

Rural Municipality of Connaught #457

2020 Newsletter

e-Transfer

Payment Methods

You can add the RM to your online bill payments through the Cornerstone Credit Union and Scotiabank. The account number is your customer number found in the upper right-hand corner of your tax notice in brackets. The RM also accepts **e-transfers**. Call the office to get set up.

Development Permits

If you are planning on any building projects (regardless of use), you are required to fill out a development permit. There is no cost for the permit and are available in the office or online at www.rm457.net

Burning



If you are planning to do any burning on your land, you must call the **Controlled Burn Hotline at 1-866-404-4911** to ensure that the fire department is not called. Anytime the fire department is dispatched for a fire call, false or not, the landowner is charged with that expense. Landowners are encouraged to carry fire insurance.

Ratepayer Communication



The RM would like to use email as the primary method of contacting ratepayers for informational purposes. At most, this would mean a monthly email with important dates and program information. **Please send an email to rm457@sasktel.net, with "I Subscribe" in the subject line.**

Bridges

In 2019 the bridge maintenance was a total cost of \$570,000.00. For 2020/2021 we are planning \$1M in bridge maintenance and repairs.

Beaver Bounty

With the recent changes to the Beaver Bounty Program **trappers/hunters need a valid Saskatchewan Trapper's License to receive the full \$30/tail bounty. Before** you hunt make sure you have permission from the Division Councilor, the land owner and note the land locations on the Bounty Claim Form.

APAS

The RM is a member of APAS, which provides many benefits to ratepayers such as discounts on insurance products, discounts at Mark's and vehicles purchased through Dodge/Chrysler/Jeep/Ram. For more information go to <http://www.apas.ca/my-rewards> for a complete list of available rewards.

Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Closed Statutory Holidays
During the COVID-19 pandemic, our office is open, but may be subject to restrictions, please stop and read the most current notice on our door before entering.

New Website

The RM has a new website found at <https://www.rm457.net> If you have pictures that depict life in the RM of Connaught, please submit them to rm457@sasktel.net for use on the website. We'd love to promote our local talent and our beautiful RM.



2019 Audited Financial Statements

The 2019 Audited Financial Statements are available to view online at <https://www.rm457.net/about>.

2020 Municipal Election – November 6, 2020

The positions of Reeve and Divisions 1, 3, 5 councilors are up for election this year. To run for council you must meet the following criteria as set out in *The Local Government Elections Act*:

Candidates in municipal election

26 A person is qualified to be nominated as a candidate in a municipal election and to hold office as Reeve or councilor of a municipality if the person:

(a) in the case of a municipality:

(i) on the day of the election, is at least 18 years of age; and

(ii) at the time he or she submits the nomination paper, is a Canadian citizen and has resided:

(A) in that municipality, or on land now in that municipality, for at least three consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which nomination papers are submitted; and

(B) in Saskatchewan for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which nomination papers are submitted

Nomination forms will be available at the RM office and online at <https://www.rm457.net/public-notices>. Watch your email or the webpage and Twitter for the most recent information regarding the municipal election.



If you would like to work at the election as a poll clerk or deputy returning officer please contact the Office for more details or to sign up.

Abandoned Wells

If you know of any abandoned wells or other hidden hazards on your property, please ensure that they are properly marked to ensure the safety of your family and any one else that may be on your premises.



Household Battery Recycling

The RM Office has a household battery recycling depot to safely dispose of your used and unwanted batteries.

