

## **Wildland Fire – May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

### **Update #17**

The RM of Piney remains under a State of Local Emergency and Council has issued a complete burn ban. The wildland fire remains uncontained and active. Current weather conditions are not favourable; there is little moisture in the forecast and the potential for isolated thunderstorms. To date, no structures have been lost to the wildland fire; crews continue to focus on value protection on those properties greatest at risk.

Provincial fire attack crews remain on site. Two helicopters are dedicated to the fire to provide aerial support. Heavy equipment remains on stand-by. Some provincial resources have been redeployed to other provincial fires. The fire situation within the RM of Piney is improving. The public is reminded to remain vigilant.

The size of the fire remains unchanged. Weather conditions are still dry, resulting in extreme fire risk. The public is advised to adhere to the fire bans, travel restrictions and use caution. Several fires have started throughout the province over the past 24 hours placing lives and property at risk.

The Sandilands Main Market Road remains closed and may open in the next couple of days if crews continue to make progress on extinguishing the fire. Fire crews continue to utilize this road for access to the burn area.

A complete burn ban for the RM of Piney and southern Manitoba is now in place. No burning of any solid fuel is permitted; this includes campfires, burn barrels and outdoor stoves. Only propane barbeques and propane fire pits are permitted.

The RM of Piney will utilize our E-Newsletter to provide regular updates. Go to the RM of Piney website at [www.rmofpiney.mb.ca](http://www.rmofpiney.mb.ca) to subscribe to the E-Newsletter. We encourage those not using Facebook to subscribe to our E-Newsletter. The RM also regularly updates the municipal information line at 204-437-2845.

The Municipality remains confident in the efforts completed to protect lives and private property. Should the situation change, and there is the need to notify residents, the RM shall start actively notifying those affected by the change in events. The communities of Sandilands, Woodridge and St. Labre are not at risk. Travel to properties in these communities is permitted.

The wildland fire updates will be provided once a day. The RM will provide another update May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 11:00 am, unless there is a change in the risk to the public.