



Summer 2020 Newsletter

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## **Office Hours**

Monday – Friday

9:00 am – 4:30 pm and closed for  
lunch from 12:00 noon – 1:00pm

## **Mark You Calendars**

### **Municipal Discounts**

**August 31** – Last day to receive 6%  
discount on taxes.

**September 30** – Last day to receive  
5% discount on RM taxes.

**October 31** - Last day to receive 4%  
discount on RM taxes.

**November 30** - Last day to receive  
2% discount on RM taxes.

### **Hay Salvage**

**June 15** - Last day to request for  
hay salvage.

**August 1** – Deadline for Hay  
Salvage to be cut, bailed and  
picked.

## **COUNCIL**

**Reeve** – Bernard Bauche

**Division 1** – Brian Poirier

**Division 2** – Rick Patron

**Division 3** – Martin Hjertaas

**Division 4** – Keith Rutten

**Division 5** – David Hutton

**Division 6** – Cal Pirlot

**Division 7** – Donald Revet

**Administrator** – Melissa Roberts

**Foreman** – Clarence Johnson

## **THE 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 for Divisions 1, 3, 5, 7 and for the position of the Reeve!!!**

**Do you want to make a difference? Stand up for what you  
believe in. Be the voice of your community!**

**Nomination Deadline is October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 4:00 pm**

The term of office is 4 years. You must be 18 years old and a Canadian Citizen. You also must have lived in the RM for at least 3 months or be a registered owner. Get your Nomination Form from the RM office.

**Those wishing to vote will be required to present identification**  
Everyone is required to provide proper identification at the polling stations in order to receive a ballot. The purpose of the voter ID requirements is to maintain the integrity of local election processes. Your name and address must appear in some form on your voter identification documents. Photo identification is your best option. Providing proper identification will ensure your voice is heard and will help your local election run as smoothly as possible!

## **ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE**



In order to determine your eligibility to vote you must be a Canadian citizen; be at least 18 years of age and one of the following: (The Division where a person is eligible to vote is determined by the first question you can say "YES" to.)

- have I lived in the RM for at least three consecutive months? (The division you live in is automatically the division you can vote in)
- the registered owner of land/property in the RM (Your legal name, not a business/corporation name or number. The Division you have the highest assessed value of land in is the Division you are eligible to vote in.)
- the spouse of an eligible voter listed above
- the chief executive officer of a corporation/business in the RM (Only one voter per corporation. This includes Farm Business/Corporation name.)

**If you have any questions feel free to contact the RM office, or stop by the RM office and get your nomination paper.**

## DID YOU KNOW ?

**A Development permit** is required when building or moving a residence onto your property. This includes adding additions, garages, etc. This does not include new siding, shingles, windows, or agriculture related buildings such as barns or buildings for grain storage. Contact the RM office if you have any questions.



## REVALUATION YEAR COMING UP IN 2021

Legislation requires that all properties in Saskatchewan be revaluated once every four years.

The most recent province-wide revaluation year occurred in 2017. Our time has come. Revaluations ensure that assessed values are more current and that property owners can better understand these values.

Fortunately, these increases to property values are generally “revenue neutral”, which means that your local council will in fact lower the mill rate if necessary, to reduce the impact of higher assessments.

## **NEW PROCEDURE RM OF ANTLER'S ANNUAL DITCH MOWING PROGRAM**

RM Council has for many years given the opportunity for land owners to cut and bale the road allowances for hay salvage. If this is something you are interested in, please let the RM Office **know prior to June 15<sup>th</sup> every year** so we can ensure that the road allowance **does not** get cut. Contacting the RM office every year will prevent any misunderstandings. Starting in 2020, Council has requested to please ensure you have the area **cut, bailed and picked all by August 1<sup>st</sup>**. The RM needs to be certain the road allowance is being properly maintained in a timely fashion.

The RM is also asking ratepayers if they could please clean up their abandoned/unused fences along their property. Our mower could get closer and get a better cut if the abandoned fence wasn't obstructing the path.



### **Dumping of Rocks in the RM Road Allowance is Prohibited**

If you are cleaning fence lines of trees, rocks, wire and debris, please refrain from leaving it laying in the RM Road allowance. It could potentially cause unnecessary damage to the RM equipment. Council also requests to refrain from dumping unused grain or cleaning off equipment in the RM road allowance. It could be hazardous. We do appreciate your co-operation.

## Welcome ENDLESS SKY

You may have noticed some activity going on East of the #8 Highway in the RM of Antler. The RM of Antler would like to welcome Endless Sky. Endless Sky has been going through the process of developing a CBD Extraction Facility. They have put a lot of work into the existing structure to make it a successful operation. Congratulations Endless Sky.

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## RM of Antler's 2020 Discount Program

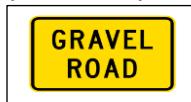
The RM of Antler is happy to announce that we will be offering discounts on Municipal Taxes and Hail premiums again this year if taxes are paid prior to December 31st. The discounts are as follows:

- 6% discount if paid before August 31<sup>st</sup>
- 5% if paid before September 30<sup>th</sup>
- 4% if paid before October 31<sup>st</sup>
- 2% if paid before November 30<sup>th</sup>

**So be sure to pay your taxes early to take advantage of the RM's discount program.**

## Got Gravel?

Contact your division councillor or the RM office. The RM will do the testing and consider the possibility of having another gravel pit.



Pest Control Officer  
Called Today

Any problems or if you need anything,  
please call.

Terry Barnes  
306-483-7714

## Business Tax Incentives Bylaw 9-2016

The Rural Municipality of Antler No. 61 passed a Bylaw in 2016 implementing a tax incentive to encourage the establishment of new commercial businesses. The R.M. of Antler provides the following tax incentives for **newly constructed** businesses wishing to operate within the municipal boundaries:

- Year 1: Full property tax exemption for all land and improvements.
- Year 2: Full property tax exemption for all land and improvements.
- Year 3: Business shall pay 33% of the tax levy.
- Year 4: Business shall pay 66% of the tax levy.
- Year 5: Business shall pay 100% of the tax levy.

## Our RM Maintenance Staff

Hats off to our Maintenance Crew (pictured below). The RM Foreman for 2 seasons now is Clarence Johnson. Full time Operator for his 2<sup>nd</sup> season is Kevin Keyes. Returning to the RM for his 6<sup>th</sup> season is Guy Frecon. Richard Henrion is also joining us for his 3<sup>rd</sup> season. Congratulations to our new seasonal employees Tim Zelionka and Cody Holden. You all possess experience and knowledge that will be beneficial to the RM.

## Are You Planning a Controlled Burn?

Call 1-866-404-4911 with your location and plans to avoid firefighters from getting dispatched when it is not necessary.

We also ask that you use extreme caution when deciding to do a controlled burn. A fire can become uncontrolled quickly. If a fire gets into the ditch, the RM's poly culverts could catch on fire. The fire will burn through the road and spread to your neighbour's field.

**You are liable if a fire becomes uncontrolled and causes damage to other property.**



## ALL ABOUT CLUBROOT

Clubroot is a serious disease of cruciferous plants such as canola that can cause devastating yield losses. It is a soil borne disease that is easily transferred via contaminated soil residing on equipment, seed etc. and there are limited options for controlling the disease. The Rural Municipality of Antler supports the principle to control the spread of clubroot, which has been declared a Pest under the Pest Control Act in Saskatchewan. Section 4 of the Pest Control Act states that every person shall take measures to destroy clubroot or any crop, vegetation, vegetable, or other matter that may contain clubroot in order to control and prevent the spread of clubroot on any land or premises owned, occupied or controlled by that person.



## BEST PRACTICES FOR PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF CLUBROOT:

- 1) Plant susceptible crops including resistant varieties, no more than once every four years. Crop rotation will **restrict** clubroot development by limiting the increase of clubroot resting spores and preventing the increase of clubroot inoculum. Clubroot resistant varieties may aid in reducing disease development and reducing the chances for clubroot establishing itself.
- 2) Restrict movement of potentially contaminated soil on vehicles and equipment. Cleaning steps may include removal of crop debris and soil and washing of equipment with a power washer using hot water or steam and misting disinfectant followed by additional rinse with water.
- 3) Scout crops regularly and carefully for plant diseases and signs of clubroot.
- 4) Clubroot spores may survive the livestock digestion. Avoid use of straw, hay, green feed, silage and manure from infested or suspected areas.
- 5) The risk of spreading clubroot though contaminated seed or plant material is much lower than through transporting contaminated soil on field equipment and vehicles. However, avoid seed with earth tag from infested areas to prevent introduction to clean fields.

## **Is your canola at risk?**

# **CLUBROOT:**

## **A disease of canola and vegetables**



### **Prevent Clubroot Spread in Saskatchewan!**

- Plant canola no more than once every 4 years.
- Scout canola fields regularly and stay alert for suspicious stunting, wilting, yellowing and premature ripening.
- Check roots to confirm the presence of galls.
- Control cruciferous weeds and volunteer canola or mustard.
- Clean your equipment before moving it to another field: the disease is spread through movement of contaminated soil.

For more information, visit [www.clubroot.ca](http://www.clubroot.ca) or the Saskatchewan Agriculture website: [www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca](http://www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca).



If you have questions or suspect clubroot, call your local Regional Office or the Agriculture Knowledge Centre at 1-866-457-2377

## The RM of Antler During the COVID-19 PANDEMIC

By the end of February everyone was becoming aware of the Corona Virus which was also known as COVID-19. By March 18, Saskatchewan was declared as a “State of Emergency.” That was the day the RM of Antler had no choice but to close our doors to the public effective 9:00 am on Thursday March 19. Although the doors were locked, the staff remained diligent. Hats off to Clarence Johnson our Foreman and Kevin Keyes our Full Time Operator. They both kept working hard in the shop getting equipment ready for the upcoming season. They were ready to look after any issues that could have arrived on our RM roads. In the office, Melissa Roberts the Administrator and Jocelyne Toms the assistant took the opportunity to get extra paperwork caught up. Although we couldn’t open the door to anyone, we did our best to answer questions by phone and email. It was great to see ratepayers so understanding of the situation. Our RM Council also had to adapt. It was opted to hold Council Meetings by electronic means to help keep every one at a safe distance.

The RM office was able to re-open safely to our ratepayers on Tuesday May 19.

The RM of Antler Council and Staff sincerely hopes everyone remained safe and healthy during these times.