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Rural Municipality of
PINEY



March 2016

Office Closure

RM of Piney Office

Good Friday & Easter Monday
Spring 2016

The RM of Piney Office will be closed on
FRIDAY, MARCH 25th, and **MONDAY, MARCH 28th**
for Easter weekend.

HAPPY EASTER!!

Road Weight Restrictions

65 % of Normal Loading

Implemented March 11th, Until Further Notice
Spring 2016

The RM of Piney has imposed a 65% weight restriction of normal loading on the following road sections:

- Menisino North MM (Rd 59E); PTH 12 to PR 201
- Whitemouth Lake Rd MM (Rd 21N); PR 210 to Rd 74E
- St. Labre Rd MM (Rd 27N and Rd 63E); PR 210 to Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 21)
- Vassar North MM from Vassar to the Junction of Whitemouth Lake Rd (Rd 20N)
- Vassar East MM (Rd 6N); Vassar East Rd to PR 308
- Municipal Road 12N from PTH 12 to PR 210;

Road restrictions were implemented on March 11th, 2016 and will remain in effect until further notice.

Burning Permits

MB Conservation

April 1st, 2016 – November 15th, 2016
Authority of the Wildfires Act

As per Manitoba Conservation, burning permits are required from April 1st, until November 15th under authority of the Wildfires Act. Burning Permits can only be obtained from your local Manitoba Conservation Office. No burning is allowed before 6:00 PM or when winds exceed 15 km/hour unless authorized by a Natural Resource Officer.

Vassar & Sandilands Spring Dump Hours

RM of Piney

Burnable Yard Waste Only
April 9th, 2016 – May 1st, 2016

Vassar and Sandilands waste disposal sites will be opened to the public from the hours of 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM on the following days:

VASSAR:

Saturday, April 9th, 2016
Saturday, April 16th, 2016
Saturday, April 23rd, 2016
Saturday, April 30th, 2016

SANDILANDS:

Sunday, April 10th, 2016
Sunday, April 17th, 2016
Sunday, April 24th, 2016
Sunday, May 1st, 2016

The dumps will be open only for the days listed above and will only be receiving yard waste such as trees, flax straw, grass clippings, branches, leaves, and natural debris.

Household garbage, recycling, or any other non-burnable debris will not be accepted at these dump sites.

Town Hall Meeting

Woodridge

COPPS Program
Woodridge Community Club

The COPPS Program will be hosting a meeting at the **Woodridge Community Club** on **MARCH 30th, 2016** at **7:30 PM**. The meeting is to gauge how much interest there is in keeping the program running. If you are interested in being involved, you must obtain a criminal record check. For more information, please contact Stan Letkeman.



Setting Down New Roots

2016 Seedling Program

Manitoba Forestry
Orders due April 15th, 2016

The MB Forestry Association 'Setting Down New Roots' 2016 Order Forms are still available for pick up at the RM office in Vassar or on our website. The costs of the trees and what types of species that are available are all listed on the 2016 Order Forms.

Orders will be received until April 15th, 2016. Distribution of the trees will take place at the RM of Piney office in Vassar in spring 2016.

For more information on the 2016 Seedling Program (Setting Down New Roots) please go to www.thinktrees.org. To download the order form, please visit our website: <http://rmofpiney.mb.ca/setting-down-new-roots-2016-order-form/>



Tax Sale

RM of Piney Council Chambers

March 23rd, 2016
2:00 P.M.

The Municipality on the 23rd day of **March, 2016**, at the hour of **2:00 P.M.**, at the office of the Rural Municipality of Piney, 6092 Boundary Street, Vassar Manitoba, proceed to sell by public auction 5 properties. To view the list of properties, please visit our website. <http://rmofpiney.mb.ca/notice-of-public-auction/>



RMs Concerned About Loss of Road Maintenance Grants

Provincial Agreement

Main Market Road
Set to end 2018

A long-standing, little known, provincial agreement is set to end and it could mean a massive tax hike for families and businesses in small towns across Manitoba.

As provincial election season gets underway — and candidates begin meeting us on the doorstep and at community events — we need to tell them the agreement must be extended.

For the last 20 years, the provincial government has funded Main Market Road maintenance in rural municipalities that were formally Local Government Districts, including the R.M. of Piney, R.M. of Reynolds, and R.M. of Stuartburn.

A "Main Market Road" designation refers to a section of road in our towns and villages that we use the most. Main Market Roads connect our local businesses to their customers at home and across the province. They connect our families to hospitals, schools, and community centres — and in emergencies they ensure first responders are there for us when we need them the most.

The Main Market Road maintenance agreement was struck in the late 1990s, when the government of the day was off-loading the cost and responsibility for many provincial roads to municipalities. It was a trade-off that recognized our municipalities would be maintaining many kilometres of roads that only connect to provincial Crown Lands.

Often these Crown Lands provide the provincial government revenue — as they collect royalties for operations like logging and mining — but provide nothing to our municipal governments when we are stuck fixing the wear-and-tear the operations have on these roads.

The Main Market Road maintenance agreement is set to end in 2018. Without it, our communities could be hit hard as we struggle to find other ways to cover maintenance costs. It could mean municipal tax hikes as high as 40 per cent. That's a scary deal for our families, our neighbours and local businesses.

We need provincial politicians to commit to a fair deal.

The provincial government has a billion dollar annual budget for roads and bridges. Extending the agreement would cost less than three tenths of a per cent of that.

The next time you meet a candidate — please, ask them to take a stand and commit to continue funding Main Market Road maintenance for our municipalities.

We need your help as we keep pushing to make sure our communities are treated fairly.

Piney Reeve, Wayne Anderson
Reynolds Reeve, David Turchyn
Stuartburn Reeve, Jim Swidersky