Newsletters Via Email!

In future, the R.M. of Sherwood will primarily be sending out newsletters via email. Should you wish to receive the R.M.'s newsletter via email, please visit www.rmofsherwood.ca to sign-up!

If you do not have access to email and still wish to receive a paper copy of the R.M.'s newsletter, please call the Municipal Office.

Memorandum of Understanding

Regional Committees with the City of Regina

Early in 2011 the Council was successful in ending our Sherwood District Planning Commission, which was essentially a control district for the City of Regina. We forced the governments hand in releasing us from the commission just prior to the Government passing Bill 20 which mandates the continuance of joint planning districts in the province.

In 2013 Administration and Deputy Reeve Tim Probe had joint meetings with the City of Regina and a provincial mediator to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with both municipalities. After a lengthy struggle we finally attained some independence with the City of Regina. We would like to commend our Administration, Legal Council and Tim Probe for their strong negotiating at these meetings. As a result of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) ratified between the R.M. of Sherwood and the City of Regina, three (3) new joint committees have been established for planning & development related matters within the Sherwood-Regina region.

The new planning district now consists of lands in both the City of Regina and the RM of Sherwood. The final decision in this process for land use now lies with each elected council for their own respective jurisdiction.

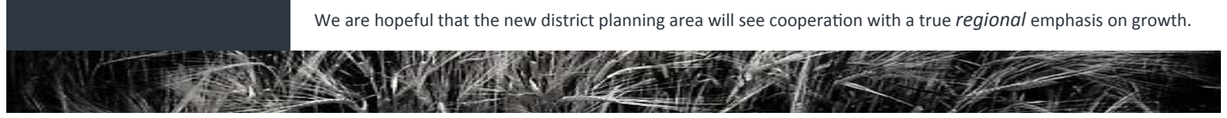
The three (3) new committees are the Sherwood-Regina Governance Committee (SRGC), the Sherwood-Regina Administrative & Technical Committee (SRATC), and the Sherwood-Regina Regional Development Committee (SRRDC).

The SRGC will focus on building an effective governance relationship and share general regional development information and ideas. Members of this committee include the R.M. of Sherwood and City of Regina Councils.

The SRATC will address and collaborate on larger regional issues and policy matters and, where appropriate, make recommendations to the SRRDC. Members of the SRATC will include administrative/professional staff and consultants from the R.M. of Sherwood and City of Regina.

The SRRDC will deliberate on regional matters referred or considered by the SRATC. This committee will include the R.M.'s Chief Administrative Officer and the City Manager as well as Council representation from both the R.M. and the City.

We are hopeful that the new district planning area will see cooperation with a true *regional* emphasis on growth.



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Council

Elected Officials

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Division 1 - Joe Repetski
Division 2 - Tim Probe
Division 3 - Dale Heenan
Division 4 - Vacant
Division 5 - Vacant
Division 6 - Barry Jijian

Council Meetings

Regular Council meetings are scheduled to take place the second Wednesday of each month.

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September 2014 Newsletter

2014 Property Taxes

Property tax statements were mailed out July 31, 2014.
If you did not receive your Property Tax statement, please call the Municipal Office.

Payment is due December 31, 2014
Payment Options: Debit, Cash or Cheque

Discounts Available
The following discounts will be applied if payment is received:

By August 31st - 5% By September 30th - 4%
By October 31st - 3% By November 30th - 2%

Please note that the discount does not apply to Education Property Taxes. Payments are processed and the applicable discount applied according to the date payment is received.

2014 MUNICIPAL TAXES
General Municipal Mill Rate 6.85

Mill Rate Factors

Agricultural	1.404
Residential	0.969
Commercial/Industrial-Other	0.94

Municipal taxes are calculated as follows: Taxable Assessment x Mill Rate x Mill Rate Factor / 1000

Change of Address - If you have had a recent change of address, please complete the Change of Address Form on our website and send your completed forms to the Municipal Office.

Business Licenses

According to Bylaw No. 02/11, Business Licenses are required for the majority of businesses operating within the R.M. of Sherwood. Business owners must apply to the R.M. for a Business License each year; as licenses are valid from January 1 to December 31, please ensure that your business has submitted a Business License application to remain a legally operating business within the R.M. of Sherwood. Please visit our website and download the Business License application, then simply e-mail, fax or mail in your application form. Once approved, a new license will be sent out via regular mail. Business Licenses must be posted in a conspicuous place at your main office location within the R.M. of Sherwood.

A Message from Council

We hope everyone has had a great summer and we are optimistic for a bountiful harvest. This is a great opportunity to introduce a new format for our quarterly newsletters, which will enhance communication with our ratepayers, the people that we serve!

We are pleased to advise that we have engaged Mr. Ron McCullough as our new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) for the RM of Sherwood. Ron started work on July 14, 2014, arriving from Manitoba. In a short time on the ground, Ron has already shared valuable experience from working in the municipal field for 25 years in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. And by the way, he has been a Riders fan since 1979! In his career, Ron has worked in the banking industry, the municipal world, the not-for-profit sector and he has also been self-employed, a unique blend of public and private sector experience. Welcome Ron!

We are also pleased to advise that we have engaged Mr. Rick Stuckenberg as our new Director of Planning and Development, starting September 15, 2014. Rick currently lives in Alberta, has many years of experience to share from his professional work in BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan. Rick is keenly interested in helping us move forward with sustainable growth; and he specializes in conflict management and facilitating change. Rick is excited to be joining the RM of Sherwood team and will strive to make a positive difference. Welcome Rick.

On other matters, we continue to move forward with management of growth pressures and improvement in service delivery. One of the key elements of tackling both of those issues is building capacity within the organization. Our CAO has established short term priorities with the management team and is working with Council and the management team to develop a strategic plan for the RM of Sherwood. Three primary themes are emerging in the Strategic Plan, which focus on sustainability:

- Strong Economy and Governance
- Healthy Natural and Built Environment
- Strong Cultural and Social Systems

Council is focused on the following top five priorities and SMART Goals (**S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**elevant, **T**imely) are in the process of being developed to tackle these priorities in a strategic manner:

- Growth Management
- Inter-Municipal Relations
- Inter-Governmental Relations
- Service Delivery Review
- Operating and Capital Budget Process

Through development policies and our new OCP our council endeavours to support our ratepayers in maximizing their opportunities for their land which will increase everyone's property values. Many have sat back and wondered why our RM has lagged behind other RMs that are adjacent to other cities in Saskatchewan, adjacent RMs and other municipalities in Canada, but our council is actively trying to change that for the benefit of all ratepayers.

As we evolve, we sometimes face opposition from our political opponents and regulatory bodies that seek to maintain the old ways of doing things. As you probably know, the RM's council was elected on a mandate of growth and development, we continue to forge ahead with our focus and hope to attain a more cooperative growth environment for our region into the future. The council seeks to maintain an optimistic outlook for our future, and are determined to ensure that our agricultural roots remain strong and viable.

We have known for years that the RM of Sherwood is ***Alive with Opportunity***! The stage is now set to capitalize on those opportunities, for the betterment of the community as a whole. As a result, we are rapidly transforming into a modern municipality, a sustainable municipality! Stay tuned, as there is much more to follow and we hope you enjoy our refreshed approach to this newsletter.

An appropriate motto for our current time – ***"Yes I can, and together, we will!"***

The RM of Sherwood prepares for the future for our ratepayers with our new logo and slogan - "Alive with Opportunity". We have tried to capture our enthusiasm for new ventures that our Municipality envisions.

The R.M. of Sherwood released the following on July 24, 2014.

NEWS RELEASE

RM of Sherwood Continues to Cooperate With the Province of Saskatchewan

Regina, SK (July 24, 2014) — In an interim report on the Government of Saskatchewan's municipal inspection of the RM of Sherwood's processes, R.L. Barclay has made the recommendation to the Government to proceed with a combined inspection and inquiry, pursuant to sections 396 and 397 of The Municipalities Act.

"The Council of the RM of Sherwood will continue to work cooperatively with the Province of Saskatchewan as they initiate an inquiry into the RM's governance," says Tim Probe, Deputy Reeve, RM of Sherwood. "We believe that members of Council, employees and agents of the Municipality fully disclosed all potential conflicts of interest and acted appropriately throughout the approval process in relation to the proposed Wascana Village development. We look forward to the findings of the inspection and inquiry."

The RM of Sherwood supports the Provincial Government's 'Saskatchewan Plan for Growth' and is committed to working cooperatively with the Provincial Government, the City of Regina and other stakeholders toward a regional approach for sustainable growth.

Municipal Office

The tender for construction of the new Municipal Office was awarded in May with plans to have the building complete by year end. We will have room for growth, parking, and a new larger Council Chambers that will be handicap accessible. We will be able to use the Chambers for other purposes and we intend to hold elections there in future years. The building will be funded through cash received in lieu of municipal reserve land, and the sale of the current building at 1840 Cornwall Street with the balance to be paid through the general reserve which is to be established in 2014 with a portion of the Tax Loss Compensation Funds received from the City of Regina.

The facility will be available for use for community meetings or gatherings. We obtained the property in 1959. There are 4 acres on the property that we own which is now in the future growth area of Harbour Landing. It is a valuable asset now that the city has expanded this direction. We have faced challenges in retaining the property through the 2013-2014 annexation by the City of Regina and from the area developers but we are hopeful to maximize the true value of the land at this location.

The new office will be located at the corner of Campbell Street and Albulet Drive, just north of the #1 highway west of Harbour Landing.

That the R.M. of Sherwood will reimburse Ratepayers for landfill fees:

1. Payment is per person/household per year to a maximum of $100.
2. Payment will be made for landfill slips that have been hauled personally/privately or only the tipping fees from commercial haulers up to the maximum of $100.
3. Payment will be processed from original slips submitted to the R.M. Municipal Office. *(Slips over 2 years old will result in no payment).*

RM Maps

Revised R.M. of Sherwood Maps that reflect the revised R.M. of Sherwood/City of Regina boundaries as of January 1st, 2014 are available at the Municipal Office at a cost of $15 per map.

Ratepayers receive 1 free map per year.

2014 Municipal Election

Wednesday, October 22, 2014 from 9am - 8pm

Advance voting will take place on Saturday, October 18, 2014 from 11am - 3pm

The R.O.C. Church, Hwy 6 (South) & Albert Street

Terms of Office

The term of office for all members of council is 4 years, which typically commences at the first meeting following the election.

Councillors for Division 2, 4 and 6 will hold office until 2018.

The term of office for the Councillor elected to Division 5 will end October 2016.

Qualifications of Candidate in Municipal Election

A person may be nominated as a candidate in a municipal election if the person is:

- at least 18 years of age on date of election;
- a Canadian citizen;
- eligible to vote in the municipality; and
- a resident of Saskatchewan.

General Duties of Councillors

The Municipalities Act sets out the general duties for councillors including:

- to represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality;
- to participate in developing and evaluating the policies, services and programs of the municipality;
- to participate in council meetings and council committee meetings and meetings of other bodies to which they are appointed by council;
- to ensure that administrative practices and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of council;
- to keep in confidence matters discussed in private at a council or committee meeting until the matter is discussed at a meeting held in public;
- to maintain the financial integrity of the municipality;
- to perform any other duty or function imposed on councillors by this or any other Act or by the council.

Notice of Call for Nominations

Rural Municipality of Sherwood No. 159

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that nominations of candidates for offices of:

- ☑ Councillor for Division 2
- ☑ Councillor for Division 4
- ☑ Councillor for Division 5 by by-election
- ☑ Councillor for Division 6

will be received by the undersigned at the Municipal Office located at 1840 Cornwall Street, Regina, during normal office hours until:

Wednesday, September 17th, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. local time.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the Municipal Office.

Dated this 29th day of August, 2014.

Ron McCullough
(Returning Officer)

Planning & Development - Historical perspective on our Official Community Plan (OCP)

www.rmofsherwood.ca/planning-development/

Another OCP

"How did we get here?" you might ask. Our passion and commitment to managing our municipality in the best interests of all ratepayers goes back a hundred years. But we want to share some of the last 15 years of our planning and development process.

Our OCP and Zoning documents have been no easy feat, no other jurisdiction in Saskatchewan has had as many roadblocks as the RM of Sherwood in their planning and development attempts.

The Wolfenberg Years

1999 Council begins a planning process for the Regina-Sherwood Planning District
2001 Hired a professional planner and struck a Landowner Advisory Committee (LAC)
2002 The new District Development Plan Draft Discussion Paper was presented in July and the Policy Options Paper in November.
2003 The District Development Plan Final Draft was presented but was not complete and the planning contract was over.

The Planning District Steering Committee Years

2004 The RM of Sherwood formed a Steering Committee with Regina and undertook an extensive public consultation program, including a Ratepayer Workbook, Survey, Six Focus Groups, Interviews, and a Background Report.
2004 We produced Technical Papers on **Development Control Options** *(Sept)* and **Development Directions & Choices** *(Oct)*
We held Community Round Tables to review and discuss *(Oct)*
2007 Council commissioned preparation of the "Wolfenberg Documents" into a formal and final Plan
2009 Council held a Public Hearing for New OCP and ZB. The Plan was not accepted by the Provincial Government

The planning Alliance Years

2010 Council engaged planning Alliance to complete the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Zoning Bylaw (ZB)
2011 The Draft OCP/ZB was circulated to all agencies *(May)*
An Open House was held at Turvey Centre *(June)*
The OCP/ZB received First Reading *(October)* and a Public Hearing was held *(November)*
2012 Dissolution of Sherwood-Regina Planning District occurred *(May)*
We revised the OCP to incorporate feedback from the 2011 Hearing as well as collaborative planning policies as directed in the Ministry at the time of dissolution
2012 A Public Hearing for OCP 6/11 & ZB 7/11 *(July)* and submitted to Province *(Aug)*
planning Alliance did not complete their contract with the RM of Sherwood due to being poached by the City of Regina

The Dillon Years

2012 OCP 6/11 and ZB 7/11 were re-submitted to the Province with documentation of the statutory requirements *(Sept)*
2013 The Sherwood / Regina MOU was drafted and submitted to the Ministry *(Jan)*
The Province approved the OCP/ZB *in part (Feb)*. The Urban/Rural Fringe remained under the 1991 Plan and Zoning.
We engaged in another round of Public & Stakeholder Consultation on an updated OCP 15/13 and ZB 16/13, including a Public Open House and Stakeholder Meetings *(April), and a* Key Stakeholder Workshop in May.
Council gave First Reading to the new bylaws *(May)* and held a Public Hearing *(June)*.
The Province ordered mediation with Regina and Sherwood that lasted June to November.

Seeking Partnership – entering an era of joint planning

2013 We wrote a new section for our OCP jointly with City of Regina – *Regional Planning & Collaboration*.
Word for word, the same section appears in the City of Regina OCP. *(Nov)*
RM Council agreed to annexation and signed the Memorandum of Understanding that sets the stage for joint planning.
2014 Lands were annexed into City of Regina *(Jan)* and we participated in an intensive, facilitated strategic planning session with City of Regina to set the stage on priorities going forward.
The Sherwood/Regina Technical Advisory Committee continues to meet monthly to discuss planning and development and implement the work plan *(Jan-present)*
2014 Council gave First Reading to a REFRESHED set of Plans - OCP Bylaw 1/14 and Zoning Bylaw 2/14 *(July)*
Today Public Hearing

The Saskatchewan *Municipalities Act* extends "natural person powers" to municipalities in Saskatchewan. This confirms every municipality's right to grow in the Saskatchewan economy. With vigilance, we intend to continue to pursue the right to grow a sustainable community, while continuing to build capacity for service delivery.

Public Works Office

Our Public Works Office is staffed full time.

If you have any inquires regarding:

Environmental concerns
Roads conditions
Rodent Control
Utility Billing
Water main breaks

Please call Shauna at (306) 522-4873.

Emergency Numbers

Regina Fire Department
9-1-1

White Butte R.C.M.P
9-1-1 or
(306) 781-5050

Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP)
1-866-632-4033

Public Works

2014 Capital Works Project

- Roadway reconstruction including asphalt paving will be extended on Inland Drive for another mile from Winnipeg Street N. to Zora Road. This project was approved for funding by SARM through the MREP for 50% of funding to an annual maximum of $750,000. This project is being phased for 3 years to maximize our funding through this program.
  Phase 1 project cost $2.2 million
  Phase 2 estimated project cost $1.4 million
- Asphalt overlay will be done this fall on Sherwood Road from Pasqua Street N. to the West service road on Albert Street/ Highway #6. Estimated cost $0.4 million

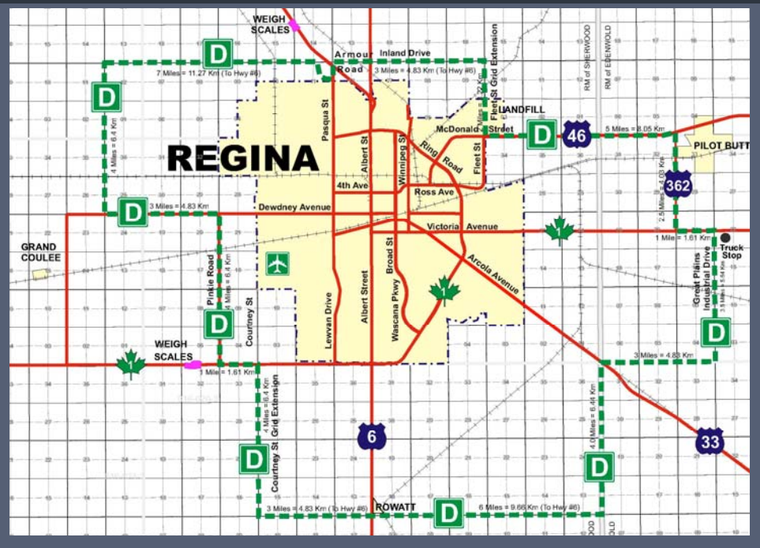
Bridge Reserve Fund

- Of the 11 bridges in the R.M., four have reduced weight restrictions to a maximum of 3 tonnes.

  1. Sherwood Forest Bridge over Wascana Creek
  2. Old 16 road (Twp. Rd 170) over Wascana Creek
  3. Centre Road Bridge (Twp. Rd 172) over the Cottonwood Creek
  4. Range Road 2203 (North of Hwy 11) over the Boggy Creek

- Council has allocated $600,000 ($300,000 in each 2013 and 2014) toward funding the required bridge repairs.
- Applications to SARM for funding will start in 2015 so the R.M. can begin replacing/upgrading.

Over Dimensional/Overweight Permits



- A single load permit or an annual permit is required for all over-dimensional and overweight loads travelling on R.M. roads.
- All gravel roads within the R.M. are legislated to accept secondary weights. A permit is required if you wish to haul primary weighted loads. Currently, only Dewdney Ave. West, Grand Coulee North Access, Fleet Street N., Inland Drive, Armour Road and paved roads in the Sherwood Industrial Park are classified to handle primary weights.
- The Grand Coulee access road north of Highway # 1 is under the Ministry of Highways jurisdiction and is restricted to 8 tonnes.
- The R.M. may request contractors hauling a significant number of loads continuously on municipal roads, to enter into a road maintenance agreement as per the *Municipal Act* in order to recover the costs of maintenance and capital losses.

Inland Drive

Fire Services

The R.M. of Sherwood's fire services are provided by the Regina Fire Department (RFD). Fire protection services are offered through an agreement between the R.M. of Sherwood and the City of Regina.

Residents and business owners must fax a Controlled Burn Notice to the R.M. of Sherwood Public Works Office and the RFD prior to conducting a burn. The RFD will consult the received Controlled Burn Notices prior to responding to emergency response calls. If you do not send in a Controlled Burn Notice, and the RFD dispatches a unit to the location of your fire, you will be billed for that emergency response call.

Controlled Burn Notice forms can be found on our website. Please carefully follow the instructions on this form.

Provincial Disaster Assistance Program

The RM of Sherwood has been approved for designation as an eligible assistance area under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program. Individual ratepayers may qualify for benefits under the program for costs associated to flooding that occurred due to heavy rainfall which occurred on June 28-30, 2014.

Forms are available on our website.

Deadline to submit a claim is December 30, 2014.

Please contact
1-866-632-4033
or visit
gr.gov.sk.ca/PDAP
for further information.