

MUNICIPAL MATTERS

R.M. of Willow Bunch No. 42

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EDITION #4 – ISSUE #1

ADMINISTRATOR:

Sharleine Eger

ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR:

Tereena Bartlett

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER:

Claire Lesperance

RECREATION DIRECTOR:

Nicole Cochrane

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Reeve - Denis Lesperance 640-7985

Div 1 – Pat Bellefleur 640-8684

Div 2 – Albert Lavallee 640-8050

Div 3 – Colby Cairns 267-7822

Div 4 – Scott Kirby 640-7841

Div 5 – Dale Berner 640-9969

Div 6 – Gilles Bissonnette 640-9200

MAINTENANCE STAFF:

Foreman – Merlin Cochrane 640-5471

Equipment Operators

Paul Bellefleur

Rene Boutin

Colin Durand

Doug Fafard (casual gravel hauler)

Brett Marit

Kody Spagrud

Pest Control Officer

Brian Kuysten 642-3221

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday

7:00am – Noon

12:45pm – 4:30pm

RM COUNCIL MEETINGS:

2nd Thursday of every

month @ 8:00am

***Meetings are subject to
change**

RM MUNICIPAL

TAXES are due **December 31,**

2026. As per Bylaw#6-2007, the penalty on tax arrears collected shall be 1% (12% per year) of the arrears or combined arrears and penalties starting January 1 for taxes remaining unpaid after December 31.

MUNICIPAL HAIL LAND WITHDRAWAL

The deadline to withdraw lands from Municipal Hail is **March 31, 2027.** For more information, please contact the RM Administrator.

PEST CONTROL

The municipality has contracted Brian Kuysten as our Pest Control Officer, 306-642-3221. The R.M. has always had the policy of free bait for our ratepayers if they have a mouse or rat problem. Please clean up old buildings, granaries with old grain, old bale stacks and grain bags in effort to declare our municipality rat free. SARM took over pest control. It is now a rat eradication program.

GRAVEL

Ratepayers wanting to purchase crushed gravel are advised to contact the Foreman, Merlin Cochrane directly @ 306-640-5471.

2026 MILL RATES

Municipal Mill Rate has been set at 6.0 mills for 2026. The Education Mill Rates are as follows: Agriculture 1.07, Residential 4.27, Commercial 6.37, Resource 7.49.

SGI ISSUER

Just a reminder that SGI Licensing Services are available from the Municipal Office during regular business hours. Please note that the Municipal Office does not provide Vehicle or Property Insurance services. Your local insurance broker will continue to help you with those needs.

WELCOME

The R.M. of Willow Bunch No. 42 is pleased to welcome Merlin Cochrane as our new Foreman. Merlin brings years of work experience as a foreman, equipment operator, mechanic and supervisor. He is also a trained volunteer firefighter and first responder and has his 1A driver's license. His practical knowledge, steady leadership style and commitment to safe, efficient operations will be valuable assets to our municipality and community.

NEW ACCESS ROAD COMPLETED AT GIRAUDIER GRAVEL PIT

The RM is pleased to share that construction of the new access road to the Giraudier gravel pit has now been completed. This upgraded route provides a safer and more efficient approach for municipal staff and equipment accessing the gravel supply.

The improved road layout supports employee safety, reduces wear on municipal machinery, and ensures smoother, more reliable access for ongoing maintenance and gravel hauling operations. This investment strengthens the RM's ability to deliver high-quality road maintenance throughout the municipality.

Council extends its appreciation to staff and contractors for their work in completing this important infrastructure improvement.

2026 RURAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION – DIVISIONS 2, 4, & 6

Ratepayers are advised that the next Rural Municipal Election will be held this fall, with voting taking place for **Divisions 2, 4, and 6**. Council members elected in 2026 will serve a four-year term under *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*.

Key Dates for 2026

- Notice of Call for Nominations will be posted by September 20th, 2026 at the latest. Nominations will not be accepted until the Call for Nominations has been made in the Assiniboia Times, Town of Willow Bunch Newsletter, on the RM of Willow Bunch Facebook Page and & Municipal Website – willowbunch.ca
- Nominations for candidates must be submitted to the RM Office no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2026.
- **Election Day Voting will occur on Monday, November 9, 2026 with polls open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- Once an advance poll is established, details will be provided to ratepayers once confirmed.

SAFETY REMINDER

When passing the graders, please observe the 60km/hr speed limit.

WILLOW BUNCH TRANSFER STATION

The Willow Bunch Transfer Station accepts consumer household refuse from Rural Municipality ratepayers at the cost of \$4.00/bag. The Transfer Station **SUMMER HOURS** are effective:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - April 1 to

October 31 and **WINTER HOURS** are effective:

Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - November 1 to March 31.

SNOW CLUB OPERATORS

Winter is approaching. Individuals, contractors, and community clubs intending to provide snow removal services on municipal roads or property must be registered with the RM of Willow Bunch No. 42. Registration forms and contractor agreements are available at the municipal office and must be completed and returned by November 1, 2026.

OPTIONS FOR TAX PAYMENTS

Property taxes will be levied in August and are due by December 31, 2026.

EARLY TAX PAYMENT DISCOUNTS APPLY:

(on municipal portion only)

6% discount if paid by August 31, 2026

5% discount if paid by September 30, 2026

4% discount if paid by October 31, 2026

2% discount if paid by November 30, 2026

Cash – Pay in-person during regular office hours.

Cheque – pay as with cash, or mail in your payment.

Debit – Check your debit limit before visiting the office.

Credit Card – 2.4% service charge applied to all transactions.

Online Bill Payment – via financial institution only

E-Transfers accepted at: rmwb42@gmail.com

Online payments must be made a minimum of 4 business days prior to any due date. For mailed payments the post-mark is not acceptable.