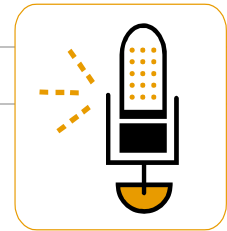


# RM OF BLAINE LAKE No. 434

Newsletter  
Summer 2019



We've moved!!! We are looking forward to serving you at our new office!

**NEW!!!** 118 Main St  
PO Box 38  
Blaine Lake, SK  
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Phone: 1 (306)497-2282  
Fax: 1 (306)497-2423 **NEW!!!**  
Email: [rm434@sasktel.net](mailto:rm434@sasktel.net)  
Web: [blainelake.ca/rm/](http://blainelake.ca/rm/)

### Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday  
9am - 4pm  
(Closed Fridays, Weekends & Holidays)

### Council:

Reeve William Chalmers  
Div 1 Walter Kabaroff  
Div 2 John Serhienko  
Div 3 Wayne Ratzlaff  
Div 4 Alan Lavoie  
Div 5 John Priestley  
Div 6 Robert Dagenais

Acting Administrator:

Jen Gutknecht

Mentor: Alan Tanchak

Foreman: Merv Werezak

### RM PAYMENT OPTIONS

The **only** available option to pay electronically to the RM office is through Telpay.

**Cash and cheques** are accepted as well. Credit Cards are **NOT** accepted.

If you would like to set up with Telpay, please visit [telpay.ca/webpay](http://telpay.ca/webpay) and use our

**bill code # 008945.**

You will need to enter your customer number when applying a reference number, which is found at the top of your Tax Notice. If you need assistance, please call Telpay at 1 (800) 665-0302.



### Regular Council Meetings:

Second Tuesday of the month (except for those months noted with a \*):

September 10

October 08

\*November 05

December 10

Held in Council Chambers, at 118 Main Street.

### Would you like to receive our newsletters by email?

Please send us an email titled: "Please add me to your mailing list."

The Municipal Mill Rate for 2019 is set at 8.3.

## ADDRESSING CONCERNS:

If you have any RM-related comments or concerns, please put them in writing, addressed to the Reeve and Council and send them into or drop them off at the RM Office, utilizing any of the contacts found on the side of this page.

Please note that all communications must go through the Administration Office, including any/all requests, concerns, complaints, comments, suggestions.

Your concern needs to be detailed, with as much information as possible, such as: specific land locations, date(s), etc.

Forms are available in - office and on-line: <https://blainelake.ca/pdfs/RM434/forms/Complaints.pdf>.

*For safety reasons, Public Works employees shall not be approached.*

*Any abuse will not be tolerated.*

### 2018 FINANCIAL AUDIT

We hope to have our financial audit completed this fall. Once approved by council, it will be available for viewing in the office, as well as on-line. Please contact the office if you require further information.



### PERMITS & ZONING QUERIES

Permits are required for all development and improvements within the RM.

To ensure timely processing, please ensure your application has all information required i.e.: site plan with all measurements.

Please allow a **minimum of 3-5 weeks** for processing.

Until you have a permit signed from the office please do not begin your project.

For any queries, please contact your councilor or the office.

### TRANSFER STATION

You will need to know your land location in order to utilize the transfer station.

### SUMMER HOURS:

(April 1<sup>st</sup> - Sept 30<sup>th</sup>)  
Tuesday 3:00 - 8:00 pm  
Wednesday & Saturday 10am-4pm (closed 12-1)

### WINTER HOURS:

(Oct 1<sup>st</sup> - Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>)  
Wednesday & Saturday 10am-4pm (closed 12-1)



### CONTROLLED BURN LINE

1 (866)404-4911

### ROAD HAUL AND/OR MAINTENANCE AGREEMENTS

Are required in the RM of Blaine Lake #434 and will be processed upon request, as soon as possible, and during regular business hours.

Please report your concerns to the office immediately, if you know of anyone hauling without a permit.

**NOTE: The RM of Blaine Lake has a Harassment Bylaw & Policy in place.**

### BURNING IN THE RM

Please ensure you call the Controlled Burn Line at **1-866-404-4911** PRIOR to burning, to avoid unwanted firefighting charges.

Calling the Controlled Burn Line makes 911 dispatchers aware that there will be a fire and smoke in the area, should someone report the fire.

The Controlled Burn Line can also be contacted to verify the RM's current Fire Ban status, and they are available 24/7.



**FIRE INSURANCE:** This is a friendly reminder to all rural ratepayers to ensure that you have adequate firefighting insurance coverage on your property and 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. Please talk to your insurance broker to ensure you have enough coverage.

### SNOW REMOVAL

"20 minutes free snow clearing" has been removed for the 2019/2020 season.

### 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.**

**If you find any errors on your 2019 Tax Notice, please contact the office immediately.**

### NEW WEBSITE IMMINENT!

Stay tuned for our new, stand-alone website! If you have any suggestions on the kind of website content you would like to see, please send us an email with your suggestions! [rm434@sasktel.net](mailto:rm434@sasktel.net)

# RM OF BLAINE LAKE No. 434

## **BEAVER CONTROL**

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



## **THE SASKATCHEWAN CRIME WATCH ADVISORY NETWORK**

The Ministry of Corrections and Policing for the Province is pleased to announce the establishment of the 'Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network'. Supported by Everbridge Mass Notification Systems, the new network provides the RCMP and its Provincial Response Team partner agencies (Saskatchewan Highway Patrol and Saskatchewan Conservation Officers) with the ability to communicate directly with the public on matters of crime prevention. To sign up, visit: [www.saskcrimewatch.ca](http://www.saskcrimewatch.ca)

## **MEETING DELEGATIONS**

Please see council meeting dates listed on the flip side. The cut-off date for all meeting correspondence, such as meeting delegation requests, is noon Thursday, prior to the meeting date. *Delegation requests must be submitted in writing.* See pages 11 & 12 of our Council Procedures Bylaw for more information: <https://blainelake.ca/pdfs/RM434/bylaws/Bylaw-2017-02-Council-Procedures.pdf>

## Concerns Respecting Road Allowances

If anyone has a concern respecting a proposed closure, they should put their concerns in writing and ensure that they are provided to Council prior to the meeting at which the request will be considered.

Here are some notable points:

1. All road allowances within the RM are under the management, direction and control of the RM, by virtue of section 12 of *The Municipalities Act*, S.S. 2005, c. M-36.1 ("the Act").
2. Road allowances are basically land set aside for the purpose of constructing roads, if and when required.
3. Regardless of whether or not a road allowance has been developed, it is a way over which the public has a right to pass.
4. An adjacent landowner cannot, therefore, fence off or otherwise obstruct a road allowance, without the permission of Council, given in the manner provided in the Act.
5. Council does have the authority to close and lease road allowances pursuant to section 13 of the Act; however a number of requirements must be met before this can be done.

**RM maps are currently being updated and will be available at a cost of \$15. Please contact the office in the fall for the current status.**

## **RECYCLE PLASTIC GRAIN BAGS**

Plastic Grain Bags are now being accepted at the 16 to 43 Waste Management facility west of Hafford: [www.16-43wastemangement.ca](http://www.16-43wastemangement.ca) and at the Collection Site located in the Town of Spiritwood [www.townofspiritwood.ca](http://www.townofspiritwood.ca). Please check their websites for hours of operation and requirements.

Approved Regular and Special Meeting Minutes are posted online.

*Council approves previous minutes at the next regular council meeting.*

**Coming Soon!** We are in the process of having an envelope drop box installed (next to the Main Street entrance) for after/off hours usage.

Please be aware of the safety issues and consequences of a ratepayer pushing snow from a driveway on to the municipal road or shoulder. Piles of snow left on or near the road can freeze creating a hazardous situation for vehicles and snow removal equipment. This hazard exposes the risk of serious bodily injury and poses the risk of liability for the resulting damages to the party who pushed the snow on the road. *Please help keep our roads safe.*

**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. Keeping these difficult and invasive weeds out of our RM is to everyone's benefit!

**The RM is drafting an all-inclusive Roads Policy, with the intention of putting clear and fair procedures in place, year-round.**

**All organic farmers** are encouraged to register all of their organic lands to the RM office as to let commercial pesticide applicators take the necessary precautions to avoid spray drift onto such lands.

## **DUST CONTROL**

The resident must submit a letter to the office in writing and requires council's approval **prior** to work being completed.

## **APPROACHES**

Contact your Councillor or the RM office prior to building any approaches along right-of-ways, as **APPROVAL** is REQUIRED by council prior to any construction and you will be billed for any unauthorized work.

## **DRAINAGE**

The construction and operation of most drainage works requires the approval from Council and the Water Security Agency. Please discuss with staff at the Water Security Agency regional office at (306) 445-7450 prior to any drainage.

## **TURN IN POACHERS AND POLLUTERS (TIPP)**

1 (800) 667-7561

## **DITCH MAINTENANCE**

The purpose for mowing the right-of-way is to maintain the integrity of road ditches to ensure road health. A road needs to "breathe" to heal from frost boils, soft spots and excess water. It also aids visibility and weed control. Therefore, please refrain from seeding municipal road allowances. The RM owns 66 to 150 feet of right-of way throughout the RM, depending on the road type. Compensation for any seeded areas within the right-of-way will not be given when maintenance occurs.