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Beaches included in Division #5: Balone, Berard, Bonne Madone, Domremy, Oleksyn, Stoney Point, and east half of Nickorick

Beaches included in Division #6: Cudsaskwa (Siba & Osze), First Point, Hegedus, Nelson, west half of Nickorick, Osze, West Osze, Schitka, and Scotts Point.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A RATEPAYERS MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY AUGUST 06, 2022, AT THE WAKAW REC CENTRE STARTING AT 10 A.M.

R.M. WEBSITE – The RM website is now updated frequently with meeting agendas/minutes, application forms, road restrictions, fire bans, and much more.

EMAIL CONTACT – As a cost-saving measure for the RM, we are hoping more ratepayers sign up for e-notices. An Email Consent Form is available at the office and on the website to receive notices, receipts, info, etc., via email. All personal information including email addresses are confidential.

PAYMENT METHODS – The following are accepted by the RM for payment of accounts: cheque, cash, e-transfer (send via rm401@sasktel.net) and telpay online through credit unions. The RM is also set up for monthly withdrawals for tax payments. Please contact the RM for more information.

MILL RATE & MILL RATE FACTOR– The mill rate for 2022 is 8.7358. Seasonal residential/residential properties for 2021 are at 5.9063 after a mill rate factor of 0.6761 is applied. The resort levy is approximately 35% of the total levy. The tax levy is based on the revenue required in the RM budget to operate the municipality. The school tax mill rates are set by the Province and are included on the tax notices.

BASE TAX – New in 2022, a bylaw has been passed to apply a base tax of \$110 on any properties rated residential or commercial. This base tax is for the purposes of fire protection – all money generated from the base tax is put directly into the fire protection reserve fund. Fire protection fees for properties rated agricultural are applied at the same rate and generated through the agriculture levy, and also put directly into the fire protection reserve fund.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – The 2021 audited financial statements are available on the website. The 2021 audited summary financial statements are included with the tax notices.

ELECTIONS – Divisions 2, 4, and 6 are up for election this year. The election date is November 9, 2022. Please watch for further notices.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES - Operators must be familiar with all regulations governing off-road vehicular traffic. This includes ATV's, UTV's and Golf Carts. Most areas of the municipality and areas surrounding Wakaw Lake are private property. Some are posted with NO TRESPASSING signs. Please respect the signs, properties, and roads in the municipality.

DITCH MOWING – The RM is asking all ratepayers who will be swathing ditches along RM roads to notify the RM office before July 1 of each year. Any ditches that have not been spoken for will be mowed by our operators.

DEVELOPMENT – All development in the RM requires a permit. You can read through Bylaw 14 of 2018 Zoning Bylaw on our website for the zoning district you are in or call the office regarding any questions. Permit applications are also available on our website under the “documents” tab. Recently there has

been a lot of inquiries regarding the use of municipal or crown lands. Municipal land is designated as municipal reserve, public reserve, environmental reserve, buffer strips, or walkways. Uses are restricted to those indicated in the *Planning & Development Act* and *Dedicated Land Regulations*.

HOME-BASED BUSINESSES & COMMERCIAL USES – If you wish to operate a home-based or commercial business within the RM, you must apply for a discretionary use. The RM does not issue business licenses, but any businesses must be approved via a discretionary use application. Please refer to the Zoning Bylaw found on the RM website for the home-based or commercial use information in the district you are located in.

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT - The RM of Hoodoo has contracted LM Bylaw Enforcement to perform bylaw enforcement within the RM. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you can talk to Luc directly at 306-862-7521, by email to luc@lmbylawenforcement.ca, or contact the RM office. The bylaw officer will be patrolling the lake subdivisions on a regular basis and the remainder of the RM on an “as needs” basis.

GARBAGE FOR WAKAW LAKE - The regular weekly summer pickup of garbage started after the May long weekend this year and will continue until around Thanksgiving long weekend. The normal pick-up day is Monday but will move to Tuesday if a holiday falls on the regular day. Regular household garbage only is accepted and in a REGULAR garbage bag (75L Bags, not small plastic/grocery bags or the very large leaf bags) and no heavier than 40 lbs. **Nothing loose.**

Please **DO NOT** put wire, broken glass, nails or construction materials in garbage bags. This has happened several times this summer and injured workers. If your garbage is refused for one of these reasons you will be responsible to take it to REACT at the landfill or transfer station. If you have any questions regarding garbage, please contact REACT in Humboldt @ (306) 682-1955.

SNOW REMOVAL - Caution must be taken when clearing the snow onto the road allowance as no ridges or buildup of snow should be on edge of road (liability may fall to person responsible for the ridge). After a major snow fall, the policy of Council has been set as follows: All major grids are to be done first for emergency vehicles and then all other roads. **Make sure you have an alternative method of snow removal in the event of a major snow fall.**

CIVIC ADDRESSING – Lake residents will notice posts and signs being installed throughout the beaches. The RM is installing a uniform address sign, which will be consistent throughout the subdivisions. Rural signage will be done later this fall. These numbers will be registered with 911 and local emergency services, as soon as the road name changes have been approved by the Department of Highways. We will notify you what your official civic address will be and at that time, you will be able to use it when applying for services, etc. Each ratepayer will be charged for the signage (shared cost where one post is used for two signs).

RM ROAD SAFETY – The speed limit on the RM’s grid roads is 80 km/hr unless posted otherwise. The speed limit is reduced to 60 km/hr on designated roads for trucks over three tonnes. These roads will have signs stating the reduced speed. **RM Employees/Equipment = Orange Zone. Please slow to 60 km/hr when passing RM employees and equipment.** We ask that travelers be aware that the equipment is maintaining the roads for your use and that courtesy towards our operators is expected. Be patient and drive with care when meeting or passing municipal equipment.

SEWER - All wastewater from residences/cottages around the lake is required to be in a holding tank. Grey water is not to be pumped onto the ground where it can find its way into the lake. A person was observed pumping sewage from his holding tank onto the ground behind the cottage. This matter will be pursued to ensure this practice will not continue. The RM has access to water usage and sewage records. **Please be responsible and protect your lake and investment.**

FIRES & CONTROLLED BURN – Notice of fire bans are uploaded to the RM’s website and sent out in an email notice. If you are planning a controlled burn of bush, piles, stubble, etc. you **MUST** call and report it. To report a controlled burn, call 1-866-404-4911. The RM asks that everyone follow the “Best Practices for Open Burning” as outlined on the Government of Saskatchewan webpage.

FIRE DEPARTMENT CHARGES – There are costs for the RM of Hoodoo Volunteer Fire Department to respond to a fire. Contact your insurance agent to arrange for coverage. The amount suggested to ensure you will not incur your own costs is \$15,000 to \$20,000. The minimum charge for the fire department to respond is \$1,000.