

# Spring 2018 Newsletter



## Contact Us

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In October, 2018, municipal elections will be held for Councillors representing even-numbered divisions.

Election Day is  
**Wednesday, October 24th.**



Please contact our office at 306-525-5237 if you spot road signs causing immediate concerns.

## Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee

The RM of Sherwood is looking for individuals to serve on a Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee. A Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee assists Council in making decisions regarding the designation, alteration, demolition, or repeal of all properties designated under Section 11 of the *Heritage Property Act*. Members would help the Municipality better identify new heritage properties and maintain existing ones by making use of their local knowledge and expertise, protecting the area's cultural and historical resources. The Committee would primarily function in an advisory capacity, providing recommendations to inform Council's resolutions regarding heritage property. The committee must consist of at least three individuals appointed by Council. Please contact the RM's Planning and Development Department over the phone at (306) 525-5237 Ext. 230, or email at [tony@rmofsherwood.ca](mailto:tony@rmofsherwood.ca) to express your interest or receive further information.

## Water Treatment Plant Update

Construction continues on the RM's \$20.1M Potable Water Program. Located at the corner of Sherwood Road and Pasqua Street North, the plant's structure, exterior walls, and components of the roof system are in place. Graham Construction and Associated Engineering are currently focused on the interior walls, electrical, and mechanical components. The plant is now 50% complete by value, and is scheduled to be operational in Fall 2018. The RM is also committed to upgrading the area's potable water distribution pipes. Approximately 50% of the distribution pipes are installed, with the remaining 50% - located between Albert Street North and Winnipeg Street - scheduled to be complete in the last quarter of this year. Colliers Project Leaders have been assisting and responsible for this initiative and are responsible to get the program built, ready, and performing.



For information on private connections, please contact the Municipal Office.



Garret Halbgewachs came to the RM of Sherwood in 2006 with several years experience in municipal infrastructure. Excelling his career, Garret's qualities and dedication were recognized with his promotion to Manager of Roadways in 2013. Garret, who is a Provincial Backhoe Rodeo Champion, recently represented Saskatchewan and Canada at a national competition organized by Saskatchewan Public Works Association. With the fast approaching busy season, Garret is focusing his attention on ensuring safe infrastructure for all residents and visitors of the RM.



The R.M. of Sherwood has recently hired Mike Mamona, Director of Operations. Mike started on March 26th, 2018. Mike will be responsible for planning, delivery and evaluation of all infrastructure operations of the RM.

## Development The Process for Adding Improvements

Are you adding an improvement to a parcel of land, building or drainage? The RM of Sherwood welcomes you to discuss your plans with our dedicated team.

Our team will help provide efficiency during your conceptual planning stages and assist with achieving a smooth approval process.

This is an exciting time for development in the RM and we look forward to working with you on your next opportunity!

### Regina Bypass Update as of April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Due to the very productive construction season last year, the Regina Bypass are on schedule to complete construction of the entire Bypass by October of 2019. During the next few months the Bypass team will be focusing their work on completing the bridges, pouring the concrete bridge decks and paving the new roads that have been built.

#### Temporary Bridge Openings

Weather permitting, the following bridges will be opened on a temporary basis, for traffic deviation.

Highway 6 (*Now Open*)  
Rotary Avenue Bridge (*August*)  
Dewdney Avenue Bridge (*October*)

#### Cool Bypass Facts

All 500 girders for the Bypass bridges will be in place in the next week, weather permitting.

380,000 tons of asphalt will be placed in 2018.

The large piles of sand, strategically placed around the project, will be used as part of our paving process.



### Road Maintenance

Road maintenance has begun, our operators ask that everyone use caution when passing and ask that you stay 15m behind so the operator can see you.

## **Taxation in Rural Municipalities - Assessment Exemptions**

If you occupy a dwelling in the RM of Sherwood, you may qualify for an exemption to reduce all or a portion of the taxable assessment on your principal dwelling, as per section 293 of *The Municipalities Act*. Dwellings located within hamlets are excluded.

The total taxable assessment of any agricultural land you own or lease located within the RM of Sherwood or in an adjoining Saskatchewan rural municipality will be applied to reduce your residential taxable assessment. An assessment can only be used to reduce residential taxable assessment once.

An affidavit listing land owned or leased within the municipality or adjoining municipalities must be completed and returned to the assessor prior to March 31 of the tax year to receive the exemption.

If you have questions regarding Section 293 exemptions, please visit our website at <http://rmofsherwood.ca/departments/administration-finance/assessment-taxation/> or call the Municipal Office at 306-525-5237.



### **Municipal Assessment & Taxation**

The RM of Sherwood uses Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) to calculate and update all assessments within the municipality. The provincial government mandates SAMA to conduct periodic revaluations of all Saskatchewan properties every four years to coincide with the change to a new base date. The current revaluation was completed in 2017 using the 2015 base year. Provincial legislation requires municipalities to use these values when determining tax amounts for a property. For more detailed information on SAMA and assessments, please visit <http://www.sama.sk.ca/>.

### **Revised Landfill Fees Reimbursement Policy**

Council recently approved a revised Landfill Fees Reimbursement Policy. The new Landfill Fees Reimbursement policy is below.

1. Ratepayers may submit their landfill fees to the RM of Sherwood for full reimbursement per calendar year, up to a yearly maximum of \$150.00 per household.
2. Reimbursement of landfill fees will only be made for landfill slips that are hauled personally/privately or only the tipping fees from commercial haulers up to a yearly maximum of \$150.00.
3. Reimbursement will only be made from original landfill slips submitted.
4. No reimbursement will be made on slips over 1 (one) year old.



### **Ratak, Oats or Strychnine**

If you need Ratak, Oats or Strychnine, please call (306) 525-5237 or visit the Municipal Office.

### **Road Pull-Ups**

The RM is currently conducting road pull-ups. The process of a road pull-up utilizes lost material that over time has been displaced due to vehicle movement and compaction. This process re-establishes the road crown and shoulder side slopes creating proper drainage. This process may appear to decrease width, however it is a necessary maintenance requirement.