

# NEWSLETTER 2024

#### FIRE DEPT SERVICES



# Please review your fire insurance policy and the deductible to be sure that you have sufficient coverage.

<u>Caronport Fire Dept</u> rates are as follows, PER CALL:

\*\*\$750.00\*\* for each hour of part thereof

- The number of hours responding will be calculated from the time of dispatch to the time the equipment and apparatus dispatched are restored to a sufficient state of readiness to respond to the subsequent alarm.
- Plus, the actual cost for any required additional services.

Fire Fighting services are provided on a user pay basis. You will be billed for fire responses to your property. Please note that upon the Fire Departments arrival that they then have full control/jurisdiction of the area and when required RCMP will be called.

# **CONTROLLED BURNS**



All controlled or planned burns must be reported in order to avoid a false alarm.

If you plan to do a Controlled Burn, please call 9-1-1 Administration at:

1-866-404-4911

Report what you are burning, the land location of the controlled burn, and the telephone number you can be reached at.

This will avoid charges for Fire Dept Services that are not for an emergency.

#### **GOPHER POISON**

Rozol & ZP, are available at a cost to all ratepayers. Please contact the office for more information.

# 2024 Mill Rates

Council is happy to say the mill rate has been decreased from 5.5 in 2023, to 5.4 for 2024. Mill rate factors (MRF) have remained the same as 2023 and the province has also kept the school mill rates the same as 2023.

2024 Municipal and Education Mill Rates are listed below:

Property Class	Municipal		Public School Division
Agriculture		0.7 MRF	1.42 Mill Rate
Residential	5.4 Mill	1.0 MRF	4.54 Mill Rate
Commercial/ Industrial	Rate	2.2 MRF	6.86 Mill Rate
Resource		2.2MRF	9.88 Mill Rate
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(Taxable assessment x (Mill Rate x MRF) ÷ 1,000 = Taxes)

# **DRIVEWAYS**

By request, the municipality will grade private roads to yards <u>if</u> time permits. All private snow removal or other grader work is custom work.



**CUSTOM WORK** 

The municipal grader is available to do custom work for ratepayers. The charge for ratepayers is \$200.00 per hour for field work and \$300.00 per hour for non-ratepayers or work outside of the RM boundary.

#### **HARASSMENT**

Please note that harassment of any kind towards any employee of the RM of Wheatlands will not be tolerated. All issues should be addressed directly to the councilor of your division or the office by phone and/or letter.



#### SETBACK REGULATIONS

All trees, shrubs, solid fences, stone piles, portable structures, machinery, buildings or other objects must be at least 150 feet from the center line on any municipal road.

<u>Barbwire Fences</u> may be constructed anywhere on private land, as long as it is on private owner boundaries. (*Refer to Bylaw No.01-14*)

# **ROAD ALLOWANCE**

Ratepayers are reminded that they cannot do any type of maintenance such as grading or leveling on any municipal roads or municipal property. The road allowance is 66 feet wide.

# **PEST CONTROL**

Mouse and Rat poison, in <u>reasonable</u> quantities, are available at the municipal office to all ratepayers, free of charge. Those with severe infestation are encouraged to contat our pest control officer:

Ryan Budd- (306-631-7350)

#### DISCOUNTS ON PAYMENTS OF CURRENT TAXES

The discount on payment of current year taxes is as follows:

The office accepts full or partial payments of taxes at any time. Postdated cheques <u>are</u> accepted.

Penalties on arrears of taxes remain at a compounded rate of 1.876% per month.

Tax payments are DUE by

December 31. Payments received after this date will incur interest.

#### LEAFY SPURGE PROGRAM

**TORDON** and **ASPECT** are available for purchase from the RM at a 50/50 cost share for ratepayers. Please contact the office to make arrangements. The RM contracts **Marksmen Vegetation** to combat noxious weeds within the RM road allowances. They are available for hire to do minor applications (ex. fence lines). Forms are available at the office and must be filled out prior to the applicator's arrival (approx. June 1st each year). This service is in high demand and therefore there is no guarantee that they will be able to accommodate every application.

# Council for the RM of Wheatlands NO. 163

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Municipal Office Located at 108 Rose St in Mortlach
OPEN: Monday to Thursday 8:00 am – 3:00pm

CLOSED - All Statutory Holidays



GENERAL ELECTIONS will be held on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for Reeve, Divisions 1, 3 and 5.

Call for nominations will be posted by September 24th. For more information, call the office, or visit

https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council Meetings are held on the

2nd Wednesday

of each

8:30am.

unless otherwise posted at the RM Office.

<u>WHAT'S NEW in 2024</u> – Many projects were <u>completed</u> this year, which included: the Bridge-to-Bridge Enhancement on Caribou and upgrades to the existing Bulk Water System (2 reservoir tanks). Projects still in progress include: Bridge to Culvert Project (straight South of Mortlach) and the finalizing of a new public well located in the RM.

In 2024 the entire RM had an Assessment <u>Reinspection</u> through SAMA (last one was done in 1994). 2025 will bring an Assessment <u>Revaluation</u> (done provincially every 4 years).

#### **BUILDING PERMITS**

The RM of Wheatlands now has a building bylaw in effect, as per provincial government requirements.

#### When do I need a Building Permit?

- For new construction such as houses, cabins, commercial or industrial buildings, garages, and sheds over 100 square feet.
- Renovations that involve major structural changes such as basement finishing, additions to your home, cabin, business and deck or garage construction.
- When a building is being moved into the municipality

Buildings deemed "farm" or "agricultural", that is, used <u>exclusively</u> for the purpose of storing farm/agricultural equipment, livestock, grain or other farm produce/commodities/materials/implements are exempt.

If you are unsure on whether your project requires a permit or not, please contact the office or check out the "Building Permit" page on our website!

# BULK WATER

Our bulk water station is located at the NW 24-17-01-W3 along the main grid road.

There are no coins needed for this machine.

Ratepayers – contact the office to register for your access code.

Non-Ratepayers – a deposit must be left at the RM Office and will be used against water taken.

The current rate for bulk water is \$7.00 per cubic meter (cubic meter = 1000L or 264 US gallons). This rate is based solely on the cost of the water. No profit in this will be recognized.

THIS WATER IS DEEMED NON-POTABLE & THEREFORE IS NOT SAFE FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

MAPS
Can be
Purchased
at the RM
Office

\*RM Map-\$15

\*Homestead & Grant Maps- \$20 for the set

\*\*RM Maps are also available on the IHunter App! We keep our website up to date! Check it out at:

www.wheatlands163.ca



We are now on Facebook as well!



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# Parkbeg Landfill Hours:

Tuesdays - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sundays - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Located at SE-25-17-03-W3 (between highways)

**GARBAGE**- a bin is provided for **rural ratepayers** for **household waste ONLY.** 

**STEEL**- a bin is provided at the landfill.

WOOD PILE – is for <u>CLEAN WOOD WASTE ONLY</u>. Trees, brush, stumps and lumber/wood which **HAVE NOT** been painted, stained, treated or preserved and any associated hardware removed.

**RECYCLING** – The big blue bin <u>is located at the RM Shop</u> in Mortlach. Please refer to www.loraasdisposal.com for Recycling Guidelines.



#### **2024 DONATIONS**

Hudson Bay Route Association	\$300.00
Mortlach Grads	In-Kind
Mortlach Branch Library	\$885.75
Mortlach/Parkbeg First Responders	\$1,000.00
Parkland Kinsmen	\$1,500.00
Sask Ag & Health	\$791.00
Sask Crime Stoppers	\$200.00
Sask Tips	\$100.00
STARS	\$1,500.00

**RECYCLE SASKATCHEWAN** – visit www.recyclesaskatchewan.ca for info on recycling waste reduction, electronics, scrap tires, used oil filters, etc.