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NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2024

<u>REEVE & COUNCILLORS</u>			<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	
Reeve	Derreck Kolla	306-229-6161	CAO/CFO:	Fay Stewart fstewart@rmofhoodoo.ca
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Division 5	Bruce Cron	306-514-2115		
Division 6	Darren McConnell	306-227-6551		

2024 ELECTION - Divisions 1, 3, 5 and Reeve are up for election this year! If you are interested in becoming a Councillor or the Reeve and would like more information on what this involves, you can chat with a current Councillor, visit the RM of Hoodoo website 'Elections' page, or visit the Government of Saskatchewan website and search "Information for New Municipal Council Members". Ratepayers can run for Councillor in any division as long as you have two people from that division that nominate you. If you have any questions regarding being a Councillor/Reeve, you can call the office or email Fay.

Call for Nominations: Last week of August
Nomination Deadline: October 9, 2024 at 4pm
Advanced Polls: TBD (between Oct 29 - Nov 10)
Election Day: November 13, 2024

More information regarding the election day, and advanced polls will be communicated later this fall.

MILL RATE & MILL RATE FACTOR – The mill rate for 2024 is 9.47. Seasonal residential/residential properties for 2024 are at 6.3449 after a mill rate factor of .67 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.

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – The 2023 audited financial statements are available on the website. The 2023 audited summary financial statements are included with the tax notices.

PAYMENT METHODS – The following are accepted by the RM for payment of accounts: cheque, cash, e-transfer (send via office@rmofhoodoo.ca) 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.

GARBAGE PICKUP FOR WAKAW LAKE – Garbage pickup will occur:

Weekly on Monday – May long to Thanksgiving

Bi-weekly on Monday – Thanksgiving to May long (Winter, Schedule will be posted)

Pickup will occur on Tuesdays if the Monday is a stat holiday. Please have your garbage out by 7am on pickup days. **This is for household garbage only**, any construction material, old furniture, yard refuse (leaves, branches, lawn clippings) will not be picked up by the RM and can be taken to the React landfill. **Please be courteous to your neighbors and do not put doggy bags in other people's bins, take it home and put it in your own garbage bags.**

RECYCLING BINS AT HOODOO LANDFILL - REACT has placed recycling bins at the Hoodoo Landfill for RM of Hoodoo and other participating municipalities ratepayers. The recycling bins can only be accessed during open landfill hours and are directly behind the operator's building.

The landfill is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday (summer only), and Saturday 10am to 5pm.

The REACT recycling bins within the Town of Wakaw will remain in place and may be used by the RM of Hoodoo ratepayers. Any questions regarding recycling or landfill garbage can be directed to the REACT office at 306-682-1955.

CIVIC ADDRESSING – The new Civic Addressing numbers are fully registered with emergency services and can be used if you need to call. This address is not set up for postal services or map direction services at this time. The full address of your property is on your tax notice. If you do not have a sign at your property, or notice any signs missing, please email Ashley. **Please remember to update your address with your alarm company system. A call came recently to the fire department from an alarm company system stating, "Lot 1 Block 2 Wakaw Lake". There are about 18 properties with that address around the lake. The Civic Address Registry system was created by the province to prevent confusion such as this.**

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT – The RM has contracted Chris and Paidan with B&B Enforcement Services to perform bylaw enforcement within the RM. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you can contact Paidan at 306-280-7914 or email at hamoline.paidan@gmail.com, or you can contact the RM office. The bylaw officer will be patrolling the Wakaw Lake on a regular, random schedule.

HOME-BASED BUSINESSES & COMMERCIAL USES – Home-based and commercial business are a discretionary use in most districts of the RM, meaning you must apply for them, and they are reviewed at council meetings. Please refer to the Zoning Bylaw found on the RM website for home-based or commercial use information in the district you are in. Please contact the office for more information.

DEVELOPMENT – All development within the RM requires a permit. Development permits are required to determine if the proposed development conforms with the RM of Hoodoo's Zoning Bylaw. A building permit is required to confirm that building plans and construction meet provincial building code, and is required for any building over 100 sq ft. Please review the RM's Zoning Bylaw 14 of 2018 on our website for more information on what can be done on your property. The application forms are available on the website under the "Development and Permits" tab. If you have any questions about developing, you can call the office or email Ashley.

RM ROAD SAFETY – RM Employees/Equipment = Orange Zone. Please slow to 60 km/hr when meeting 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. The RM currently has 4 speed signs, that were obtained through the SGI Provincial Traffic Safety Fund Grant, that will be rotated throughout the lake subdivisions. These signs collect speed data that is forwarded to the local RCMP detachment.

PARKING ON ROAD ALLOWANCE – Licensed vehicles can be parked in cutouts along the beach roads; however, they must be available to move the vehicle if needed (first responders, snow removal, etc.). Any trailers, unlicensed vehicles, and storage are not allowed in cutouts. There are storage compounds in and around Wakaw that can be used to store your trailers. The cut outs are in road allowance and are NOT owned by the adjacent landowner, any private signage will be removed.

FIRE DEPARTMENT– The RM of Hoodoo, in partnership with the Towns of Cudworth and Wakaw, operates a volunteer fire department. When the fire department is called out, the property owner may be responsible for covering the charges. The minimum call-out charge is \$1,000. The amount suggested to ensure you will not incur your own costs is \$20,000. Please contact your insurance agent to arrange for coverage. Notice of fire bans are posted on the RM's website and sent out via email. If you are planning a controlled burn of bush, piles, stubble, etc. you **MUST** call the control burn line (**1-866-404-4911**) and report it.