

# Summer, 2011 Newsletter

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## Spring Flooding

Thanks to everyone for your patience while the R.M. road crew repaired the damage done to our roads during the spring flooding. Good work, crew!



## PDAP (Provincial Disaster Assistance Program)

The R.M. of Pense has been designated as a municipality that is eligible for PDAP assistance. PDAP provides financial assistance to those who incur substantial losses to essential, uninsurable property caused by specific natural disasters (flooding). Some examples of eligible items under PDAP include clean-up, repair, restoration and preventative measures taken during the disaster. The R.M. has claim forms available. For more information, visit [www.cpsp.gov.sk.ca/PDAP-Home](http://www.cpsp.gov.sk.ca/PDAP-Home).

## Landfill

Landfill hours remain the same:  
Wednesdays, noon to 4 p.m.  
& Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,  
holidays excepted.



An addition has been made to items not allowed: Chemical containers, grain, dead animals, cement, railway ties, tires, hazardous waste, petroleum by-products, liquid domestic sewage, asphalt shingles, wire of any description, vehicles, house demolition, and new house construction garbage. Thank you for your co-operation.

Thanks to Sherry Findlay, Landfill Supervisor, for the great job she does!

## Municipal Elections

Voting Division – We have reviewed each owner's situation and have changed any voting divisions that were obviously wrong. Your voting division is shown on your assessment notice and tax notice. Some key points and common situations are:

- a person may vote only in one division.
- a person will vote in the division in which they reside.
- persons assessed for property in two or more divisions but not living in either will vote in the division with the highest assessment.
- a person may choose in which division he or she votes if he or she does not reside in any of the affected divisions and he or she is assessed for property in two or more divisions. A person choosing this option will notify the administrator no later than September 1 that he or she wishes to designate the division in which they will vote.
- spouse of a voter (does not own property or reside in the municipality) must be a resident of Saskatchewan and vote in the same division as the voter.

Refer to Section 160.09 of *The Local Government Election Act* for more detailed information.

## Changes to Term of Office

Elections will change to bi-annual with four year staggered terms of office for Council members.



## For 2011 Elections (Transition Year)

- Elections will be held in even numbered divisions (2,4,6).
- Term of office will be 3 years.
- Nomination period will be September 3, 2011 until 4 p.m. on September 21, 2011.
- Election Day, if necessary, will be October 26, 2011.

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## Industrial Corridor

The R.M. of Pense has partnered with neighbouring rural municipalities, villages and cities to form the Moose Jaw – Regina Industrial Corridor Stakeholder Committee. The mandate/objective of this group is to:

- encourage planned, orderly and environmentally responsible growth of the Industrial Corridor.
- promote long range planning.
- develop procedures to ensure excellence in service delivery.
- To develop a proactive sales and marketing implementation plan.

The committee has received funding under the Planning for Growth program and a planning consultant has been hired to work with all the participating municipalities. Reeve Tom Lemon is the chair of the committee. The South Central Enterprise region and Regina Regional Opportunities Commission provide a supportive role to the committee. Your comments are welcome. Contact us at [rm160@sasktel.net](mailto:rm160@sasktel.net).

## Mill Rates

The Province has lowered the education mill rates for 2011. They are:

Agricultural Property	3.91 mills
Residential Property	9.51 mills
Commercial Property:	
- assessed less than \$500,000	12.25 mills
- assessed more than \$500,000	
- on the 1 <sup>st</sup> \$499,999	12.25 mills
- \$500,000 – \$5,999,999	14.75 mills
- \$6,000,000 or more	18.55 mills

The municipal rate has increased to 6.5 mills for 2011.

## Pense Pumphouse/Fill Station



The Village of Pense owns the pumphouse located in the NW corner of Pense. The R.M. of Pense maintains the exterior infrastructure (meter, coin box, hose). The coin box accepts loonies, toonies and tokens. Tokens have a \$4.00 value and can be purchased at the R.M. office. Currently, you receive ~70 gallons of water for \$1.00. Upgrades made in 2007 deliver the water at a faster rate.

## Controlled Burns

In order to avoid a Fire Response Charge, please continue to call in your controlled burns to the Moose Jaw Fire Department @ 306-692-2792.

## R.M. Contact Information

### Administration

Office phone: 345-2303  
Office fax: 345-2583  
Email: [rm160@sasktel.net](mailto:rm160@sasktel.net)



### Road Crew

R.M. Shop Phone: 345-2424  
Email: [rm160shop@sasktel.net](mailto:rm160shop@sasktel.net)



For concerns pertaining to Public Works (roads, etc.), please contact Public Works Manager Ken Lovell @ 345-2424. Please leave a detailed message if there is no answer.

## Emergency Contact Numbers

Police, Fire & Ambulance	9-1-1
To Report Controlled Burns	(306) 692-2792
(Moose Jaw Fire Department)	

## Council Members

<u>Division</u>	<u>Council Member</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
Reeve	Tom Lemon	345-2230
#1	Kerry Ogilvie	345-2253
#2	Lorne Straub	345-2390
#3	Eleanor Durie	693-2377
#4	Garry McRae	529-6144
#5	Joanne Simpson	345-2551
#6	Brian Short	345-2514

For better communication purposes, the R.M. wants to compile a list of **ratepayer email addresses**. We would utilize your email address to notify you of R.M. programs, notices, reminders, etc., **please forward your email address to our office** ([rm160@sasktel.net](mailto:rm160@sasktel.net)). The same policy of not giving out phone numbers and addresses out would also apply to email addresses. This is for R.M. use only.