



McKillop's. musings

ROAD MAINTENANCE
What the RM is Doing

RM Public Works Staff &
Grader Operators

McKillop Emergency Contact
List

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#2 Concern in Strategic Planning Survey

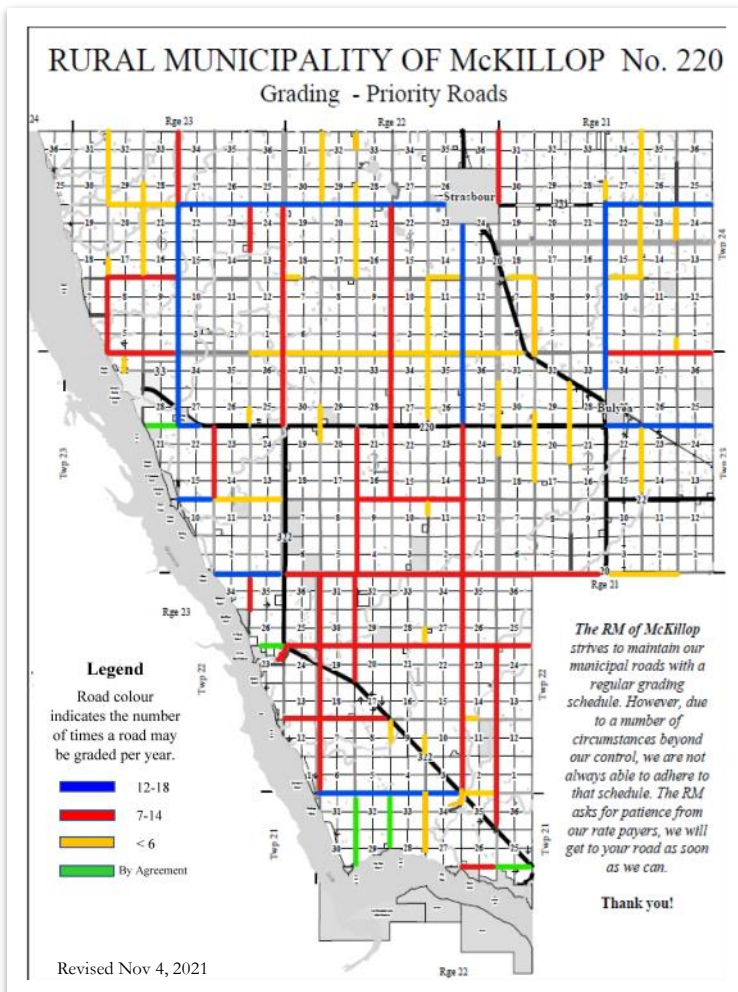
Road Maintenance

It was clear from the Strategic Plan Community Survey that ratepayers are very concerned about the roads in the RM. This concern ranked #2 after the #1 ranked concern *communication and transparency* which was addressed in the Sept. 17th Musings.

Knowledge is Power—Below is the **RM's Road Grading Map** showing the goal for how often roads are annually graded.

Grading and gravelling roads are not done in the winter when the roads are frozen. Our graders have snow wings to push snow away from the road edges to cut down on roads filling with snow when the wind comes up. During snow events, our operators will do their best to clear snow from main roads in a timely manner, so please be patient.

35% of the RM Budget is spent on road maintenance. Of about 500 kms of roads and road allowances in the RM, we maintain 375 kms to varying levels of service. This total does not include highways 20, 22, 220, and 322, as these are the responsibility of the Sask. Dept. of Highways.



RM Grader Fleet & Staff



NEW 2021 John Deere 870 GRADER

COST—\$350,000

RM 2021 REVENUE BUDGET—\$2.2 Million

RM PUBLIC WORKS STAFF (L-R) — Garrett Halbgewachs, Angelina Stack, Chris Kelln (Grader Operators); Brad Johnson (Truck Driver) & Fred Stein (Weed Specialist). Travis Herman, the RM Public Works Foreman (taking photo) completed a grader school refresher course with Garrett, Angelina & Chris in early September 2021.



One of the many financial challenges facing the RM of McKillop is the need to update our aging infrastructure and equipment. Because of depleted capital equipment reserves and a heavy debt load from the RM's 1.5 million share of the Lagoon project, funding equipment was not feasible in 2020. But after carefully assessing road maintenance requirements, and due to RM Council's prudent fiscal management, a new grader was purchased this year to replace an ageing problem grader. This was the first new grader purchased since 2011.

The RM's fleet includes 2 other graders, the newer of which was purchased in 2011 at a cost of \$278,000. Aside from regular maintenance, this grader required an engine rebuild in 2020 that cost the ratepayers \$57,000.

The oldest grader in the RM's fleet of 3 was purchased in 2008 for \$200,000. In 2018 this grader required a transmission replacement which cost ratepayers \$76,000.

Through strategic planning and sound budgetary management, RM Council and staff have developed a plan to rejuvenate and replace the graders in the fleet so that road maintenance can be accomplished in a safe and timely fashion.

DID YOU KNOW?

A set of 6 grader tires costs \$10,000 and up. A set of blades costs \$2,000 and last about 600-700 hrs of operating time.

McKillop Emergency Contact List

To receive notices and emergency alerts for the RM, please consider adding your contact name to the RM's Connect system.

Register with us to stay up to date with all the latest RM news, upcoming events, emergency alert messages from Canada's national emergency alerting system (Alert Ready), and weather for the RM of McKillop. You can be added to the All-Net Connect system by either contacting the RM office by phone (306-725-3230), emailing us rm220general@rm220.ca or using the All-Net Connect portal on our website <https://rmofmckillop220.com>.

OR

Click on the Connect link below to add your information and adjust your setting on the RM website.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.



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Who are WE?

Craig Romanyk

Craig is the elected Councillor for Division 6. He is a member on the RM AG Committee, Planning & Economic Development Committee and Strabourg Library Board. Craig's term expires in 2022.

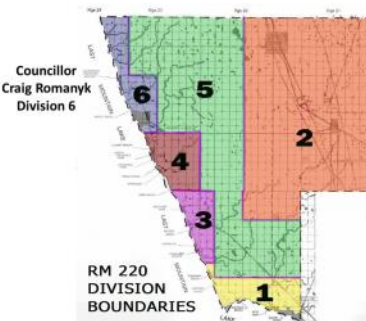
Questions on the RM generally or specifically Division 6? Craig Romanyk can be reached at div6@rm220.ca

Fred Stein

Fred has been employed seasonally in the RM Public Works Department for 16 years.

Fred is a weed inspector and assists farmers and landowners with the eradication and control of designated prohibited & noxious weeds.

Inquiries about seasonal weed spraying can be made to travish@rm220.ca or by calling the RM office at 306-725-3230.



The RM of McKillop No. 220 is taking precautions to slow the transmission of COVID-19 and to protect the health of our staff and citizens. The RM Administration office is open to the public. We ask all office visitors to please wear a mask and follow all recommendations provided by Saskatchewan Government. Our staff will continue to be available by phone or email. Any questions or concerns please contact us at (306) 725-3230 or rm220general@rm220.ca