



RM of Beaver River No. 622

Providing ratepayers with
current and correct information
pertaining to the RM

June 2019

www.rmofbeaverriver622.ca 159 Main Street, Pierceland 306-839-2060

The RM of Beaver River Reeve, Council and Staff send condolences to the families of long-time Councillor **Art Nault** and employee **Tom Pethick** on their recent passing.

They will be deeply missed by the communities of Pierceland and Goodsoil.

May they rest in peace.



Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Hail Insurance

Please contact the RM office for all your Hail Insurance needs. I am now certified to sell both SMHI (Sask. Municipal Hail Insurance) and AMHL (Additional Municipal Hail Insurance)!!! If you're interested I can give quotes over the phone, 306-839-2060.

Nicole Neufeld,
Administrator



OFFICIAL
ELECTION
RESULTS

BY-ELECTION RESULTS

Dwayne Degenhardt has been elected as the RM of Beaver River Councillor for Division 3

Attention Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Members



Important Hail Deadlines

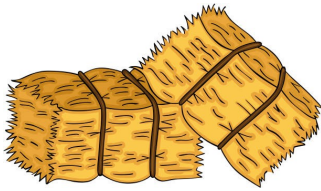
June 15: Last day to file crop reports

June 30: Last day for new applicants to apply for coverage with SMHI

August 1: Last day to apply for AMHL



If you did not withdraw from the SMHI hail program as at March 31, 2019 you are required to file your crop report on or before June 15th, 2019. Failure to do so may result in an appointed official completing a certified crop report on your behalf for a fee.



Free Hay!

Once again, producers can take advantage of free hay in provincial highway ditches.

Hay can be salvaged any time during the spring or summer months. Before and including July 8, landowners or lessees nearest/adjacent to the ditch have the first option to cut or bale material, but after that day anyone can cut and bale without permission from the property-owner, as long as no salvage operations have already begun. It is recommended that participants contact their local ministry office to provide contact information and limits on where they are salvaging hay to avoid disputes.

Hay must be cut at a uniform height in ditches and bales must be placed at least eight metres away from the shoulder of the highway. Bales must be removed by August 8, otherwise they may be subject to removal and disposal by the ministry. After August 8, bales must be removed immediately following haying operations. The ministry may also remove and dispose of hay bales in locations deemed unsafe for drivers.

Ditch Mowing

The ministry is working on its annual early mowing program along high traffic volume highways, which begins June 7 and will continue until July 15. Contractors cut a four-metre wide swath along shoulders adjacent to Highways 1, 7, 11, 16 and 39, along with portions of Highways 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10. During this time, mowing may be completed near some highway intersections and interchanges, railway crossings and tourism facilities.

Regular ditch mowing will occur along all four-lane highways between July 15 and the fall months. A four-metre-wide strip will be mowed adjacent to the other highways with additional mowing as required to ensure visibility and weed control. Progress is weather dependent.

Key Dates

- June 7 - July 15: Mowing includes a four-metre shoulder cut adjacent to the road. Highways 1, 7, 11, 16 and 39, along with portions of Highways 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10. Some highway intersections may receive a full ditch cut to ensure good sightlines.
- July 8: Prior to and including this date, a landowner or lessee nearest to a highway ditch has the first option to cut or bale hay. After this date, anyone may cut and bale hay or grass in a highway ditch without getting the permission of the adjacent landowner.
- July 15 - Oct. 15: Contractors begin mowing the width of ditches along all four-lane highways. All other highways get a four-metre cut adjacent to the highway shoulder.
- August 8: All hay bales must be removed from ditches or they may be removed and disposed of at the ministry's discretion.

Ministry Contacts

For additional information or to provide contact information and limits of hay salvage operations, please contact the district office in your area:



2019 Budget Highlights

- ♦ The RM is pleased to announce there will be no tax increase in 2019.



The 2019 Budget was adopted by RM Council resolution on April 15, 2019.

Total 2019 revenues: \$2 372 160

Total 2019 expenditures: \$2 308 080

Total budgeted surplus: \$64 080

\$380 000 of the municipal budget has been allocated to the 2019 Gravel Program. 20 000 tonnes of road gravel is being purchased from Site Resource Group. Harco Enterprises Ltd. has been contracted to complete the 2019 gravel haul.

There is approximately 42 000 tonnes of road gravel in the RM gravel inventory.

\$60 000 allocated to road maintenance.

In 2019, two bridges on Range Road 3214 will be replaced with two new 20 foot span bridges.

The RM debt to date is a total of \$159 188.59 for one 2017 Cat 140M Grader.

Municipal Hail \$1000.00 Scholarship

Eligibility & Availability:

Must be enrolled in a university or technical institute in the province of Saskatchewan and be dependent of a client, an employee or an agent of Municipal Hail. Five Scholarships will be awarded annually in July.

How to Apply:

Application form available at municipalhail.ca/resources/2018scholarship.pdf

Submit a completed application form accompanied by a copy of your most recent transcripts and proof of enrollment in a Saskatchewan university or technical institute to:

Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance Association

2100 Cornwall Street

Regina, SK S4P 2K7

Or email: smhi@municipalhail.ca

Successful applicants will be notified by July 31st.



Community Litter Cleanup



The Goodsoil Travel Club (Goodsoil Central School) and the grade 6-9 classes as well as the Pierceland Central School have been working hard removing litter from ditches within the municipality of Beaver River.

**Please do your part to keep our municipality clean and beautiful!
Put waste in the right place!
Thank you.**



New Purchase

The RM of Beaver River has purchased, from Finning, a wing-mounted Gravel Reclaimer for our CAT 140 Grader.

The grader attachment helps shape the road shoulder while pulling gravel out of the ditches and placing it back on the road.

Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER IN ITS ENTIRETY AS IT COULD QUITE POSSIBLY CHANGE THE WAY YOU PERCEIVE AND USE HAIL INSURANCE AS A TOOL IN YOUR FARMING OPERATION

DID YOU KNOW that SMHI has been providing affordable and continuous coverage for land owners for over 100 years; and

DID YOU KNOW that SMHI is operated and controlled by farmers for farmers and surplus funds from light claim years go back to their customers through lower rates; and

DID YOU KNOW that our board of directors is comprised of producers who are elected by delegates appointed by Rural Municipalities; and

DID YOU KNOW that SMHI does not pay a dividend and instead uses the income generated from surplus funds to annual subsidise you hail premiums by 8%; and

DID YOU KNOW that in a township where the rate is 2% you can cover your wheat or canola crop at \$275.00 per acre for \$5.50 per acre; and

DID YOU KNOW that SMHI is the only crop hail insurer that offers early prompt payment discounts; and

DID YOU KNOW that SMHI was the first company to automate the loss adjustment process; and

DID YOU KNOW that we have improved our claim response time and have strategically placed adjustment teams; and

DID YOU KNOW that we offer the most farmer friendly claim review practices in the industry; and

DID YOU KNOW that SMHI has paid back in losses over 77 cents of every dollar collected in premiums; and

DID YOU KNOW that you can also purchase insurance on your owned or rented land through ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL HAIL LTD.; and

DID YOU KNOW that we offer a combined indemnity limit up to \$850 per acre; and

DID YOU KNOW that you can file your SMHI crop report online; and

DID YOU KNOW that we have the team and resources in place to continuously take care of your hail insurance needs now and into the future; and

DID YOU KNOW that you can contact Nicole Neufeld at (306) 839-2060 or Head office at 1-877-414-7644, or visit us online at smhi.ca to secure your Insurance coverage.

Storms are unpredictable. We aren't.



Did You Know?

Did you know that RM Council Meeting Minutes are available to view at the RM website

www.rmofbeaverriver622.ca

as well as at the office during regular office hours.

RM Website Feedback

Now that the updated RM of Beaver River website has been running for a year or so we would welcome any feedback on what appears on the site as well as anything you feel is missing. We try to keep as up to date as possible but sometimes staff time constraints cause delays.

Also of note, the Council Meeting Minutes are not posted until they are approved and signed at the next council meeting.

Ratepayer Communication Form

If you would like to communicate information and concerns to your RM of Beaver River Reeve and Council it is preferred that you use a Communication Form. The form is available in the office during business hours or on the website under Policies and Bylaws/RM Policies/100 General Government. This form can then be presented to council at the next regular Council Meeting.



COMMUNICATION FORM "A"

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

COMMUNICATION DETAILS (PLEASE INCLUDE RELEVANT DATES, TIMES, ETC. IF APPLICABLE) Use additional pages if required.

I, HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THE RM WILL FOLLOW PROCEDURES AS PER POLICY 100 COMMUNICATIONS.

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____



The RM of Beaver River
Reeve and Council
would like to extend
congratulations to all
the graduates within
our municipality



Regular RM Office Hours: Monday to Friday 8 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 4 pm

Pest Control

2% Strychnine concentrate is available for purchase at the RM of Beaver River office in Pierceland. The cost is \$277.20 per case of 24 bottles. (Smaller quantities available by request.)

Please use and store Strychnine responsibly.



PIERCELAND HOUSING

Pierceland Housing has units available in the Housing Program.

For more information on the units and to apply, please call the Pierceland Housing Manager at 306-301-1956.

**Leslie Brunet
Pierceland Housing Manager**



**Next RM Council meeting
June 20, 2019
8:30 am**

RM of Beaver River Maps

The updated maps have finally arrived! Our maps are available for purchase at the RM office for \$15.75 (tax included).



REEVE AND COUNCIL CONTACT NUMBERS

Reeve: Joe Rolfes	(C) 780-753-0357
Division 1: Jason Vongrad	(C) 306-304-1973
Division 2: Brent Bender	(C) 306-238-7755
Division 3: Dwayne Degenhardt	(H) 306-238-4427 (C) 780-812-8701
Division 4: Les Kruchkowski	(C) 306-821-7047
Division 5: Lorne Wyss	(H) 306-839-2038 (C) 306-839-7766
Division 6: Wayne Rewega	(H) 306-839-2073 (C) 306-839-7886
Administrator: Nicole Neufeld	306-839-2060
RM Office:	306-839-2060
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Map Feedback

Our new RM maps have been out for a couple of months now. We would appreciate any input you have for the next issue. Did you notice any errors in this map? Are your properties marked properly? We are working with Munisoft Mapping to ensure our maps are as accurate as possible.

The new map is also available on our website. We have been advised that it doesn't always appear correct, depending on what version of Adobe Reader you have on your device. Unfortunately there is nothing we can do to solve that. What we have posted on our website is correct.

We are still waiting for the final proof of the subdivision maps and will post in future RM newsletters when they will be available for purchase.



**The Annual Ratepayer Meeting
is set for August 9th, 2019 at
7:00 pm
Pierceland Community Hall
(Unfortunately Goodsoil Hall was booked
for this date)**