

Winter Newsletter

January 2021

Reeve Sherry Jimmy
Deputy Reeve Gil Cadrin

Councillors:

Div. 1 Randy St. Marie
Div. 2 Gil Cadrin
Div. 3 Lloyd Malenfant
Div. 4 Gary Heidel
Div. 5 Vern Seabrook
Div. 6 Bernie Nedelec

Chief Administrative Officer:
Kirk Morrison

Deputy CAO:
Wanda Boon

Foreman:
Matt Storgard

Community Safety Officer:
Philip Bueckert

Community Planner:
Yvonne Prusak

RM of Meota No. 468

"A Community of Communities"
Creating Harmony Between Land & Lakes

Fall Election Results

The RM of Meota welcomed two new Councillors as a result of the Fall election in odd-numbered Divisions:

Division 1 – Randy St. Marie

Division 3 – Lloyd Malenfant

Both the Reeve and Division 5 Councillor were elected by acclamation.

A thank you is extended to Larry Clarke and Rick Lesmeister for their years of services on the RM Council.

ANNUAL RATEPAYER MEETING

Due to COVID the RM of Meota was unable to hold the annual ratepayer meeting in 2020. The RM provides information to ratepayers on the financial position of the RM and past accomplishments at this meeting. A 2020 Ratepayer Report will be uploaded to the website and includes the results of the 2019 Audited Financial Statement. Status for 2021 Ratepayer Meeting is to be determined.

Ratepayer Survey

The RM recently concluded a survey of ratepayers. 23% of ratepayers responded. The overall rating of the RM is 2.9/5 stars. Council is considering the feedback to improve service delivery and develop the 2021 budget and taxation policy. The Survey Results are posted on the website.

Assessment Notices

Revaluation of property assessments will be implemented in 2021. Revaluations are based on 2019 market conditions. Assessment notices will be sent out once the RM receives updated amounts from SAMA in late March or early April.

TAX NOTICES

The RM won't be sending out pre-payment notices this year. RM Council has adjusted the Discount rates and eliminated Penalties on current taxes. Taxes are due December 31st. You will receive a tax notice in July. Discount rates are as follows:

January – June (no discount)
July (5% discount)
August (4% discount)
September (3% discount)
October (2% discount)
November (1% discount)
December (no discount)

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Lake Development Study Update

The Jackfish and Murray Lakes Development Study was awarded to Urban Systems and a Steering Committee created comprised of the partnering communities with the aim of determining:

- how the current level of development affects the lakes
- how to manage land use and development while protecting and preserving the natural and recreational attributes the lakes provide.

Completion of the study is slated for Fall 2021.

Serafina Update

Construction has resumed on the Meota West 2 facility. The facility is expected to start production in the spring.

Serafina is planning for a fourth SAGD facility located within the RM of Meota in Section 10 Twp 46 Range 17. This facility will be known as Meota Central. The RM will be working with Serafina and ratepayers to identify the most suitable oil haul route for the facility.

Cochin Transfer Station

The winter hours of operation (October 15 to April 30) for the Cochin Transfer Station have been expanded to include Mondays; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Clubroot

The RM of Meota is aware that the clubroot pathogen was detected within our municipality in 2020. We have a bylaw regulating clubroot and have received a management plan from the affected land owner. For more information contact Plant Health Officer - Colleen Fennig at (306) 946-9895.

Recruiting Fire Fighters & Fire Chief

Meota & District Fire Dept. is recruiting members to serve on the Fire Department. Volunteers are paid for both practices and call outs. We are also in a search for a new Fire Chief and EMO Coordinator. For further information contact Interim Fire Chief Dean Menssa (306) 441-6419 or Reeve Sherry Jimmy at (306) 441-7122.

Doing any Building, Renovating or Demolition?

Please remember to apply for permits by calling the RM of Meota office before you start your project and allow sufficient time for your permit application to be reviewed and approved. Please remember that retaining walls, decks and septic tanks require permits as well.

Check out our website: www.rmmeota468.ca for links to development information, bylaws and forms.