



RM of Beaver River No. 622

Providing ratepayers with
current and correct information
pertaining to the RM

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Consider Running for Municipal Council
Citizens guide for candidacy in municipal elections

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On Monday, November 9, 2026, municipal elections will be held for councillors representing even-numbered divisions.

Citizens Guide is available at: <https://publications.saskatchewan.ca/api/v1/products/81959/formats/93984/download>

Other election information is available on the Saskatchewan.ca website.

Candidate Eligibility

- ◆ Is at least 18 years old on the day of the election.
- ◆ Is not disqualified pursuant to this or any other Act.
- ◆ Is a Canadian citizen at the time that he/she submits the nomination paper.
- ◆ Has lived in Saskatchewan for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which he/she submitted the nomination paper, AND:
- ◆ Lives in Saskatchewan; AND
- ◆ Is eligible to vote in the rural municipality.

To **vote** in an RM election in Saskatchewan, you must:

- be a Canadian citizen;
- be at least 18 years of age and one of the following:
- have lived in the RM (or land now in the RM) for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the day of the election;
- be the registered owner of property in the RM (or land now in the RM);
- be the assessed person with respect to property situated in the RM (or property now in the RM, refer to Section 207 of The Act);
- be the occupant of a trailer or mobile home in the municipality (or land now situated in the municipality) that is object of a permit required (refer to Section 306 of The Act);
- be the spouse of an eligible voter mentioned in a, b or c; or
- be the chief executive officer of a duly incorporated co-operative, corporation or religious association that is assessed on the last revised assessment roll with respect to property in the RM that is not exempt from taxation.

Where an RM is divided into divisions, each voter is entitled to vote for reeve and one division councillor. The division a person is eligible to vote is determined by the first applicable clause as listed above in points a to f. For example, a person who lives in Division 3 but is the registered owner of property located in Division 4 will vote for the councillor in Division 3 and the reeve.



Running for Municipal Council

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Municipalities are the level of government closest to the people, delivering services that residents rely on every day. **Saskatchewan needs citizens to take on leadership roles as council members** to represent their communities and provide direction on policies, programs and services.

Council members are entrusted to make decisions that directly affect the daily lives of residents, families, local business owners and others in the community.

Where to learn more

Learning about your municipality and the roles and responsibilities of a council member will assist you to decide if running for council is the right fit for you.

Scan the QR code or visit saskatchewan.ca for information on running for municipal council, including:

- The purpose of a municipality and role of council
- Information on your municipality and council
- Things to consider before running for council
- Responsibilities and responsible conduct of council members
- How to run for council
- Key documents after you are elected
- Additional municipal election resources

Key standards and values of a council member

- Honesty
- Objectivity
- Respect
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Confidentiality
- Leadership and the Public Interest
- Responsibility



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Healthy Beaches: Protect Yourself from Swimmer's Itch (Cercarial Dermatitis)

What is Swimmer's Itch?

Swimmer's Itch is a skin rash caused by parasitic flatworms, (schistosomes) found in lakes and ponds across Canada. These parasites usually infect birds or animals, not people, and only cause temporary skin irritation.

How do people get Swimmer's Itch?

You can get Swimmer's Itch by swimming or wading in water where the parasites are present. These parasites come from bird droppings, grow inside snails, and are released into the water when the snails let them out as part of their life cycle. If the parasites come into contact with your skin, they can cause an itchy rash.

Swimmer's Itch is not contagious. The parasites cannot survive in people, and the rash doesn't spread from person to person.



What are the symptoms of Swimmer's Itch?

Symptoms can include:

- tingling, burning, or itching of the skin,
- small reddish pimples; and
- small blisters.

Symptoms of Swimmer's Itch can appear within minutes to a few days after contact with contaminated water. It is an allergic reaction, and repeated exposure can lead to more intense symptoms as the body becomes increasingly sensitive.

Itching usually lasts about a week, though some symptoms may continue for up to two. Avoid scratching to prevent infection. If symptoms persist, seek medical attention.

How do I treat Swimmer's Itch?

If you are affected by Swimmer's Itch, effective treatments include anti-itch medications, antihistamines, cold compresses, and baths with Epsom salts, baking soda, or colloidal oatmeal.

Medical attention is usually not required, but you may seek it if needed. If persistent scratching becomes a concern, a physician can recommend a stronger lotion or cream for relief.

How do I prevent Swimmer's Itch?

- Stay out of shallow waters with lots of plants, as they may have parasites.
- Swim instead of playing or wading in shallow water to lower the risk.
- Dry off quickly with a towel right after leaving the water to prevent a rash.
- Take a cleansing shower right after swimming to minimize the risk.
- Avoid feeding birds at the beach to help prevent the spread of parasites.

Routine lab testing is not conducted for Swimmer's Itch. Instead, it is typically identified through public reports and concerns. Watch for signs at public beaches warning about Swimmer's Itch and avoid those areas to stay safe.

Visit the Healthy Beaches Program website at the following link: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/environment-public-health-and-safety/environmental-health/healthy-beach-program>

For more information, contact your local public health inspection office. A list of offices can be found here:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/health/public-health/public-health-inspectors>

Strychnine Use in Saskatchewan

The emergency use of two per cent liquid strychnine concentrate (strychnine) to control Richardson's ground squirrels is approved in Saskatchewan until November 2027. The web page, www.Saskatchewan.ca/RGS-Control, details requirements of the Emergency Use Registration, as well as information specific to vendors and strychnine users.

Understanding the Emergency Use Registration (EUR)

An EUR is a temporary, time-limited authorization by Health Canada's Pesticides Regulatory Directorate (formerly the Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency). It allows the limited use of pesticides that are not otherwise registered when an agricultural emergency exists.

Information for Strychnine Users

Strychnine users must complete mandatory online training and may only apply strychnine in approved areas and timelines.

Users are responsible for record-keeping, environmental protection measures and compliance with all label and EUR restrictions. Environmental protection measures include in-burrow bait placement and carcass removal to limit the likelihood of non-target poisonings. All records must be returned to the RM office and will be shared with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, which will provide them to Health Canada's Pesticide Regulatory Directorate.

Training is now available online through the SARM website. Those interested should confirm their nearest participating RM office prior to taking training.

After completing the 90-minute online training program, users are required to complete a mandatory Treatment Plan and Declaration Form to become a certified strychnine user.

The RM of Beaver River has stock of Strychnine available at this time at a cost of \$20 per bottle. Cases are available with 24 bottles per case at a cost of \$480.

Please also note that any unused supply must be returned to the RM office by October 31, 2027.

How Do I Obtain Strychnine?

- Through the Strychnine Stewardship Program, strychnine will be distributed by RM offices that have completed the mandatory training and have expressed interest in participating as a distributor.
- First Nation Communities within the eligible strychnine use area may obtain strychnine from the nearest RM that is distributing strychnine.
- Users must sign a Treatment Plan and Declaration Form.
 - ◊ In the Treatment Plan and Declaration Form, users will commit to follow all label restrictions, adhere to requirements of the Strychnine Stewardship Program and participate in field audits when requested.
- Producers will purchase strychnine from the participating RM office they selected as their primary RM on their training documentation.
- Supplies will be distributed evenly among participating RMs, with a per-producer cap to manage limited supply.
 - ◊ The user may apply strychnine that they purchased in their primary RM in other eligible RMs where they occupy land.
 - ◊ All treatment locations must be within the EUR approved use area.
- Supplies will be limited this growing season. The recommended window for spring application of strychnine ends June 15, after which application is less effective. We encourage producers to use other RGS management options this spring as early intervention and an integrated approach provide the best control outcomes.
- Strychnine will be available for the late summer application window from July 15 and September 1.

Protection of Species at Risk

The EUR of strychnine was approved with careful consideration of species at risk, predatory animals and the environment. It includes measures to protect non-target species, including:

- Screening for species at risk: Areas with documented species at risk populations will be avoided unless suitable methods to mitigate risk can be demonstrated. Risk mitigation measures must be appropriate for the specific species at risk that are present.
- In-burrow application: All Richardson's ground squirrel burrows are required to be covered following bait application. This application methodology ensures bait is available only to the targeted pest, protecting non-target animals.
- Carcass collection and monitoring: There are strict monitoring requirements under the approved EUR. Following application, all treated areas must be monitored daily for the first week and weekly for three additional weeks. All carcasses must be collected and disposed of through incineration or burial to mitigate risks of secondary poisoning through the consumption of poisoned carcasses.

For more information please go to: www.Saskatchewan.ca/RGS-Control



2026 Tax Notices

The 2026 Tax Notices were issued July 7, 2026. If you had an email address on file with us your tax notice was sent by email. If you have not received your notice via email please check your spam/junk email folder as it may be there. Because the Tax Notice comes as an attachment some email services see it as spam. Please add rm622@sasktel.net as a safe sender or add us to your contact list and this should prevent it from happening in the future.

If you prefer to have paper notices and receipts again please let us know and we can update your tax card.

If you would like to add your email address to receive email notices in the future please just email us [**rm622@sasktel.net**](mailto:rm622@sasktel.net) and we can update your tax card.

If you have not received your Tax Notice by mail yet please give us a call **306-839-2060** and we can check and update your information if necessary then send you a new notice.

The RM of Beaver River offers discounts for early payment of your taxes. This discount only applies to the Municipal portion of the taxes and not the School portion.

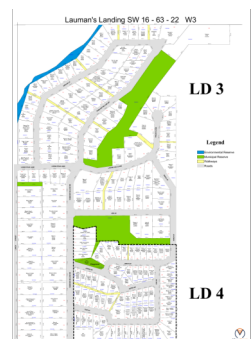
The discounts are as follows, if payment received by the end of that month:

- ◆ August and September 5%
- ◆ October 4%
- ◆ November 2%
- ◆ December 0%

2026 Taxes are due by December 31, 2026



Updated Subdivision maps are available for purchase at the RM office at a cost of \$10 + GST per map. Online versions are also available on our website: rmofbeaverriver622.ca



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



**The RM of Beaver River office
will be closed
Monday, September 7, 2026
to celebrate Labour Day**



Saskatchewan weather can be unpredictable.

Be prepared for hail.

Do you have cash rented land you would like to insure?

- ◆ Premiums payable via credit card or cheque
- ◆ Losses greater than 85% are paid @ 100%
- ◆ Fire insurance included

Last day to apply for coverage is **August 1st, 2026.**

Call Nicole Neufeld 306-240-6985 for all your additional hail insurance needs.



**REEVE AND
COUNCIL CONTACT
NUMBERS**

Reeve: Kevin Turchyn	(C) 306-839-4425
Division 1: Matthew Wiatr	(C) 306-819-0440
Division 2: Brian Sawatzky	(H) 306-839-2072
Division 3: Dwayne Degenhardt	(C) 780-812-8701
Division 4: Ken Hammett	(C) 780-903-8666
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: Debbie Johnson	306-839-2060
RM Office: RM622@sasktel.net	306-839-2060
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Property taxes are due December 31, 2026 but ratepayers can take advantage of discounts on the municipal portion of your taxes by paying early. The school tax portion of your property taxes cannot be discounted.



Regular Council Meeting

August 18, 2026

8:30 am

**at the RM of Beaver River
Office in Pierceland**



Let's go on an adventure!