

# 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.

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

April 19, 26

May 2, 3, 14-16

June 14, 21, 28

## COUNCIL MEMBERS

Your 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

Our outside employees have been called back to work and are ready to go. Returning this year, we have Elmer Meyer and Jeremy Meyer. Randy Tiefenbach and Foreman, Mark Kress are full time with the RM.

## DUST CONTROL

Spring is here and, shortly dust from the roads will be a concern. The RM will be hiring a contractor to put down a dust control product on a few key haul roads that we then bill back to the haulers. Some Ratepayers choose to use the same provider and have dust control applied to the road in front of their residence at their cost. The RM office is happy to facilitate with the contractor if this is a service you would like. To arrange for the application, please call or email the office **prior to May 1, 2024**. It is important to note, once the product has been put down, the road can not be graded and may become muddy when wet.

## SASK. LOTTERIES COMMUNITY GRANT

The RM awarded funding to 5 local organizations this year. Bell Barn Society of Indian Head, Broncs Parent Association, Indian Head Golf & Country Club, Indian Head Elementary School Student Community Council and Prairie Soles School of Dance will all receive funding for their programs.

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## GRAVEL

Road gravel application will begin when road bans are removed and be done by Wilf Walker Trucking out of Balcarres. If you are wanting gravel for your own purposes, the RM no longer facilitates those deliveries and you are welcome to contact any contractor you wish for product.

## PEST CONTROL

Our Pest Control officer, Mike Langlois left the RM as your service provider for rodent control at the end of 2023. Mike was with the RM for many years and we were sad to see him go.

In his place, the RM has hired Katlin Lang as the new Pest Control Officer. Katlin will start work in RM in the June/July timeframe checking occupied as well as unoccupied yard sites for rat movement and treating as required. As a Ratepayer of this RM, you are eligible for free Rat control products to assist these efforts. We have a supply of Contrac bloc, Ramex and Ratak + on hand. We encourage you to use it to help keep the rodent population at bay in the RM.

## GOPHER CONTROL

Through SARM, the RM and our Ratepayers have access to funding through the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Funding via the Pest Biosecurity Program. Part of that funding is to assist the RM and Ratepayers in the control of gophers using approved products. You are eligible for up to 50% of the cost of approved products to control the gopher population on your lands. Additional information can be found on the Government of Saskatchewan website [at this link](#). If you purchase Rozol through the RM, I will have rebate forms available for you.

## GRADE 12 SCHOLARSHIP

The RM provides a \$500 scholarship to a student who has completed grade 12 at Indian Head High School and, will be continuing his/her education at a post secondary educational institution. If you know a Grade 12 student in Indian Head High School, please ensure they contact the school for additional information.

## SASKATCHEWAN MUNICIPAL HAIL INSURANCE

I am a licensed agent to sell Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance (SMHI) as well as Additional Municipal Hail Insurance (AMHI) should you require any insurance this year. SMHI is available to anyone who owns the insured land and AMHI is available to anyone with an insurable interest in the land, owner, or renter.

April 30 – Last day to apply for crop exemption

June 15 - Last day to file crop report

June 30 – Last day for new applicants to apply for coverage

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## DED PREVENTION REMINDER

A reminder that the pruning of elm trees is prohibited from April 1<sup>st</sup> to August 31<sup>st</sup> to reduce the risk of Dutch Elm Disease (DED). The elm bark beetles that spread the deadly disease are most active during this period and fresh cut attract them. Regular pruning, outside the ban period, helps keep trees healthy and better able to resist all types of diseases, including Dutch Elm Disease. Removing dead wood also makes trees less attractive to elm bark beetles. Due to the risk of spreading DED, transporting, or storing elm firewood is illegal. Any elm wood should be disposed of promptly by taking it to the landfill. It should not be stored on your property.

## BUILDING BYLAW & BUILDING PERMITS

The RM's is now following the Provincial building bylaw template as we were mandated to do so. As such, all buildings that have a residential component to them must have a building permit. Prior to construction, please ensure you apply for a building permit and have the proper plans submitted for review. The RM is using Municode out of Warman as our Building Inspectors. The full bylaw can be found online at the RM's website - <https://rmofindianhead156.com/building-permits.html>

## APAS

The RM is once again a member of APAS or the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan. APAS is Saskatchewan's democratically elected, non-partisan farm policy and advocacy organization. APAS has been the voice of Saskatchewan's farmers and ranchers since 2000, and represents ratepayers in 135 municipalities. If you are interested in learning more about APAS and their efforts, visit their website at <https://apas.ca/>

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

The town of Indian Head has many events coming up that RM Ratepayers have access to as well. Please visit the [Town of Indian Head Community Calendar](#) for information.