

2024 RM OF REYNOLDS FALL - WINTER NEWSLETTER



CHRISTMAS OFFICE HOURS

The RM of Reynolds Office is Closed for the Holidays from **December 24, 2024, at 12:00 PM** and will re-open on **Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 8:00 am**.



Wishing You a Very Merry Christmas surrounded by your precious family, and many Blessings for the coming year! From Council and Staff of the RM of Reynolds.

SNOW REMOVAL

When pushing snow from your driveway, push the snow to the right-hand side of your driveway so the snow removal equipment takes the snow away from your driveway instead of filling your driveway with the snow you just removed. Be aware that you are responsible for any damage to vehicles or equipment from frozen ridges left by you on the road.



NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS – PAYMENT RECEIPTS

In an effort to reduce costs and minimize our environmental impact, the RM of Reynolds will no longer issue payment receipts for accounts with a zero balance or monthly payments. Moving forward, receipts will only be provided upon request, with email being the preferred method for delivery.

If you would like a receipt for your payment, please contact our office and we will be happy to provide one.

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE ON THE PROPOSED WATERSHED DISTRICT

Mark your calendars! The RM of Reynolds is hosting an Open House on **Saturday, January 18, 2025**, from **1:00 to 3:00 PM**, to provide valuable information on the new proposed watershed district.

The event will feature presenters from the Province who will share insights on the initiative, as well as successful agriculture participants who will discuss how the proposed watershed district could impact and benefit our community.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the project, ask questions, and engage in meaningful discussions about the future of our region's water management. We encourage all residents to attend and take part in shaping this important development.

2024 COFFEE WITH COUNCIL – FOCUS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This year, the Council hosted three "Coffee with Council" events to discuss economic development. While the Ste. Rita event on April 21 had a strong turnout, the gatherings in Prawda on September 21 and Rennie on October 5 saw lower attendance.

Council values the input from those who participated and will review the format of these events to improve future community engagement.

ZONING BY-LAW – PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Landmark Planning and Design recently hosted a series of successful Zoning By-Law Open Houses and Information Sessions to inform the public about the new zoning by-law draft and its potential impact on

properties. The events, which took place on April 30, June 5, and September 25, attracted great public attendance and engagement.

The first event, held on April 30, was an open house where attendees could drop in and learn about the proposed changes. On June 5, a formal presentation provided detailed insights into the zoning by-law draft, followed by a lively question-and-answer session. The final event, on September 25, offered the opportunity to book private appointments with Landmark Planning and Design experts to discuss how the by-law might affect individual properties.

Feedback from the sessions was overwhelmingly positive. While only 14 individuals required private appointments during the information session, many misconceptions about the zoning by-law were resolved through these interactions. Participants appreciated the clarity provided by the experts, and the sessions helped foster a better understanding of the proposed changes.

These events reflect Council's commitment to transparency and community engagement in the zoning process.

NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our first-ever Economic Development Officer to the RM of Reynolds! This is an exciting milestone for our community as we look forward to fostering growth, supporting local businesses, and attracting new opportunities. Brittany Isfeld brings a wealth of experience and a fresh vision to help shape a thriving future for the RM of Reynolds. Starting on January 2, 2025, Brittany will join our team as we work together to enhance economic vitality and community prosperity. Please join us in welcoming Brittany Isfeld to our team!

NEW SECURITY MEASURES – OFFICE DOORS LOCKED & INTERCOM SYSTEM INSTALLED

In response to growing safety concerns, Council has taken proactive steps to enhance the security of its office by locking the doors and installing a new intercom system. These changes aim to protect staff and visitors while ensuring continued access to council services in a safe and controlled manner.

The decision to implement these new security measures was made after careful consideration of the safety needs of both employees and members of the public. In recent months, concerns over unauthorized access and the potential for unsafe situations prompted Council to prioritize stronger protective measures. By keeping the office doors locked during business hours, Council hopes to create a more secure working environment.

To maintain accessibility for residents and visitors, an advanced intercom system has been installed at the office entrance. This system allows individuals to communicate directly with staff members upon arrival, ensuring that authorized visitors can still gain access to the building without compromising security. The intercom system is designed to be easy to use, allowing residents to engage with staff efficiently while maintaining the safety of everyone inside the premises.

DID YOU KNOW?



COUNCIL CONSIDERING CHANGES TO COUNCILLOR NUMBERS AND MEETING TIMES FOR 2026 ELECTION

Council is currently exploring two important changes ahead of the 2026 election: **reducing the number of councillors** and **shifting Council meetings from evening to daytime**. These are important decisions, and Council wants to ensure that the views and concerns of the ratepayers are heard.

If you have any questions, concerns, or input regarding these potential changes, we kindly ask that you **direct all inquiries to any of the elected Councillors or Reeve**. Their contact information is available on the RM's official website. **Please do not contact the municipal office regarding these matters.**

Your feedback is essential, and we encourage you to engage with a Councillor or Reeve to share your thoughts!

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