



McKillop's. musings

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SAMA Notice of Assessment 2021

2021 is a re-evaluation year for SAMA (Sask. Assessment Management Agency). SAMA's role in determining assessed value for properties is just the first part of a process established by provincial legislation. Changes are based on sales data up to 2019.

Your RM of McKillop taxes are based on SAMA's determination of your property value. You will be receiving your property assessment from the RM in mid-May. When you receive your assessment you have 60 days to appeal the assessment to SAMA.

As a community service to help those property owners who wish to appeal, the RM will provide a dashboard view of the appeal process in the next **McKillop musings**.

Hwys 322 & 220 Upgrade Continues

ASL Paving Ltd. was awarded the tender to upgrade Hwy 322 from Glen Harbor to Hwy 220 and into Rowan's Ravine Provincial Park (See graphic). The aggregate haul routes have been set from the gravel pit located near Spring Bay.

This project was fully funded by the Gov't of Saskatchewan for \$11.3 million.

The actual road work portion of the project runs from late June until October.

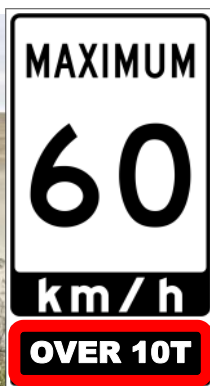
PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS DRIVING IN THIS AREA



Leafy Spurge—The Weed Continued

Last *Musings* mentioned controls for this noxious weed include biological, chemical and targeted grazing.

Addendum (add on) - *Targeted grazing* refers to sheep eating the Leafy Spurge or releasing flea beetles on this weed. Cattle and horses develop sores in their mouths and abscesses in their stomachs—so don't let your cattle & horses graze on Leafy Spurge.



Did you know? 30% of the RM Budget is spent on road maintenance. The RM has 325 kms of road surface—this figure does not include Hwys 322 & 220 which are the responsibility of the Sask Gov't.

Reducing heavy haul truck speed can mitigate dust and damage to municipal roads. The new Council Bylaw 409/2021 states:

- No person shall operate a heavy haul truck at a speed greater than 60km/hr on all municipal roads.
- Any person found guilty of the violation of speed limits shall be subject to the penalties set out in *The Highways and Transportation Act 1997*.



Planning our Future Building our Community SURVEY

For the **first time EVER**, the RM of McKillop No. 220 has embarked on creating a **STRATEGIC PLAN** for our community. As part of this process, 46 people participated in a Zoom virtual planning workshop on April 7, 2021 from 5PM to 8PM. The workshop was led by Stormy Lake Consultants. The next step in the process is a community survey.

This is an important initiative for the RM of McKillop and we hope that you will participate in the online survey when it is made available later this spring.

It's time to engage in building a strong, healthy community moving into the future. Thank you to everyone who participated in the workshop.

Who are YOU?

Did you know?

It costs RM ratepayers approximately \$2,200 for one printed notice to be sent out by surface mail to ~1,800 property owners in the RM of McKillop.

In an attempt to reduce costs, increase timely communication & reduce staff time in the office during Covid restrictions, the RM has chosen

Connect By all-net

If you haven't been receiving notifications from the RM, please forward your email, text or land line contact information to the RM at rm220general@rm220.ca and/or phone 306-725-3230 to join the list and help to keep tax costs reasonable. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Who are WE?

Marilyn Labatte

Marilyn is the elected Councillor for Division 2. Marilyn has volunteered to serve on the RM of McKillop Council for 11 years originally serving Division 6. She chairs the RM's Planning & Economic & AG committees.

Questions on the RM generally or specifically Division 2? Marilyn Labatte can be reached at div2@rm220.ca.



Liana Campbell

Liana is the RM's Development Officer responsible for the management, review and processing of all development permits, re-zoning and land use bylaw amendment applications. Liana also assists ratepayers with permits and appeals related to building in the RM.

Questions on development in the RM? Liana Campbell can be reached at rm220devofficer@rm220.ca or by calling 306-725-3258.

FREE LANDFILL WEEKEND—Spring cleaning is going to be a little bit easier for RM ratepayers thanks to a FREE weekend at the landfill. Yard waste (e.g., branches, leaves, grass and dry seaweed) can be deposited for FREE on

Saturday May 29th & Sunday May 30th, 2021

Anything not yard waste will be assessed at regular Landfill fees.