



R.M. SPRING NEWSLETTER 2025

R.M. Council of North Qu'Appelle Meetings- Scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. Minutes from each meeting are passed at the next regular meeting. Approved minutes can be found under the Governance heading on the RM website. <https://rmnorthquappelle.ca/minutes/>

ORGANIZED HAMLET OF TAYLOR BEACH – The OHTB board meets at various times throughout the year, their minutes are posted to the RM website under the Hamlet of Taylor Beach Page. <https://rmnorthquappelle.ca/hamlet-of-taylor-beach/>

SPECIAL SERVICE AREA (SSA) – Effective January 1, 2025, the unorganized hamlet of Jasmin on Echo was designated as an SSA. An SSA is a defined area within a rural municipality where different services or levels of services are provided compared to the rest of the RM, allowing for specific tax tools and mill rates. If you would like to read the Minister's Order it is available on the RM website. https://rmnorthquappelle.ca/PDFS/Notices/Minister's_Order_RM_of_North_Qu'Appelle_Signed.pdf.

PUBLIC WORKS – The public works crew saw a busy winter season with lots of snowfall and snow removal and sanding. As we move into spring the crew is preparing by cleaning culverts in time for spring runoffs as well as work on putting away winter equipment and getting spring/summer equipment up and running.

DUST CONTROL – The public works crew will be providing the dust control services this year on a trial basis. The form for requesting dust control will be posted to RM's website for those interested in obtaining dust control services.

WIDE AWAKE BRIDGE REPAIRS- The Wide-Awake Bridge near Lebret required some repair and maintenance this year. The RM Council placed road restrictions limited to 15 tonne Gross Vehicle Weight (GVW) and engaged Western Infrastructure Renewal to provide the necessary repairs and maintenance. This work is now complete. The cost of the required work was approximately \$87,000.

ADMINISTRATION – The administration staff has been busy working on yearend completion, audit preparation, annual assessment, budget preparation, new policies and bylaws. The annual audit will be held April 1 to April 3 in the RM office. 2025 is revaluation assessment year, this is done province wide every four years. The RM, like most municipalities, use the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency to assess property. Once the assessment notices are complete, the RM will mail them to the property owners, information on assessments and appeal process will be provided at that time. The assessment roll will remain open for 60 days. The RM Council engaged MNP LLP of Regina to develop a long-range financial plan for the RM. The Administrator and RM Council have now begun the process to gather input for this financial plan.

BYLAW TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF OVERWEIGHT VEHICLES- The RM Council adopted Bylaw 2024-17 a bylaw to regulate the operation of overweight vehicles within the municipality. This new bylaw may be found on our website <https://rmnorthquappelle.ca/bylaws-and-policy>

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN (OCP) AND ZONING BYLAW – The RM Council engaged Northbound Planning to begin creating/developing a new OCP, Zoning bylaw and conduct flood hazard mapping. Northbound Planning was able to find grant funding for the project that will cover up to 70% of the cost! They are still in the beginning phase of this project. Once the project moves along, the RM will post a public notice regarding the new OCP and Zoning Bylaw. Currently, any development will continue to fall under 2013 OCP and Zoning Bylaw. As the building season begins, we remind you that development permits, demo permits, move permits, and building permits are required in the RM. Information on development may be found on our website: <https://rmnorthquappelle.ca/building-and-development/>



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You may wish to use the form page on the RM website to submit a request for information.

<https://rmnorthquappelle.ca/office-notices/>

The RM has a Facebook page: Rural Municipality of North Qu'Appelle No. 187

Other informative websites:

<https://northvalleywaste.ca/>

<https://www.sama.sk.ca/>

<https://sarm.ca/>

<https://apas.ca/>

<https://www.skparcs.com/>

<https://www.tourismsaskatchewan.com>

<https://www.bsayah.com/>

<https://fortsan.ca/>

<https://www.fortquappelle.com/>

<https://katepwabeach.ca/>

<https://southeastlibrary.ca>

Q: Why was my garbage not picked up?

A: This could be for many reasons including bins not out on time, garbage not bagged correctly, over limit of bags, or human error. Review our full garbage policy here

https://rmnorthquappelle.ca/PDFS/Policies/Garbage_collection_policy_2022_EH2022-07.pdf and contact the RM office if your garbage was missed in error.

Q: When do I receive my tax notice?

A: Taxes notices are mailed in late July each year.

Q: When are my taxes due?

A: Taxes are due in full by December 31st of the tax year.

Q: How do I pay my taxes?

A: The RM office offers payment by e-transfer, cheque, cash, or bill payment at the bank.

Q: What are the office hours?

A: The RM office hours are Monday to Friday 9 am – 4 pm, closed weekends and statutory holidays.

Q: Can I talk to Council

A: Yes, the council is available to speak to. The list of councillors and their contact information can be found at <https://rmnorthquappelle.ca/rm-council/> or, if you'd like to be a delegate, contact our office for how to be a delegate at a future council meeting.

Q: Why do I have a letter from the auditor?

A: As part of our annual audit requirements, letters from the auditor are mailed to property owners that did not pay their taxes by the December 31st deadline.

Q: Why Don't You Email Us?

A: Due to the risk involved for privacy breaches with using email, the RM has made the choice not to send mass email updates.



Seeding – photo courtesy of CBC SK