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NEWSLETTER: R.M. OF EXCELSIOR NO.166 RATEPAYERS

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1. Emergency Contact

It would be appreciated if persons who are no longer listed in the telephone book could provide the RM Office with a phone number in case it is needed for emergency purposes.

2. E-mail Addresses

The RM would appreciate receiving individual e-mail addresses for sharing information. Your e-mail address would not be given out to anyone else and would strictly be used for RM business. (For example, it would be used to send an e-mail to people when there will be a temporary road closure, etc.) Please e-mail rm166@sasktel.net with your e-mail address.

3. Payments

Payments can be made by e-transfer, cheque or cash. E-transfers are automatically deposited when sent. Cheques can be dropped in the locked drop box in front of the RM Office, mailed or brought to the office.

4. Election

November 9, 2020 is the election date for the odd numbered divisions as well as Reeve. Watch for further information closer to the date.

5. Moving of Agricultural Equipment

We recognize that the moving of agricultural equipment is necessary for your farming operation, however, we would like to encourage persons moving equipment to do so with the use of a pilot vehicle. There are several locations within the RM where you may be going over a hill and on-coming traffic will not be able to see you until it's too late. We thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety of our ratepayers.

6. Public Well Annual Notice:

The water supply from the public wells at the following locations is **NON-POTABLE** i.e.: not suitable for human consumption:

Herbert Ferry Regional Park

Main Centre Well (NE 05-19-10W3)

7. Single Stream Recycling at Nuisance Grounds (SE 15-17-11 W3):

Single Stream Recycling is available at the RM's Nuisance Grounds. Single Stream Recycling means that you place all your recycling materials (fiber, plastics, tin and aluminum) unsorted into the BLUE Recycle bin. This includes: cardboard, boxboard, office paper, newsprint, junk mail, magazines & catalogues; plastic containers, milk cartons & plastic milk jugs, shrink wrap & plastic bags (plastics numbered 1 through 7 – no oil or chemical containers); tin and aluminum cans (cans must be clean with or without labels (no steel or auto parts). **Not accepted** is glass, Styrofoam, ceramics, light bulbs, soiled cardboard, hazardous chemical containers, scrap metal, car parts, or plastic toys.

Supervised hours of operation are as follows:

Summer hours (April 1 to October 31)

Tuesday 5:00-8:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM-12:00Noon

Winter hours (November 1 to March 31)

Tuesday 5:00-7:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM-1:00PM

****Closed Statutory Holidays**

- We do not accept used tires at the site.
- Other items that **SHALL NOT** be deposited are manure, grain, straw or hay bales, petroleum wastes (including used oil filters), slaughter house wastes, dead animals, liquid domestic wastes, scrap vehicles, metals, appliances.

8. **Report Illegal Dumping**

The Government of Saskatchewan is asking you to report litter and illegal dumping to keep Saskatchewan beautiful into the future. Please call 1-800-667-7561 or #5555 from your SaskTel cellular device to report.

9. **Controlled Burns**

If you are planning a controlled burn you must advise emergency services to avoid unnecessary fire call charges. Please advise the R.M. office of the location and date/time as well.

Anywhere in the RM - Call 1-866-404-4911

10. **Grain Bag/Twine Recycling**

The RM continues to host an Agriculture Plastics Recycling Program which allows producers from the southwest to recycle used grain bags. The RM no longer has a grain bag roller available for use. Clean and ***tightly*** machine rolled grain bags tied with twine from roller machines will be accepted at our nuisance grounds during regular Nuisance Grounds Hours. Twine or net wrap is not accepted.

11. **Corner Library**

The Chinook Regional Corner Library has been removed from the RM Office.

12. **Gopher Control:**

2% Liquid Strychnine - 2% liquid strychnine in Saskatchewan can still be used for the purpose of control of the Richardson Ground Squirrel (gophers). The RM is subsidizing the sale of this product by 50%. The Ministry of Agriculture still requires that we operate the program in a similar manner as in previous years by obtaining written application forms for every sale and follow-up evaluation reports. **Please assist us in the return of these evaluation forms in a timely manner, so as not to jeopardize the program for future use.** If you haven't already contacted the office to express your interest in purchasing strychnine, please do so as soon as possible **as this is the last year that we are able to order the product.**

13. **Tree Planters**

The R.M. has two tree planters available for use. They must be booked through the office. The user is charged \$20 per day until the office is notified of its return.

14. **CP Railway Crossings in the Municipality**

Many ratepayers have complained about the length of time in which railway crossings have been blocked by trains, especially at Rush Lake and Waldeck. We have shared these concerns with CP Rail and Transport Canada, and they encourage all of us to **phone the toll free number** posted at each crossing every time an incident occurs, whereby the crossing is blocked for ***longer than 5 minutes***. Useful information to include in your phone call is the location, date, time of day, and the number on the rail car so that CP can identify exactly which crew is responsible for the infraction. If you do not receive any response from the toll free number, please call Transport Canada at 1-844-897-7245.

15. **Rock Piles**

If you have a rock pile that you would be willing to give the RM access to, please contact the RM Office to advise of this.

16. **Bridge Markers**

Several of the bridges in the RM have safety bridge markers. These safety signs have pins in them that can be removed to take the sign down when you are moving wider farm equipment across the bridge. Please feel free to temporarily take the sign down but also ensure that you put it back up after crossing.

17. **Water and Sewer Systems**

Please be reminded that water systems and sewage systems for residential should be permitted through Public Health.