## R.M. of Leask No. 464

## 2025 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

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)

2025 Mill Rate: There have been no changes to the 2025 Tax Levy. Mill Rate set at 10.3 mills and Mill Rate Factors AG: 0.83, RES: 0.66, and COM: 1.45.

**2025 Discounts & Payments:** discounts for early payment of the **municipal** taxes are as follows: January to August 6%, September 5%, October 4%, and 2% November. Payments for taxes levied in 2025 are **due by December 31, 2025**. If unpaid by January 1, 2026, 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 2026.

**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 <a href="mailto:rmleask.464@sasktel.net">rmleask.464@sasktel.net</a>, or electronic payments through TD, BMO, or Credit Union branches. Please contact the R.M. office for further information.

Ratepayer Meeting: A Ratepayer Meeting will be held on Friday, August 15, 2025, at the Happy Homesteaders Seniors Hall in Leask at 7:00pm.

**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 and False Alarms: Please ensure you have firefighting insurance coverage on your property and home. Current firefighting rates are available on our website. Be advised the R.M. charges a false alarm, or "stand down" fee of \$500.00. If you have a security system, please contact provider to establish a working standard prior to dispatching fire services.

**Burning:** It is **your** responsibility to let Saskatchewan Environment know if you are planning a controlled burn. To prevent unwanted firefighting charges, please call **Controlled Burn line** at **1-866-404-4911 prior to burning** to report a controlled fire.

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

**Transfer Station:** Hours of operation are as follows:

**Summer Hours:** May 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> 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 and fees apply (see website for rates).

Legal land location must be provided.

Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant Program: Speed Awareness Initiative has commenced with the presence of the solar radar signs in various locations throughout the municipality. This initiative was made in part with grant approval by the Government of Saskatchewan Provincial Traffic Safety Fund.

Water Security Management Fund: The WSA offers cost-shared funding to support responsible drainage. Visit <a href="https://www.wsask.ca/agricultural-water-management-fund/">https://www.wsask.ca/agricultural-water-management-fund/</a> to see the four streams of cost-sharing funding available.

**Pest Control Officer:** Tanner Paslawski at 1-306-812-9226 **Weed Inspector:** Alana Gunsch at 1-306-292-8987

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