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Councillor Division 5:	Robert Girod	466-4441 or 466-7896
Councillor Division 6:	Victor Unyi	466-4469 or 466-7603

What's New in the R.M. – Mail in Ballots, Minimum Tax & Asset Management

ELECTION Division 2, 4 & 6.

Mail in ballots will be available for the upcoming fall election. Voters must register in person at the R.M. Office prior to 4:00 p.m. Monday, October 20, 2014 to be eligible to vote using the mail in ballot system. We will also be accepting voter registration at our Open House for the Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan updates on August 6, 2014 7:00 p.m. Identification accepted at registration must include your name and address. Please call the office if you need more information. Election Day is October 22, 2014.

TAXES

Council has approved a minimum tax of \$100 on agricultural and residential land. This minimum tax is to recover a portion of municipal costs on properties with very low property values, such as assessment, municipal administration, transportation, policing, fire and recreation services. The mill rate has been set at 14 mils and a mill rate factor of .8929 on Residential and .9286 on Commercial Classifications have been applied. This means there is a slight increase on agricultural properties and a slight decrease in residential taxes as in 2013 there was generally an increase in residential taxes and a decrease in agricultural taxes, commercial property taxes will remain the same as 2013, based on the same assessment values of last year.

ASSET MANAGEMENT

The R.M. is working on their Asset Management Plan (AMP). The AMP will include an inventory all the R.M. assets (roads, buildings, recreation improvements) and detail how long we can use that asset before replacement is needed. The plan details the cost of maintaining, renewing and upgrading these assets. It will also account for the acquisition of new assets. The AMP will be used to forecast what projects need to be completed, when they need to be completed and the costs. The AMP will be an important tool for the future financial planning and communication of the level of services that are provided for ratepayers. An interesting fact that we found when working on our plan – Road construction costs have increased 5.67 times the 2002 costs!

Upcoming Public Meetings	Date & Time	Location
Zoning Bylaw & Official Community Plan Updates	August 6, 7 pm	Leask Happy Homesteaders Hall 231a 1 st Street South
Development Fee & Zoning Bylaw Amendments	September 10, 10 am	Council Chambers 231 1 st Street South
Annual Ratepayer Meeting	November 19, 7 pm	Leask Legion Hall 243 1 st Avenue

*Watch the website for more public meeting notices

Council Policies

BEAVER CONTROL

The RM of Leask is participating in the Beaver Control Program again this year. Please contact your councillor to become an authorized hunter **BEFORE** hunting to be sure you will qualify for the program.

TREE/BRUSH REMOVAL IN THE ROAD ALLOWANCE

Council will pay ratepayers \$400.00 per ½ mile for brush/tree removal at land locations that have been authorized by resolution of council **prior** to work being completed to ensure satisfactory land and budget management.

BYLAWS & PERMITS

DOCK BYLAW & POLICY

A draft Dock Bylaw and Policy are now available on the website. Council will be on tour of public, municipal and environmental reserves in July and may create additional policies specific to these lands at each lake. Please send written comments for council to review by August 6, 2014. Council endeavors to have a completed Dock Policy for the RM this fall for implementation in 2015.

DEVELOPMENT & BUILDING PERMITS – This includes Lakeshore Development

A development permit approval is required for almost all development and improvements within the RM. Please call the RM office for more information or check the website at www.leask.ca. To ensure timely processing please ensure your application has all information required i.e.: site plan with all measurements. There is a fee for development permits. Please allow a **minimum of 3-5 weeks** for processing. Until you have a permit signed from the office please do not begin your project.

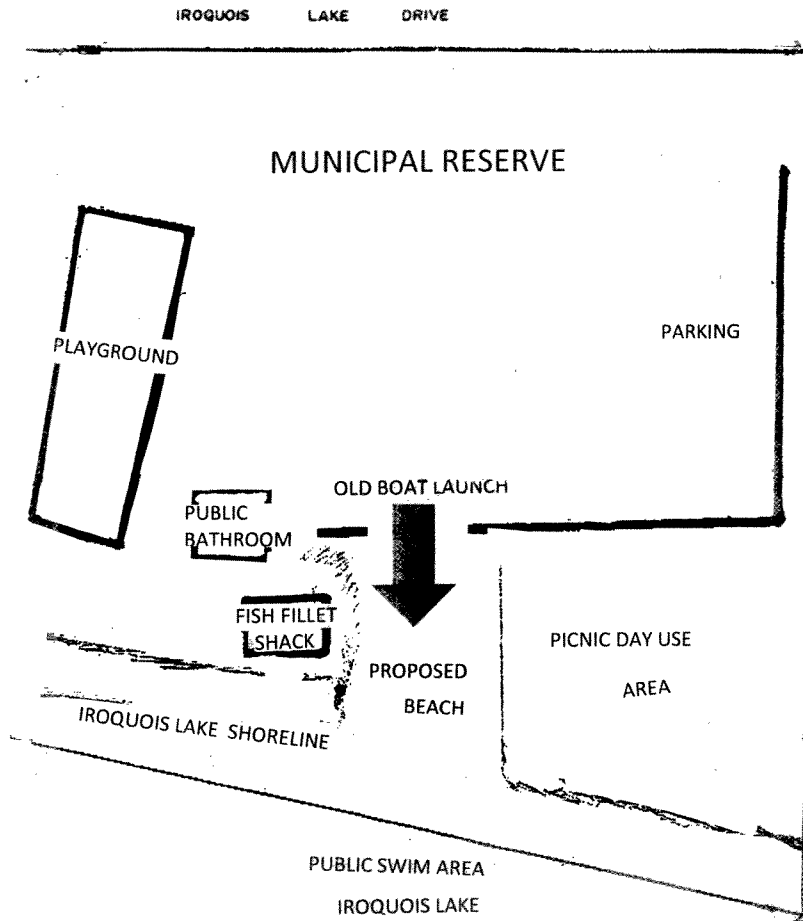
Other Important Tidbits

- Pay your Taxes **ONLINE** - with TelPay at www.leask.ca or E-Transfer to admin.464@sasktel.net
- Water and Flooding have been a major issue in the R.M. over the last 4 years. For information on provincial assistance programs or if you have lost property ie: cultivated acres to water, please call the office in July or August to be added to the 2014 Assessment Maintenance list and SAMA will inspect your property to ensure your assessment is accurate. Please remember that it is your responsibility as a property owner to protect your property from flooding
- **Burning?** Make sure you call the Control Burn line 1-866-404-4911 prior to burning to avoid unwanted firefighting charges. Calling Control Burn makes 911 dispatches aware that there will be a fire and smoke in the area in case someone calls in the fire.
- The R.M. is applying to turn the Highway 12 landfill into a transfer station where household waste and recycling will be picked up by a waste disposal company. Watch for more information on our new recycling program.
- The 2013 audited financial statement is now on the website, please check it out at www.leask.ca under RM Information/Notices.
- **HANTAVIRUS** – There has been an increase in deer mice and the risk of hantavirus. Please protect yourself, information on risks and precautions may be found at www.health.gov.sk.ca/hantavirus.
- There will be times the Town Line Grid east of Leask will be temporarily closed as the roadway will be used as a temporary airstrip for crop spraying.

COUNCIL WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Proposal to close Public Boat Launch in the Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove

The Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove has asked council to close the public boat launch in the hamlet and approve developing the municipal reserve by moving the swim area into the launch and creating a day use area to better serve the public. The R.M.'s public boat launch just outside of the hamlet would remain open.



Are you in favour of this proposal?

YES

NO

Changing the Boundaries of the Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove

The Organized Hamlet of Pelican Cove has asked council to consider expanding the boundaries of the hamlet to include Garand Crescent and Island View Resort. These subdivisions are directly adjacent to the hamlet.

Are you in favour of this proposal?

YES

NO

Please send written comments for these proposals to the R.M. office by email at admin.464@sasktel.net, fax at 306-466-2091 or mail at Box 190, Leask, SK S0J 1M0 by August 11, 2014.

For more information on either of these proposals please call the R.M. office at 306-466-2000.

Flooding – Provincial Disaster Assistance Program

A summary of eligible and ineligible expense, can be found on our web site under Info/Notices. If you have any questions please contact the office.

Highway #12 Landfill

Summer Hours

April 1 to September 30

Sunday & Monday

2:00 pm to 8:00 pm

466-2000

Village of Parkside Landfill

Summer Hours

May 1 to October 31

Thursday (1st & 3rd)

1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

747-2235

TIPPING FEES APPLY

AT ALL LANDFILLS

Custom Work & Snow Removal

Custom Work (grading/gravelling) Agreements and Snow Removal (pending RM work load) require a waiver signed by the applicant annually before any work will be done. Please stop at the office or print a waiver off of our website. Waivers can be mailed, emailed or faxed to our office. There is a deposit required ALL Custom Work.

Fire Insurance

Once again a reminder to all rural ratepayers (including cabin owners) to ensure that you have adequate fire insurance coverage on your property and home. Don't make the mistake of assuming that this is automatically included in your policy, and make sure that your coverage is adequate to cover fire department costs.

Honeywood Nursery Road

The road South of Parkside to Honeywood is now posted Local Traffic Only. Please use the turn off on Highway 40 that is 6 miles North of Leask as it is in better condition.

Rural Municipality of Leask No. 464 Schedule of Council Remuneration For the Year Ended December 31, 2013

Schedule 10

Name	Remuneration	Reimbursed Costs	Total
Real Diehl	7,256	3,738	10,994
Boyd Donohue	1,847	951	2,798
Robert Girod	5,321	2,741	8,062
Jim Joannette	6,952	3,582	10,534
Don Kavanagh	8,308	4,280	12,588
Steve Nelson	2,007	1,034	3,041
Myles Robin	1,094	564	1,658
Victor Unyi	6,275	3,233	9,508
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