RM of Indian Head No. 156

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm, closed 12:30 - 1:00.

Closed January 30-Feb. 10

As a one-person office, things do come up and the office may be unexpectedly closed. Calling in advance is advised.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

This year we had a council members change with an election taking place. Your new council members are:

Reeve	James Woidyla	306-660-7719
Division 1	Darryl Henty	306-695-7480
Division 2	J.R. Craigie	306-695-7682
Division 3	Scott Greiner	306-536-2157
Division 4	Jamie Nagy	306-660-7371
Division 5	Danton Soloducha	306-537-8217
Division 6	Eric Gray	306-695-0586

STAFFING

The RM office is staffed by myself, Tracy Luscombe. The Foreman, Mark Kress oversees the work of our three outside employees. Randy Tiefenbach, who is employed full time by the RM, Elmer Meyer and Jeremy Meyer, both of which are seasonal employees.

RATES AND CHARGES

Rates to have custom work done by the RM in 2023 have increased slightly. A reminder that custom work is assessed on time available of the operators. A full list of equipment and charges can be found on our website, at this link.

SNOW CLEARING/LANE GRADING:

Only main access grids are kept open in the winter. Exercise caution when travelling on summer only roads as they are not always open during winter months.

The RM does provide lane grading and snow clearing as a custom service. This is an as time permits service only. In the case of heavy snowfall, municipal roads will be done first, followed by private residences.

To request this service, please email the RM office with the <u>Custom Work Request Form</u>

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SASK. LOTTERIES COMMUNITY GRANT:

Applications are now being accepted from non-profit organizations in support of sport, culture and recreation programs within the RM of Indian Head. Organizations requesting funds must fill out and return an application to the RM before Friday, February 24, 2022.

The application form can be found on <u>our website</u> or by emailing the RM to request a copy.

RECYCLING SERVICES

The recycling depot available to all RM Residents is located at the RM shop, South of Highway #1 on RngRd 2131.

Please be respectful of the bins and only put recyclable materials in them and ensure the lids will close when you are done.

GRID 619 REDUCED SPEED ZONE

At the January meeting of council <u>Bylaw 200-2023</u> was passed, reducing the speed limit on Grid 619 (RngRd 2125/Kendall Grid) to 60 KM/HR for all vehicles traveling off highway #1, South to the RM of Montmarte border. Currently speeds on that road average 90 KM/HR however, some are up to 130 KM/HR.

The RCMP have been made aware of this change and new speed signs will be installed to ensure all drivers are aware of the change. Keeping all traffic safe on that road is our highest goal.

Zoning Districts, Development & Home-Based Businesses

Did you know that the RM of Indian Head is divided into 7 zoning districts that regulate everything from What you can build, setbacks and permitted uses within the property? Depending on where you live in the RM, different rules outline what is permitted, and what is not. Do you want to build a house, put up a fence or start a business? You will have to make sure the proposed development fits within your district's zoning guidelines and apply for a development Permit. Our Zoning Bylaw No. 172/90 contains all the information for each district. Both the Development Permit Application and full Zoning Bylaw can be obtained by contacting the office.

The RM is in the infancy stage of a project to give our current Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw a review and update using a professional planner. This project is expected to take 1-1.5 years to complete. There will be an opportunity for Residents and Ratepayers to give their opinion on how they feel the lands in the RM should be utilized and more information will be communicated at that time.

FIRE COVERAGE ON LANDS DESIGNATED AS RESERVE STATUS

If you or someone you know is currently renting lands that are designated reserve status, it is important you know that those lands are not covered by the Indian Head and District Volunteer Fire Department.

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The RM and Town have been working with Carry the Kettle First Nation over the last two years in attempts to get a fire coverage agreement in place on those lands however have been unsuccessful. Should a fire start on those lands, the department may not respond.

INDIAN HEAD & DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

The Indian Head and District Hospital Foundation Inc. is a registered charity that works to raise funds to purchase equipment for the local hospital that is not funded by the Saskatchewan Health Authority. Additional information is attached to this email regarding making a donation to support their efforts and benefit the hospital.

COMMUNICATIONS

The RM is working to stay connected with its Ratepayers and Residents to the best of our ability and we recognize the number of email most people get in a day so if you would like to be removed from the general communications of the RM please reply to this and let us know. We will still keep your email on file for urgent communications. We also have a Facebook page to follow for information that is not urgent in nature.