

R. M. OF MACDONALD

COUNCIL REPORT - JUNE 2010

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

The election for members of the Council will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 2010. Candidates interested in running for council, are required to register with the Senior Election Official anytime between June 30, 2010 to September 21, 2010 before they start any form of campaigning including the acceptance of contributions or spending of money on their campaign. Nomination papers from registered candidates for Council or Reeve will be accepted between September 15 and 21, 2010. In preparation for the election, a list of voters has been prepared and can be revised at anytime until the close of nominations on September 21, 2010. A person is eligible to have his or her name added to the Voters List if he or she is a Canadian citizen and at least 18 years of age on election day; and is a resident of the municipality for at least six months prior to election day, OR a registered owner of land in the municipality for at least six months prior to election day. Please contact the Municipal Office at 736-2255 to make sure your name has been included.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Tax statements for 2010 have been mailed based on our most recently revised property ownership information. Any property owner who does not receive a 2010 Property Tax Bill should contact the Municipal Office by calling 736-2255. Recent purchasers of property are reminded that they may be responsible for payment of the 2010 taxes whether or not they have received a tax notice in their name. Current taxes are due and payable on or before September 30, 2010. A discount will apply for payments made during the months of June, July and August. Penalties will apply to any outstanding taxes effective October 1, 2010.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Macdonald wish to extend our congratulations to all the graduates in the municipality. Best wishes and good luck are extended to all as you pursue further studies or career aspirations.

LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP FEES

Council has approved a library membership program that provides a reimbursement of 50% of the cost of a library membership fee outside of the municipality to a maximum of \$50.00 per family. To qualify under this program, application must be made to the Municipal Office by **December 31, 2010** for a partial refund of 2010 membership fees. For additional information in regards to this program, please call the Municipal Office at 736-2255.

WATER METER READINGS

Anyone moving should be sure to take a water meter reading and provide that information along with a forwarding address to our office at 736-2255. If possible, the name of the new owner would be appreciated.

BY-LAW NO. 22/06 – WATER USE RESTRICTION

By-Law No. 22/06 was passed by Council to implement a method of conserving water during periods of high demand as well as giving consideration to ways of reducing costs to our current infrastructure and minimizing environmental impacts. Between the last Saturday of May and September 30th in each year, residents are encouraged not to water lawns or boulevards except in compliance with the by-law.

Even numbered civic addresses or even numbered section numbers
Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays between the hours of
4:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Odd numbered civic addresses or odd numbered section numbers
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays between the hours of
4:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

Should further water conservation be necessary during extended periods of dry conditions, the number of days when

watering can occur can be reduced to two days per week or if necessary, watering will be restricted entirely. For more information please contact the Municipal Office at 736-2255 or visit our website at www.rmofmacdonald.com to view a copy of By-Law No. 22/06.

DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

Our municipal disposal sites are open to the public as follows:

SANFORD: Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Summer Time: Monday & Wednesday – 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Winter Time: Monday & Wednesday - Noon to 7:00 p.m.*

STARBUCK: Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Summer Time: Tuesday - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 Winter Time: Tuesday - 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.*

- Winter time hours are effective October 31st to April 1st.

During the month of October access to the disposal sites will be allowed at no charge for the disposal of organic yard waste and clean burn yard waste.

Access to the municipal disposal sites is based on the following tipping fees:

<i>Type of Vehicle</i>	<i>Starbuck</i>	<i>Sanford</i>
3 bag maximum	\$1.00/bag	\$1.00/bag
Car or Van	\$5.00	\$5.00
Pick-up Truck or equivalent sized trailer	\$10.00	\$10.00
Single Axle Truck	\$25.00	\$25.00
Three Ton Truck OR Equivalent Tandem Axle Trailer	\$50.00	\$50.00
Tandem Axle Truck	Not Accepted	\$100.00
Semi Truck End Dump Trailer	Not Accepted	\$200.00

WEST NILE VIRUS INFORMATION

Most exposures to West Nile virus occur in July, August and early September in Manitoba. The possibility of contracting West Nile virus can vary each year depending on a number of factors which include temperature and precipitation.

Citizens are urged to protect themselves and their families by following a few simple steps:

- Reduce the time you spend outside between dusk and dawn.
- Apply an appropriate mosquito repellent
- Wear light-coloured, loose-fitting clothing with long sleeves and pant legs.
- Make sure your door and window screens fit tightly and are free of holes.

Reduce mosquito habitats:

- Regularly clean and empty eaves troughs, pool covers and other items that might collect water.
- Clean and empty bird baths weekly.
- Make sure openings in rain barrels are covered with mosquito screening or tightly sealed around the downspout.
- Clear your yard of old tires or other debris where water collects.
- Cut the grass around your home; trim hedges and trees around doorways and seating areas.
- For more information, visit the provincial website www.gov.mb.ca or call Health Links at 1-888-315-9257.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF WEED CONTROL

Notice is given by the Macdonald Weed Control District Board that weed control is the responsibility of the property owner, agent or occupant (Section 3, Noxious Weed Act). This is the official notice for 2010 to destroy all weeds as often as necessary to prevent the growth, scattering and ripening of weeds and weed seeds (Section 20, Noxious Weeds Act), on all residential and industrial developed subdivisions of the R.M. of Macdonald area. If weeds are not destroyed, the Weed Control Branch may enter the land and destroy weeds (Section 19, Noxious Weeds Act), and charge the cost of weed control to the property owner through the tax rolls (Section 27, Noxious Weeds Act). For more information contact the Weed Supervisor, Michèle Ammeter, phone 736-2331.

MUNICIPAL ROADS

Over the last several years the size and weight of trucks used to move agricultural and other products over municipal roads has increased substantially. The impact on municipal roads has been a flatter road surface and the need to use a more aggressive approach to grading and shaping our gravel roads. When loading trucks we ask that consideration be given to the existing road conditions especially in periods of wet weather when the most damage can occur with heavy weights on soft roads.

CONTROL OF DOGS

Concerns are expressed from time to time about dogs that are allowed to run at large and in particular when dogs are allowed to leave the property when individuals walk or ride by on the street. By-Law No. 15/09 of the municipality is a by-law to provide for the **regulation, license and control of dogs** and that no owner shall keep or harbour a Pit Bull dog within the municipality. The following are some excerpts from the by-law for your information:

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

- (b) In Village areas, an owner shall not keep more than two dogs upon his premises.
- (c) Outside Village areas, an owner shall not keep more than two dogs upon his premises unless those dogs are restrained in a kennel or similar place of confinement.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF OWNERS:

The owner of a dog shall be responsible for his or her dog and **shall not:**

- (ix) Permit his dog to run at large within the limits of the municipality.
- (x) Permit his dog to bark or howl or in any other way unduly disturb the quiet of any person or persons.
- (xi) Permit his dog to defecate on any public or private property other than the property of its owner.
- (xii) Permit his dog to damage public or private property other than that of its owner.
- (viii) Permit his dog to pursue, bite or wound any person or animal.
- (ix) Permit a dog on any school ground or playground.

Please ensure that your dog is under your control at all times.

MUNICIPAL WEB SITE

Visit the municipal affairs section of our web-site at www.rmofmacdonald.com for details on municipal affairs, by-laws, community events and copies of various information.