

Be sure to check out website [www.rmviscount.ca](http://www.rmviscount.ca)  
Bylaws, policies, Council meetings and Office Closures are updated regularly.

#### **Weed Control**

For 2023, the RM has appointed  
Marksmen Vegetation Management Inc. as Weed  
Inspectors.

The RM's efforts are focused on the  
prohibited weed, diffuse knapweed, that is found in a  
couple locations within the RM. Secondary focus is on  
absinthe and small populations of common tansy and wild  
parsnip we have.  
Please respect and obey any requests from the company to  
control the weeds on your lands.

#### **Custom Work**

Custom work contract sheet must be signed by the land  
owner prior to the RM entering property.  
Custom Work includes mowing and blading driveways and  
snow clearing.  
Please note that custom work is payable within 30 days of  
the invoice date.  
Unpaid custom work bills will be transferred onto the tax  
roll at  
December 31<sup>st</sup>, and will be subject to interest charges.  
Current custom work fees can be found on the RM's web-

#### **Pest (rat) Control**

The RM continues to participate in the Provincial Rat Control Program. Rat bait and information is available at the RM office,  
free of charge.

The RM's pest control officer (PCO) is Mark Hobman. Inspections by the PCO are made in the spring and fall. The PCO will also  
check abandoned yards, and leave bait, if necessary. If you would like the PCO to inspect your property, please contact the RM  
office.

Dog and child tamper-resistant bait boxes are available at the RM office for \$30.

#### **Vacant Yards**

Please ensure vacant yards are clean & baited.

#### **Gravel Policy**

The RM will sell up to one load of gravel per dwelling for the  
cost (\$10.25/yd) plus hauling fees.

Contact the RM office or Moe in order to be added to the list.

#### **Dust Control Policy**

Ratepayers are responsible to make all  
arrangements for supply and delivery of dust control. They  
are required to  
cover all expenses and coordinate the

#### **Road Allowance Cropping**

Council would like to remind all  
producers that if you are cropping a portion of the road al-  
lowance, you will not be paid crop damage if the RM does  
construction or repairs along a road you have seeded.

#### **Reporting Controlled Burns**

If you are planning a controlled burn of bush piles, stubble,  
etc., you MUST report it. To report a controlled burn, call

**1-866-404-4911**

You will have to provide the following information:

- Your land location and RM number
- Your name & phone number
- Your fire service provider
- What is being burnt and how long you expect it to last.

#### **Viscount & District Volunteer Fire Department**

If you have equipment (dickers, water tanks, etc.) that can be  
used to assist the fire department, should they need, please  
contact the RM office. We'd like to build an inventory base  
for the crew, should they need. They thank you in advance  
for this information.

Please contact the RM office if you are interested in joining  
the Viscount Volunteer Fire Fighters. They are currently  
looking for a few more members.

#### **Municipal Elections**

Municipal Elections were held last fall for divisions 2, 4 & 6.  
The next election is scheduled for next fall and will be for  
Reeve and Divisions 1, 3 & 5. Notices will be advertised in the  
Watrous newspaper and local bulletin boards. For more  
information, contact the RM office.

#### **Financial Statements**

The 2022 Audited Financial Statements for the RM of Viscount are available at the RM office or online at [www.rmviscount.ca/financial-reports/](http://www.rmviscount.ca/financial-reports/).



# Rural Municipality of Viscount No. 341

2023 Newsletter

**August, 2023**

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Mower Operator Mike Pastor

### Property Taxes

- Tax Payments are due by December 31<sup>st</sup> each year. If taxes are not paid by December 31<sup>st</sup>, a penalty of 1% per month is applicable on arrears. Early payment of taxes are allowed the following discounts:  
August 31<sup>st</sup> 5%    September 30<sup>th</sup> 5%    October 31<sup>st</sup> 4%    November 30<sup>th</sup> 2%
- Tax discounts do not apply to property within the Special Service Area of Plunkett
- If you are mailing a cheque or making your payments online, please ensure you leave enough time for mailing and/or processing (usually a couple of days). Once month-end or year-end is done, discount rates or applied interest cannot be changed or cancelled. If you wish to have payment processed on these specific dates, please send in a postdated cheque.
- E-transfer Payments can be sent to [payment.rm341@sasktel.net](mailto:payment.rm341@sasktel.net) or [plunkett@sasktel.net](mailto:plunkett@sasktel.net). Please include your name and phone number as a memo with your payment, so that if there are any questions, the RM is able to contact you. If you fail to do this, your payment may not be applied to your account correctly.
- It is the land owners responsibility to notify the RM of any changes in address, as this affects any mailings from the RM including assessment and tax notices.

### RM Ownership and Assessment Map Update

- Maps reflecting the updated 2021 assessment figures are now available.
- Maps are available for pickup from the RM office for \$10 to ratepayers and \$15 for non-ratepayers.
- Information for mailed maps can be found on the RM website.
- The RM is now setup on the iHunter Mobile app. Find it today on your mobile app store.

### Access to Community Wells

Community Wells are located in the RM at the following locations:

(Gibb) NW-36-35-26-2

(Plunkett) SE-04-33-25-2

(Logan) SW-27-33-26-2

(Poplar Park) NE-15-32-25-2

Access to water from these wells is available with a key, purchased from the RM office. The cost of the key is currently \$100 a year.

The Plunkett Well was tampered with earlier this year and it is likely to cost the municipality some substantial dollars to fix.

**NOTE: These wells provide non-potable water only. The RM does not test the water quality at these wells.**

### Access to Community Dugout

Public can access a community dugout on NW-10-35-25-2 and NE-08-34-25-2.

### RM Road Safety

The speed limit on grid roads is 80 km/hr, unless posted otherwise. Throughout the RM, the speed limit is 60 km/hr for vehicles over ten tonnes.

**RM Employees/Equipment = Orange Zone**

**THE SPEED LIMIT IS 60KM/HR WHEN PASSING RM EQUIPMENT. THE SPEED LIMIT IS FURTHER REDUCED TO**

**40 km/hr WHEN TRAVELLING THROUGH A RM CONSTRUCTION AREA.**

### Road Closures

Please **OBEY** road closed signs, as they are there for:

- 1) public safety
- 2) road integrity
- 3) construction in progress

If the signs are not obeyed and damages occur to the road, the responsible party will be invoiced for repairs to the damaged road.

### Development & Building Permits

Every person shall obtain a development permit before beginning any development within the municipality. There are a few exemptions to this.

Please contact the RM office PRIOR TO any development or building on your property to ensure that appropriate permits are in place.

Building permits are also required for any new dwelling or structural change (including additions and decks) to your existing dwelling.

Permit applications are available at the RM office on the RM's website.

### Beaver Control Program

Through a provincial Beaver Program, the RM will pay a \$30 bounty for beavers humanely removed by **LICENCED TRAPPERS.**

Contact the RM office for more information.