



STE. ANNE
MUNICIPALITY

RM of Ste Anne Newsletter
June 2021

Community CONNECTIONS

COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER LAUNCHED



The RM of Ste. Anne is now issuing a quarterly newsletter to keep municipality residents informed of happenings and updates.

This newsletter will showcase:

- the activities of the RM of Ste. Anne's various municipal departments;
- our local community events;
- local non-profit organizations;

- important information relevant to our residents;
- a calendar of local upcoming events and important dates;
- and vital contact information.

We hope you enjoy our inaugural issue! This issue will be printed and distributed, while future issues will be available on our website and social media as well

as physically in our office and local stores around the RM.

If you have information that you would like to include in upcoming newsletters, please submit the information to the RM of Ste. Anne Office and we will consider its suitability for inclusion.

*RM of Ste. Anne Council
& Administrative Staff*

CALENDAR

RM of Ste. Anne

2021 Council Meeting Dates

June 23	6:00 pm
July 14	9:00 am
July 28	6:00 pm
August 18	9:00 am
September 8	9:00 am
September 22	6:00 pm

LUD of Richer Meeting Dates

July 7	7:00 pm
August 4	7:00 pm
September 1	7:00 pm

Meeting recordings can be viewed at www.rmofsteanne.com

LUD of Richer Garbage Pickup Day - Fridays

2021 Tax Deadline

October 29, 2021 by 4 pm

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STE. ANNE 2021 FINANCIAL BUDGET

On the 12th of May a public hearing took place at our municipal office building to present the 2021 Financial Plan (Budget).

"The Rural Municipality of Ste. Anne's mission is to provide an environment for safe, affordable, diverse lifestyles, while ensuring sustainability for future generations."

All of the Municipality's decisions are based on this credo and a financial plan and budget are key components in determining priorities and

activities which will be achieved in the coming year.

This Council has worked to create a financial plan which:

- maintains and/or improves the level of service residents have come to expect;
- helps prepare the Municipality for the future and;
- balances the mill rate to maintain some stability and predictability without overburdening our residents.

We want to take the time to thank Ernie Epp of Way-to-go Consulting who assisted Council and our staff members in preparing the 2021 Financial Plan and this Presentation.

We appreciate the trust placed in our Municipal Council and Administration as there were no residents that signed up to voice concerns.

Please download and view the full 2021 Budget Hearing Presentation as a PDF from www.rmofsteanne.com/news.php

EDUCATION PROPERTY TAX REBATES

In 2021 the Education Property Tax Credit Advance, which is applied directly against the taxes for certain properties, will decrease from the usual maximum of \$700 down to a maximum of \$525.

The RM of Ste. Anne would like to remind you to expect an increase of \$175 in your 2021 taxes because of these Provincial changes to the Education Taxes.

To compensate, a 25% reduction of the school taxes is to be rebated per property. The Manitoba government will begin mailing education property tax rebate cheques in the next week to the owners of residential, farm and commercial properties in Manitoba.

As an example, for a \$250,000 home in the Seine River School Division:

- the 2021 net tax bill would have been \$1,856, with no cheque provided under the old system,

- the 2021 net tax bill will be \$2,031, with a cheque of \$390 mailed to you by the Province.

What this means is that you will probably want to set aside \$175 of your rebate cheque when you receive it (in the same manner as you normally set aside your property taxes throughout the year) to be prepared for the slightly higher tax bill at the end of October 2021.

"Our government promised to start phasing out the education property tax in 2021, which will return nearly \$250 million this year to Manitobans who own homes, farms and businesses," said Finance Minister Scott Fielding. "The education property tax phase-out represents the largest tax savings in Manitoba history and protects Manitobans' hard-earned incomes by offering much-needed tax relief."

If you do not receive your cheque in the mail, the Province of Manitoba might not have the correct mailing address on file. Please contact them to verify this information if you do not receive your cheque by the end of June 2021.

For more info about Manitoba's education property tax rebate, visit manitoba.ca/edupropertytax or call Manitoba Government Inquiry at 1-866-626-4862.

There has been a lot of talk about Bill 64 being the Education Modernization Act, however did you know that there is an entirely separate bill addressing the School Taxes? That would be Bill 71, the Education Property Tax Reduction Act. This act affects your Municipal Property Tax Statement which includes both municipal and school taxes. You can read the Education Property Tax Reduc-

tion Act in full at web2.gov.mb.ca/bills/42-3/b071e.php

2021 Tax Statements: Coming Soon!

Watch your mailbox for your 2021 property tax statement. Contact our office for your copy if you have not received it in the mail by July 31st. If you have recently moved, we might not have your current mailing address yet!

Payments can be accepted at any time, but no later than 4 pm, October 29, 2021. You still have to pay even if you don't get the statement in the mail. Payments can be made by cash, cheque, debit or online (through credit unions, TD and Scotiabank). You can also contact us to register for our automatic withdrawal payment program.

Please direct any questions to the RM office at info@rmofsteanne.com or 204-422-5929

SPRING CLEANUPS: A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

There were several community Spring Cleanup events held in the RM of Ste. Anne through the month of May and there was good community participation. The RM of Ste. Anne held a Community Clean-up Event on May 15th and 16th, with prizes given to randomly selected registered participants.

Prizes were generously donated by Penn-co, La Cocina Foods, Evolve Green, Diamond Construction, Timberline Restaurant and LaRocque Brothers. The grand prize was a solar panel donated in part by Evolve-

Green. The Grand Prize Winner was Janice McKay. We thank all of our event sponsors and our residents who registered to do their part to clean up our community!

The LUD of Richer also held their town clean-up event that was well received by town residents.

The Richer Community Club would

like to thank our community members for coming out and volunteering to clean up the Dawson Trail Park on Saturday, May 8th!

Almost 45 people showed up and made quick work creating a safe, fun and spotless community space. We appreciate the respect everyone showed by following

the Provincial Health Orders. Our Modular Skateboard Park is ready to go along with ball hockey nets and basketball hoops under the Premier Tech Multiplex. The BMX hill is ready for bikes and hanging out. The playground structure area is raked up and ready for visits. THANK YOU!



Almost 45 people showed up and made quick work of cleaning up Dawson Trail Park in Richer.

Photo by Dan Guetere

COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM

For the first time, the LUD of Richer Committee will be participating in the 2021 edition of the Manitoba Communities in Bloom Program.

This year's theme is "Hope is Growing in our Communities" and residents are encouraged to plant yellow flowers, with yellow being the color symbolizing hope.

What is the Manitoba Communities in Bloom 2021 Program?

Manitoba Communities in Bloom (CiB) and its partners are working together to summon everyone across our province, and beyond, to create Hope Gardens for 2021. Most people associate hope with a situation that they wish would end and that they could move past.

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness. Hope whispers that things will get better." Desmond Tutu

CiB is inviting you to join us in planting the seeds of hope in 2021 with our modified provincial edition entitled "Hope is Growing in our Community". Across Manitoba and beyond, our goal is to see the land awash with gardens featuring yellow, the international colour of hope.

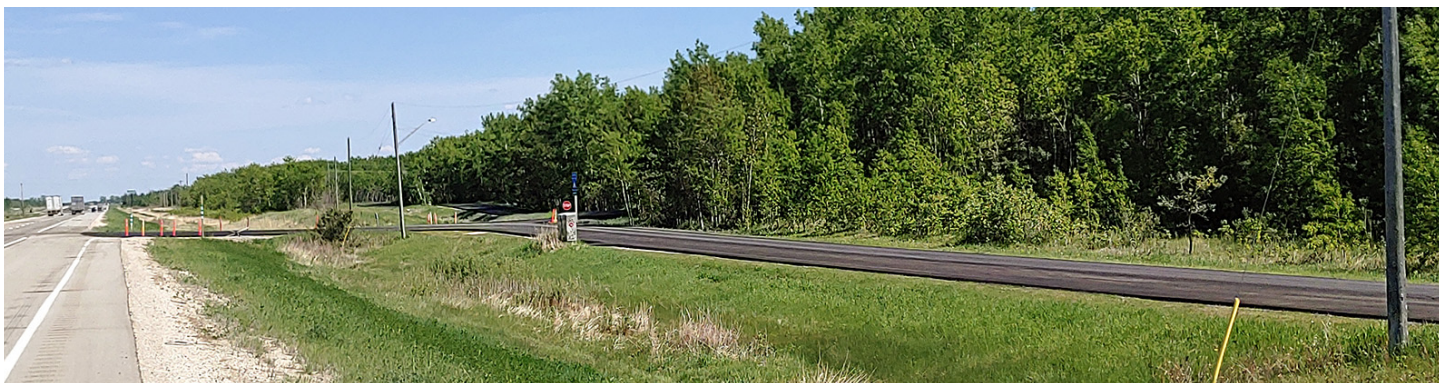
The program is open to all towns, cities and municipalities in Manitoba and is an opportunity to recognize the work of our community volunteers.

Participating in this program by planting yellow on YOUR property and in your gardens helps promote our community visibility provincially and nationally through media, trade-shows, conferences and marketing. See mbcommunitiesinbloom.ca for photos and information.



PAVING PROJECTS PROGRESSING!

Several paving and roadwork projects are progressing well or have already been completed in the RM of Ste. Anne this spring.



(above) Lilac Lane, which is the road from the back entrance of Paradise Village to the entrance of Lilac Resort and the highway access point, has been asphalted.

Photos by Myriam Dyck

The LUD of Richer will be paving the walking path linking Therrien Drive and Dawson Road (*photo on right*) thanks to funding from the MB Trails Grant Program.

This walkway provides a shortcut from the residential area of Richer in the northeast corner and comes out between the Dawson Trail Museum and the Richer Elementary School.

The LUD of Richer will also be extending the sidewalk on the south side of Dawson Road from the Fire Hall to Forsythe Road.



PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE:

The Public Works Department would like to notify citizens of the RM of Ste. Anne that we have started our gravel program and hope to finish by end of June and then start our dust control program.

Our Operations Manager would like to remind drivers to be respectful of our graders, please drive slowly when approaching equipment.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping both motorists and operators safe!

EARTH DAY CHAMPIONS



The RM of Ste. Anne is proud to recognize some of our own Earth Day Champions: Peyton Hudrick, Alanna Wery and Halia Jonker. These wonderful youths spend a part of Earth Day on April 22, 2021 cleaning up their neighbourhood in La Coulee. **Thank you for helping us take care of our community!**

RECYCLING UPDATES

Recycle Manitoba helps you find local collection sites: Properly and safely dispose of all kinds of personal and household products. Wondering where to bring your leftover paint? What about old tires? To help Manitobans recycle all they can, the Producer Responsibility Organizations have created Recycle Manitoba, a website that lists all the drop-off locations for various materials throughout the province. Visit www.recyclemanitoba.ca to find out what items are accepted in your community.

Keep toxic chemicals and electronics out of the garbage bin.

Join the #ProtectNature Challenge



Canada.ca/Nature

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Cleanfarms & Fertilizer Recycling Program: The RM of Ste. Anne is proud to participate in the Cleanfarms.ca Pesticide and Fertilizer Container Recycling Program. Farmers can drop off the containers in the fenced compound for this purpose at the Municipal Shop Yard (35042 PR 210). For more information please visit cleanfarms.ca.

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RICHER FIRE DEPARTMENT

If you have any questions for the Richer Fire Department such as burn bans or burn permits etc. please contact them directly richerchief@rmofsteanne.com / 204-422-5966

RM LAGOON GOES GREENER

The RM of Ste. Anne Lagoon has been running very near capacity for the past few years as increasing numbers of residents in the municipality are producing more wastewater and septic tank pumpout waste requiring processing across the RM.

In light of the new population Census results coming in soon, Councillor Randy Eros is happy that the project is moving forward this year before the lagoon hits the limit.

"We are at capacity for our population, so we have been planning this for the past 7 years," says Eros. "This will support the needs of our residents for the next 25-40 years based on current projections for municipal growth."

Last year, the RM acquired an additional 40-acre plot of land adjacent to the current 2 cells of the lagoon as a step in the roughly \$2.75 million plan to increase the lagoon's size and general cleanliness.

The Lagoon Expansion project was originally

projected to cost \$2.8 million, but as all the tenders have now closed, the good news is that costs will be \$500,000 lower than originally estimated.

The Manitoba Restart Grant funds of \$1,000,000 are secured and will cover a significant portion of those costs. The RM portion will be partly covered out of reserve funds and the rest by borrowing.

The expansion will consist of adding an additional large landscaped cell to the current lagoon that will use natural wetland plants such as cattails to further remove phosphorus and filter the water until it meets government standards for returning into the Winnipeg River Basin so as not to worsen algae or pollution in the system.

Construction will begin as early as this June and be completed by fall with seeding of the wetland and then flooding. As growth of the cattail bed progresses next summer it will start to have an effect and the cell is projected to reach full effectiveness over the next 1-2 summers depending on growth.

THE BIRTH OF THURSTON DRIVE PARK



The Recreation Committee is working on developing the Thurston Drive Park to include a basketball court, walking path, fitness park, among other features. This site is also proposed to be a waypoint on the Dawson Trail Arts and Heritage Tour. The bush was recently cleared, rocks were placed and a fence has been built. Stay tuned for progress through the summer of 2021!

Photo by Myriam Dyck

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Valued Residents of the RM of Ste. Anne,

As your Municipal Emergency Coordinator, I want to ensure that you have access to tools that can keep you and your family safe in an emergency.

We have two great resources available to provide you with important information during an emergency event: **The RM of Ste. Anne Alert system** and the **Family 72 Hour Emergency Preparedness Guide**.

Once you register, the alert system allows you to stay up to date with all the latest news and upcoming events for the RM. It also includes emergency alert messaging from Canada's national emergency alerting system (Alert Ready), and severe weather alerts for the Ste. Anne Municipality. Please go to the RM website at www.rmofsteanne.com and register to get the most current information.

There is also a link on the website to the *Family 72 Hour Emergency Preparedness Guide*. This guide will help you and your family plan for an emergency. There is information to help you create a 72-hour kit for your family. The items listed can help keep you safe and comfortable during a power outage, blizzard, or any other emergency that might happen. Remember, the more prepared you are as a family, the less stressful an emergency event will be to deal with. If you do not have access to a printer or the website, hard copies of the Emergency Preparedness Guide will soon be available at the Municipal Office.

You can always reach out to me by emailing mec@rmofsteanne.com if you have questions.

*Regards, Chrissy Bohemier
Municipal Emergency
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