

Wildland Fire – May 11th, 2021 at 12:00pm

Update #10

The RM of Piney remains under a State of Local Emergency. The wildland fire remains uncontained and active. Numerous small fires are still actively burning. No structures have been lost during this wildfire event. The RM has not evacuated any residents and no residents are under voluntary evacuation. The majority of the fire activity continues to occur on the Southwest side of the burn area.

Manitoba Conservation and Climate has accurately mapped the fire and the current size of the burn area is estimated to 1880 hectares. This has been the first opportunity for the province to accurately map the perimeter of the fire without hindering firefighting efforts.

Manitoba Conservation and Climate continue to action the fire. Multiple water bombers and additional helicopters are being used to action the fire from the air. Heavy equipment is on standby should the equipment be required. Ground crews continue to attack active hot spots. Municipal fire crews continue to assist provincial personnel as resources are needed.

The Sandilands Main Market Road remains closed, as crews continue to utilize this road for access to the burn area.

A great deal of work was accomplished over the past three days. 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 RM of Piney will utilize our E-Newsletter to provide regular updates. Go to the RM of Piney website at 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 RM will provide another update May 11th, 2021 at 4:00 pm, unless there is a change in the risk to the public.