

# RM of Blaine Lake #434

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NEW Website: <https://rmofblainelake434.ca/> NEW Facebook: RMof BlaineLake

## Municipal Elected Officials:

Reeve William Chalmers  
Councillor Division 1 Walter Kabaroff  
Councillor Division 2 John Serhienko  
Councillor Division 3 Vacant (see below)  
Councillor Division 4 Alan Lavoie  
Councillor Division 5 John Priestley  
Councillor Division 6 Robert Dagenais

## 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

**November 9, 2020**

**Reeve, Divisions 1, 3 & 5**

This fall 2020 brings elections to our SK municipalities.

**Call for Nominations will open very soon in September.**

Thinking of running for Council? The Government of Saskatchewan has created the following documents which are available on-line at [Saskatchewan.ca](http://Saskatchewan.ca):

- Running for Municipal Council
- Governance & Accountability of Council
- The Municipalities Act/Regulations

Don't forget to get out and vote on November 9th 2020!

(Keep checking our webpage for more up-to-date information as the days go on!)

## The Local Government Elections Act has been amended.

With the General Election coming up this fall, please visit our website or visit [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca) for the changes that may affect you.

**The RM of Blaine Lake has passed Bylaws that are in reflection of this and can be found on our website, or please visit us at the office for viewing.**

**Road Haul/Maintenance Agreements are MANDATORY in the RM of Blaine Lake #434 - please contact the office if you require one.**

## FIRE INSURANCE REMINDER

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE ADEQUATE FIRE INSURANCE COVERAGE ON YOUR PROPERTY & 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.

## DEVELOPMENT PERMITS & ZONING QUERIES

A development permit (approval) is required for all development and improvements within the RM. To ensure timely processing, please ensure your application has all information required (ie. site plan with all measurements). Please allow a **minimum of 3-5 weeks** for processing. Until you have a permit approval from the office, please do not begin your project. There is a fee for building permits.

Development and Building Permit applications are available on our website. For a paper copy or any other queries, please contact the office.

**Development approval occurs at regular Council meetings – be sure to submit your application 4+ business days prior to the regular council meeting to ensure it is considered.**

**The Municipal Mill Rate for 2020 is set at 8.3**

## Controlled Burning

**Please be advised that it is your responsibility to let Saskatchewan Environment know if you are going to have a controlled burn.**

**To prevent unwanted firefighting charges, please call 1-866-404-4911 BEFORE burning to report a controlled fire.**

## LANDFILL TRANSFER STATION:

(RM ratepayers can utilize this service for FREE – however, you will need to know your land location in order to do so)

**SUMMER HOURS: (April 1<sup>st</sup> – Sept 30<sup>th</sup>)**

**Tuesday 3:00 – 8:00 pm**

**Wednesday 10am-4pm (closed 12-1)**

**Saturday 10am-4pm (closed 12-1)**

**WINTER HOURS: (Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>)**

**Wednesday 10am-4pm (closed 12-1)**

**Saturday 10am-4pm (closed 12-1)**

## Municipal Office Regular Hours:

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Thursday  
(Closed Fridays, Weekends & Holidays)

## 2020 Office Closures:

New Year's Day      Family Day      Good Friday  
Victoria Day      Canada Day      Saskatchewan Day  
Labour Day      Thanksgiving Day      Remembrance Day  
Christmas Eve      Christmas Day      Boxing Day

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### REMAINING 2020 REGULAR MEETINGS OF COUNCIL:

SEPTEMBER 08, OCTOBER 13 @ 7:00AM

NOVEMBER 17, DECEMBER 08 @ 8:00AM

Meetings are scheduled to be held at Council Chambers; however due to COVID-19, meetings may be required to be held in a different location to ensure social-distancing and/or public health requirements.

**Is there information that you feel is missing from this newsletter?**

*Suggestions for improvement are always welcomed! Please contact the office!*

**A vote will be held for the Election of:  
Councillor for Division 3**

**Advance Poll: Saturday, August 22, 2020  
from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and**

**Election Day: Wednesday, August 26, 2020  
from 9:00am to 8:00pm  
both at the Senior's Centre.**

**Results of the voting will be declared  
Aug 27, 2020.**

**If you find any errors on your 2020 Tax Notice, please contact the office immediately.**

### AVAILABLE PAYMENT OPTIONS AT THE RM

The only available options to pay electronically (EFT) to the office is through Telpay, or through CIBC online banking. If you would like to e-transfer, please call the office before sending funds.

Cash and cheques are accepted as well. If you arrive when the office is closed, please use the mail drop on the front of the building; we will process and send you a receipt on the next business day.

### REDUCE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19. WASH YOUR HANDS.



1-833-784-4397 | [canada.ca/coronavirus](https://canada.ca/coronavirus) | [phac.info.aspc@canada.ca](mailto:phac.info.aspc@canada.ca)



### BEAVER CONTROL

The RM of Blaine Lake participates in the Beaver Control Program. Please submit your contact information along with a copy of your valid trapper's license to the office, in order to become an authorized hunter; this must be done BEFORE HUNTING to be sure you will qualify for the program. Please note that Payment to be made only upon submission of approved supporting documents. Please contact the office for more information.

**The 2019 Financial Audit is available on our website; please visit the office if you would prefer to view a hard copy.**

### 2020 TAX DISCOUNTS

**THE MUNICIPALITY OFFERS THE FOLLOWING DISCOUNTS FOR EARLY PAYMENT OF TAXES:**

AUGUST 6%                      SEPTEMBER 4%  
OCTOBER 2%                      DECEMBER NO DISCOUNT

**Strychnine is being slowly phased out; please contact the office for more information.**

**Strychnine \$12/btl ~ RM Maps \$15 ~ Grid Maps \$3  
Contact the office for requests for Custom Work, gravel, mowing, photocopying, etc.**

### R.M. SIGNS & R.M. PROPERTY

The destruction of R.M. signs and roads is considered mischief, and the removal or theft of signs constitutes theft under \$5,000.00. Both are CRIMINAL CHARGES. Signs are costly to R.M. ratepayers! We are asking for the PUBLIC's assistance to report known incidences of such matters to police at: Blaine Lake RCMP (306) 497-3600  
RCMP Non-Emergency Line (306) 310-RCMP (7267)  
Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

**If the matter is time sensitive or requires immediate attention PLEASE CALL 911**

**NEW WEBSITE:** If there is anything that you would like to see included on our website, please send us an email and we will do our best to get it available for your viewing.

If you have any photographs of RM scenery or attractions that you would like to submit and share with our community, please email them in!

### The RM offers a Dust Control Rebate to RM #434 Ratepayers as follows:

- A 25% cost reimbursement for dust control applications will need to be preapproved by Council, up to a maximum of \$200.00 per site;
- Ratepayers are responsible to make the necessary arrangements with their own chosen contractor;
- The Ratepayer is responsible to notify the RM Administration office prior to application;
- The Ratepayer acknowledges that the RM Public Works will still need to maintain (ie. Grade) the public roads as necessary.

### PASSING RM PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES

**PLEASE SLOW DOWN TO 60 KM/HR ON ROADWAYS WHEN PASSING OUR EMPLOYEES, WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE WORKING INSIDE OR OUTSIDE OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT. IF YOU SEE SOMEONE DRIVING AT UNSAFE SPEEDS AROUND OUR EMPLOYEES, PLEASE REPORT IT TO THE RCMP BY CALLING 1(306)310-RCMP.**

**Turn in Poachers and Polluters**  
1-800-667-7561  
SaskTel Cell #5555



### INVASIVE/PROHIBITED/NOXIOUS WEEDS

*If you have any concerns regarding these, please contact the office. We will gather your information to determine if our Weed Inspector will require an investigation.*

### SNOW REMOVAL/CUSTOM WORK

IF YOU REQUIRE ANY CUSTOM WORK TO BE DONE ON YOUR PROPERTY, PLEASE COMPLETE A 2020/2021 WAIVER AT THE OFFICE. THE PROCEDURE THEN IS TO CONTACT THE OFFICE EACH TIME YOU NEED WORK, INCLUDING SNOW REMOVAL, TO BE DONE.

**FEES ARE SET ANNUALLY. \*NOTE: "20 MINUTES FREE SNOW CLEARING" HAS BEEN REMOVED.**

**If you have an expired Road Lease with the RM, please contact the office to begin the renewal process.**

### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

If you have any RM-related comments or concerns, please put them in writing, addressed to the Reeve and Council and mail them into or drop them off at the RM Office, utilizing any of the contacts found on the previous page. Your concern needs to be detailed, with as much information as possible, by: including specific land locations, date(s), etc.

**SaskAlert** is the Government of Saskatchewan's emergency public alerting program that provides critical information on emergencies in real time, so you can take action to protect yourself, your family and your property.  
**Call the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency for more information: (306) 787-3774**

### INTERESTED IN ATTENDING A COUNCIL MEETING?

You may attend as an observer during public meetings, no appointment is necessary. If you would like to participate as a delegation, please contact Administration in writing, to request your appointment, and for more information.

**Would you like to receive these newsletters by email?**  
Please send us an email to [rm434@sasktel.net](mailto:rm434@sasktel.net) and include in your subject line: "Please add me to your mailing list."