers make a top cut early in the summer and when weather permits we are able to make a second cut on all roads.

When **accessing** pasture or fields it is imperative that an approach is used, not the ditch. When ruts, bumps and trenches are left behind, the integrity of the roadside is compromised and it could lead to the breakdown of the

road surface. The smooth slope helps the road top 'breathe' and 'live' to hold up our vehicles. It also is a concern for liability, if an accident occurs in a rough spot it could cause more damage than a smooth area.

**Fencing** must be within 1.5 feet of the property line or within your property, not beside the travelled road surface. Please ensure to gather the proper information before installation of a new fence, or repairing an old one.

The **grass** on road allowances is

necessary to preserve road stability. When the road allowances are cultivated and/or over sprayed, this significantly decreases the stability. Farmers please be diligent and remain on your own land and not encroach into RM right of way. Causing any damage may result in charges for repair. If this has been your practice until now, we ask that you to adjust your farming practices for better management and maintenance of the roadways.