

# NEWSLETTER 2025

#### **FIRE DEPT SERVICES**



The RM of Wheatlands
No.163 is now a FULL
partner with the Caronport
Fire Department.

#### What this means:

• Yearly levy submitted by the RM of Wheatlands:

OLD: \$20,000 NEW: \$34,000

- Ratepayers are NO LONGER charged for firecalls within our boundaries ("ratepayers" excluding, railways & pipelines)
- A Satellite Fire Hall is being constructed on the outskirts of Mortlach (across from the RM shop) & is owned by the RM of Wheatlands
- Operational & maintenance costs for this Satellite Fire Hall are borne by the Caronport Fire Department

### **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 the fire department being called out on a false alarm.

NEW GRAVEL PIT: Gravel will be available to ratepayers from the RM's new Pit, for the rate of \$11.75 per yard, plus mileage and loading, to a maximum of 2 loads per ratepayer, per year.

## **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** at \$200.00 per hour for field work (\$300.00 per hour for 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 <u>center</u> line on any municipal road.

<u>Barbwire Fences</u> may be constructed anywhere on private land, as long as it is on private owned 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 contact our pest control officer:

Ryan Budd- (306-631-7350)

#### 2025 Mill Rates

The assessment revaluation year has brought changes to 2025's uniform mill rate and mill rate factors (MRF).

2025 Municipal and Education Mill Rates are listed as follows:

Property Class		Municipal	Public School Division
Agriculture		0.7 MRF	1.07 Mill Rate
Residential	3.9 Mill	1.2 MRF	4.27 Mill Rate
Commercial/ Industrial	Rate	2.25 MRF	6.37 Mill Rate
Resource		2.25 MRF	7.49 Mill Rate

(Taxable assessment x (Mill Rate x MRF) ÷ 1,000 = Taxes)
\*Minimum Tax of \$25 applies\*

#### DISCOUNTS ON PAYMENTS OF CURRENT TAXES

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

| Sist as follows: | Jan 1 - Sept 30: 5% Discount | Oct 1 - Oct 31: 4% Discount | Nov 1 - Nov 30: 2% Discount | Dec 1 - Dec 31: 0% Discount

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 **REEVE:** Kurtis Hicks 630-8811 **DIVISION 1:** Andy Bossence 631-0416 **DIVISION 2:** Tyler Hall 631-1133 **DIVISION 3:** Al Muhle 630-2582 **DIVISION 4:** David Graves 631-6924 **DIVISION 5:** Darrel Molde 631-7598 **DIVISION 6: Aaron Lambert** 630-3850

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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

#### **GOPHER POISON**

Rozol & ZP are both available at cost. The RM will apply, on behalf of the ratepayer, for the SARM Gopher Control Program. The ratepayer will receive a 50% rebate cheque in the fall.

<u>Deadline for all applications is July 31, 2025.</u> Contact the office for further information.

#### **MAPS**

Can be purchased at the RM Office \*RM Maps - \$15

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

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council Meetings are held on the

2nd Wednesday

of each

8:30am.

unless otherwise posted at the RM Office.

WHAT'S NEW in 2025 — The Bridge to Culvert Project (straight South of Mortlach) has been completed. A new public well is now located at NW-14-16-03-W3. A Satellite Fire Hall is set to be completed this year, located at 219 Saskatchewan St in Mortlach (across from the RM shop). Thanks to the SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Grant the RM was approved for a total amount of \$5,116.00 to install 2 solar flashing beacons to the existing STOP signs at Range Road 3020 (Courval Grid) and Highway # 1 intersections on the north and south sides.

2025 is an Assessment Revaluation year (conducted by SAMA 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 <u>storing</u> 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 NW 24-17-01-W3, along the main grid road.

No coins are 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 is recognized.

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

**NEW:** Water Fill Options

- Low Volume Fill This water comes directly from the ground line and can be slower at times.
- 2. **Tank Fill** This water comes from the holding tanks, for faster flow.

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 Transfer Station 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)

<u>GARBAGE</u>- a bin is provided for <u>rural ratepayers</u> for <u>household waste ONLY.</u>

**STEEL**- a bin is provided.

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 has been removed.

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



#### **2025 DONATIONS**

4-H Clubs (Ernfold & Oldwives)	\$250 each
Agriculture Health & Safety	\$781
Cemetery Upkeep	\$600
Hudson Bay Route Association	\$300
Legion Military Service Recognition Boo	ok \$250
Mortlach/Parkbeg First Responders	\$1,000
Mortlach School SCC	\$1,000
Parkland Kinsmen	\$1,500
Sask Crime Stoppers	\$200
Sask Tips	\$100
STARS	\$1,500