



RM of Beaver River

No. 622

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December 2022

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306-839-2060
www.rmofbeaverriver622.ca



Welcome and congratulations to our new RM of Beaver River Councillors:

Brian Sawatzky in Division 2

And

Ken Hammett in Division 4

Congratulations also goes out to returning Councillor **Wayne Rewega** in Division 6.

Thank you to departing councillors **Brent Bender** and **Les Kruckowski** for their service to the RM of Beaver River and it's communities.



Snow Plowing

The RM of Beaver River can be contracted to snow plow your rural driveway with a grader. Prepaid snow plow flags are available at the RM office for \$40 plus GST. A form must also be filled out authorizing the RM to complete this work. The form is available both at the RM office and on the website under Policies & Bylaws, then click on RM Forms. If you purchase a flag and place it at your driveway entrance the work will be done when the grader is in your area.

Each flag is only good for one grader visit.



Next RM Council meeting
December 15, 2022 8:30 am
at the RM of Beaver River Office
in Pierceland

Due to the number of approaches in the municipality, the RM of Beaver River grader operators do not lift the grader blade at approaches when plowing snow.

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BEAVER RIVER NO. 622

Public Notice –Basic Planning Statement and Zoning Bylaw Amendments

Public Notice is hereby given that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Beaver River No. 622 (RM) intends to adopt a bylaw under *The Planning and Development Act, 8663*. A bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 58 known as the Basic Planning Statement (BPS), and a bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 57 known as the Zoning Bylaw (ZB).

INTENT: The proposed BPS amendment would provide additional policy guidance for consideration of small agricultural parcels (under 14 ha; 34.6 ac) in the **A-Agricultural District**.

The proposed ZB amendment would allow, at the discretion of Council and subject to BPS policy, and evaluative criteria, agricultural parcels in the **A-District** to a minimum of 4.86 ha (12 ac) per parcel and up to 4 parcels not exceeding a total area of 24.28 ha (60 ac), and where at least 32.4 ha (80 ac) remain unsubdivided within the balance of the agricultural holding. The landowner would be responsible for any upgraded road access, and residential development would be expressly prohibited without a change to a principal residential land use along with the appropriate permitting, municipal and provincial requirements having been met.

AFFECTED LAND: Lands within the **A-District** would be affected by the proposed bylaws.

REASON: The proposed amendments would allow for agricultural parcels smaller than currently allowable subject to conditions deemed appropriate by Council by bylaw, and where residential development is not intended or permitted.

PUBLIC INSPECTION: Any person may inspect the bylaws at the RM Office during regular business hours, excluding statutory holidays. Hard copies will be available to the public at a cost or by contacting the Development Officer (ceo@northboundplanning.ca; (306) 397-1000) and asking for a digital copy.

PUBLIC HEARING: Council will hold a public hearing at **11:00AM on December 15th, 2022**, to hear any person or group that wants to comment on the proposed bylaws. Council will also consider written comments received **on or before December 12th, 2022**, by the undersigned at the RM office by hardcopy or email before the hearing. The RM office is located at 159 Main Street, Pierceland, SK, S0M 2K0. The RM Office contact information: (306) 839-2060 or rm622@sasktel.net .

Issued by the Rural Municipality of Beaver River No. 622 this 23rd day of November, 2022.

S. Yvonne Prusak, MCIP, RPP
Development Officer / Municipal Planner
RM of Beaver River No. 622

Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program Funding

On October 6, 2022, Canada and Saskatchewan announced more than \$44.6 million in federal-provincial funding for 28 new infrastructure projects across Saskatchewan. The RM of Beaver River along with the Village of Pierceland is receiving funding for the Pierceland Landfill Decommissioning Project under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program.

Decommissioning and reclaiming of the former landfill, including three primary, former waste disposal areas, historically operated by the Village of Pierceland and the RM of Beaver River No. 622:

Federal Funding: \$575 122

Provincial Funding: \$479 220

RM and Village Funding: \$383 463

Write a letter to Santa!

Sacks of letters are arriving at the North Pole and our postal elves are busy helping Santa with his mail.

How to get your letter to Santa

Santa and the postal elves are busy this time of year. Send your mail to the North Pole in time to hear back from Santa.

Here is Santa's address:

**Santa Claus
North Pole
HOH OHO
Canada**



Get a letter back

Include a return address in your letter and Santa will send you a letter back.

Don't miss the deadline

Send your Santa letters no later than **December 9, 2022** to receive a reply before the holidays.

Prepare for an Emergency

Emergencies can occur at any time. In an emergency, response agencies focus their efforts first where the need is greatest. That is why individual emergency preparedness is so important. More information at www.saskpublicsafety.ca

It only takes four simple steps to become better prepared to face an emergency:

1. Know the risks
2. Make a plan
3. Get or prepare an emergency kit
4. Download SaskAlert to receive alerts of emergencies happening now in your location - www.saskalert.ca

Build a Kit

Your emergency kit should have everything you, your family and your pets would need to be safe and take care of yourselves for at least three days immediately following an emergency. Your kit should be portable in case you need to evacuate.

Family Essentials

food (non-perishable and easy-to-prepare items, enough for three days) and a manual can opener
bottled water (four litres per person for each day)
medication(s)
flashlight
radio (crank or battery-run)
extra batteries
first-aid kit
candles and matches/lighter
hand sanitizer or moist towelettes
important papers (identification, contact lists, copies of prescriptions, etc.)
extra car keys and cash
whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
zip-lock bag (to keep things dry)
garbage bags

Extra Supplies for Evacuation

clothes, shoes
sleeping bags or blankets
personal items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, comb, other toiletries)
playing cards, travel games, other activities for children

Special Considerations

items for babies and small children – diapers, formula, bottles, baby food, comfort items
prescription medication
medical supplies and equipment
any other items specific to your family's needs

Pet Essentials

Food and water: A seven day supply of food and drinking water in an airtight, waterproof container.

Current photos of you and your pet, important documents, medications, medical record, extra supply of the medicines your pet takes on a regular basis in a waterproof container, pet first aid kit, collar/harness, ID Tag and leash, crate or other pet carrier, sanitation: Include pet litter, a litter box, paper towels, plastic trash bags and a container of household bleach to provide for pet sanitation.



SaskAlert App

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Keep updated on emergency alerts with SaskAlert on your phone.

RM Office Holiday Hours

Just a friendly reminder that our office will be **CLOSED** from December 24 to December 28, 2022.

****OPEN**** December 29, 2022 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (closed from 12 pm to 1 pm)

CLOSED December 30, 2022 to January 2, 2023.

We will be **OPEN** January 3rd from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm (closed from 12 pm to 1 pm)

If you plan on coming into the office to remit payment for taxes please do so prior to our holiday hours. Cheques can be submitted before the holidays and post-dated to December 31, 2022. **All payments postmarked or electronically submitted after December 31, 2022 are subject to penalty.**

RM Transfer Sites Holiday Hours

Both RM transfer sites will have regular hours of operation over the holidays as follows:

December 24 - Pierceland Transfer Site open 10 am to 4 pm

December 25 and 26 - All sites closed

December 27 - Goodsoil Transfer Site open 10 am to 4 pm

December 28 - Pierceland Transfer Site open 10 am to 4 pm

December 29-30 - All sites closed

December 31 - Pierceland Transfer Site open 10 am to 4 pm

January 1 and 2 - All sites closed

January 3 - Goodsoil Transfer Site open 10 am to 4 pm



Pierceland Housing Authority



Pierceland Housing Authority has senior 1 bedroom units available to rent. Rent includes Village services charges of water, sewer and garbage removal. Gas is included. Electricity, cable tv, internet and telephone are not. Rent geared to income. Min 320 Max 730. DD required. Income verification required. For more information and an application, please call **306-301-1956.**

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



**Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year
from the Reeve, Council and staff of
the RM of Beaver River.**



**REEVE AND
COUNCIL CONTACT
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**For Sale by the Goodsoil
Housing Authority**

**Snowblower in AS IS condition. Needs electrical
work. Can be viewed at Heritage House.**

Asking \$200.00

Contact: Vanessa Weber 306-238-7623



Important Notice

When clearing the snow from your property please **do not** push the snow onto the RM road-way. If the RM grader is called out to remove such snow you will be billed for the grader time to clear this road hazard.

**RM Property Tax payments for 2022 are due
December 31, 2022. Accounts not paid by
December 31 are considered in arrears, and
will be subject to penalty and eventually
tax enforcement proceedings.**



1. Coca-Cola made 'A Charlie Brown Christmas' possible.

TV producer Lee Mendelson first pitched a documentary about Charles Schulz's comic strip Peanuts to different networks, but not one bit. Finally, he got some good news: The Coca-Cola Company wanted a Schulz holiday special. "The bad news is that today is Wednesday, and they'll need an outline in Atlanta by Monday," the ad agency told Lee. Scrapping their original plans, Lee and Charles quickly prepped an overview in less than one day, describing "winter scenes, a school play, a scene to be read from the Bible and a sound track combining jazz and traditional music." Coca-Cola agreed to the plan — but gave the team only six months to bring the project to life.

Producers picked slightly off-key music for 'A Charlie Brown Christmas' on purpose. Soundtrack standouts "Christmas Time Is Here" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" both feature real children singing. The choir director wanted perfection from his pint-sized musicians, but Lee and composer Vince Guaraldi wanted "kids to sound like kids." The final cut includes a slightly off-key version of "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" for that reason.

2. Dr. Seuss's widow would only let certain actors play the Grinch.

Audrey Geisel had several stipulations for selling the rights to her husband's beloved holiday tale How the Grinch Stole Christmas. Potential buyers had to pay \$5 million and a share of the box office gross, merchandising revenue and other book tie-ins. She also required that "any actor submitted for the Grinch must be of comparable stature to Jack Nicholson, Jim Carrey, Robin Williams and Dustin Hoffman." Luckily, she got her wish when Jim Carrey signed on for the project.

3. Tom Hanks played five characters in 'The Polar Express'.

The actor originally optioned the book hoping to play the conductor and Santa Claus. Later, director Robert Zemeckis considered having him play every role — an incredibly ambitious goal that proved too exhausting for Tom. He ultimately is credited as the hero boy's father, conductor, hobo, Scrooge puppet, Santa Claus and the narrator.

4. 'The Santa Clause' featured real reindeer from the Toronto Zoo.

Filmed in the Greater Toronto area, The Santa Clause relied on the local zoo for casting animal actors capable of playing Santa's sled-pulling team. The trains used in the North Pole scene and the start of the film aren't real locomotives, though. They're actually toy-sized LGB models.





**Chillin' with
my Gnomies**