

R.M. of Leask No. 464

2024 Newsletter

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Administrator: Donna Goertzen

Assistant Administrator/Public Works Administrator: Erin Robertson

Administrative Assistant: Sheila Kiszka

Superintendent of Public Works: Jayson Smith

2024 Mill Rate: There have been no changes to the 2024 Tax Levy. Mill Rate set at 10.3 mills and Mill Rate Factors AG: 1.040, RES: .8600, and COM: 1.750.

2024 Discounts & Payments: The R.M. continues to offer **discounts** for early payment of **municipal** taxes at the rates of: 6% January to August, 5% September, 4% October and 2% November. There is no discount offered for December. Payments for taxes levied in 2024 are **due by December 31, 2024**. Should taxes be unpaid by January 1, 2025, they are considered to be **in arrears**, and 1.5% compounding interest rate will be applied on the 1st of each month commencing in January 2025.

Tax Payment Options: We have several options for payments: Cash, Cheques (postdated are acceptable) and Debit. You may also make payments online via E-transfer to rmleask.464@sasktel.net, or Electronic Payments through TD, BMO, or Credit Union branches. Please contact the R.M. office for further information.

Note: When **mailing a cheque** to be processed at a month end date, the envelope must be **postmarked** (stamp cancelled) **on or before said month end date**.

Election: **November 13, 2024** is the General Election date for Divisions 1, 3, 5, Reeve, and a By-Election for Division 2 with a 2-year term. Please see the website for details. (RM Council-Elections)

Development & Building Permits: A development permit approval is required for all development/improvements in the R.M. **prior** to beginning your project. Permit approvals may take from 2 to 5 weeks. Please contact the R.M. office for more information or refer to the website.

Rat Control: Rat poison is available to ratepayers. Contact the office or refer to the website for options and availability.

Fire Insurance Reminder: Please ensure you have fire fighting insurance coverage on your property and home. Current firefighting rates are available on our website.

Fire False Alarms: Due to the increased number of false alarms, or “stand downs,” the R.M. will now charge a \$500.00 fee. Those with security systems should contact their provider to establish a working standard prior to dispatching fire services.

Burning: Please be advised that it is **your** responsibility to let Saskatchewan Environment know if you are going to have a controlled burn. To prevent unwanted fire fighting charges, please call **Controlled Burn line at 1-866-404-4911 before burning** to report a controlled fire.

Website: Please visit the rmleask.ca website for updates and information on various municipal items and services, including: Fire Ban orders, Planning and Development, Agendas & Minutes, Bylaws & Policies, the Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove and its Financials. Also, information from Municipal partners such as the RCMP, Municipal Hail, and Watersheds.

Alert Text Messaging Service: This system is now operational. If you are interested in receiving this service, contact the office or see the home page of the website for a Ratepayer Information Form for submission to the office.

Council Meetings: Regular Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month. Please contact the R.M. office regarding material intended for inclusion on the agenda. Delegation forms are mandatory for participation; contact the office or refer to the website for access. (RM Council-Policies-Delegation Policy)

Transfer Station: The updated Transfer Station hours are as follows:

Summer Hours: May 1st to Sept. 30th Saturdays & Mondays 3:00-7:00pm

Winter Hours: Oct. 1st to April 30th Saturdays 1:00-4:00pm

This service is for R.M. ratepayers only. **Legal land location must be provided.**

Tipping fees apply (see website for rates).

Pest Control Officer: Tanner Paslawski at 1-306-812-9226

Weed Inspector: Alana Gunsch at 1-306-292-8987

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