



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ALONSA

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REMINDER OF POLICIES

Policy # TRSP-001 – To establish a policy for private drains draining into municipal infrastructure

Policy # TRSP-006 – To establish a policy governing the permitted use of undeveloped municipal road allowances.
This policy is under review for amendment at this time.

Please watch for letters from Council pertaining to the above policies reminding landowners that Council permission is needed for any private drains and for clearing and/or farming undeveloped municipal road allowances.

PROPERTY TAX ARREARS

Property taxes are an important source of revenue that help the RM of Alonsa provide essential services such as road maintenance, emergency services, and municipal operations.

Residents are reminded that tax arrears notices are issued annually, and courtesy reminder letters will be mailed prior to further action. These letters include important deadlines, and we strongly encourage ratepayers to review them carefully.

If you receive a letter or have questions about your tax account, please contact the municipal office as soon as possible. Early communication can help avoid additional penalties or fees.

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

After a few meetings with RCMP Officers from Ste Rose and Amaranth Detachments, they have asked us to remind our residents to always call and report any suspicious activity that you may see.

MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Council would like to extend a long overdue thank you to our three fire departments for their hard work throughout the year and especially for everything they did during our very busy "spring fire season".

PLEASE CALL YOUR FIRE CHIEF OR DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF if you are planning on burning brush piles, fields, old buildings, etc

Amaranth Fire Department	Fire Chief - Logan Dumanske	204-843-0085
	Deputy - Tyler Lee	204-249-5073
Alonsa Fire Department	Fire Chief - Donald Toms	204-871-2608
	Deputy - John Bigelow	431-720-1000
Westlake Fire Department (Eddystone)	Fire Chief - James Taylor	204-647-5672
	Deputy – Cory Taylor	204-447-5541

WESTLAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS MORE MEMBERS!

WHEN YOUR iPHONE DIALS 911

Some iPhones are set to automatically call 911 if they detect a sudden impact, such as a motor vehicle accident. Our Fire Departments are occasionally being dispatched to "accidents" that have not occurred. This can happen if an iPhone is dropped or thrown with enough force to trigger the emergency call feature.

If this happens to you, please call 911 immediately and inform the dispatcher that there is no emergency. This helps prevent emergency responders from being dispatched unnecessarily.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping emergency services available for real emergencies.



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SNOW CLEARING & PLOWING

During the winter months, our Public Works staff work hard to keep roads safe and passable for residents.

Please be advised that municipal roads are always our first priority. Main roads, school bus routes, and heavily travelled roads must be cleared before crews can move on to private approaches and driveways.

We understand that waiting for driveway access can be frustrating, especially after heavy snowfall. Please know that crews are working as quickly and efficiently as possible, often in challenging weather conditions, to ensure the road network is opened safely.

Your patience and understanding are greatly appreciated as we continue to focus on keeping the RM moving.

REMINDER

Pushing snow across municipal roads can create ridges that harden very quickly which can cause road conditions that are dangerous to the general traffic and our municipal operators. These ridges can lead to a serious accident or cause major damage to our machines.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS PRACTICE IS UNSAFE and IS NOT PERMITTED



New Driving Laws in Effect

As of January 1, 2026

When approaching or passing snowplows with blue warning lights activated, drivers must stay back 30 metres on 80 km/h or slower roads, and stay back 100 metres on roads with a speed limit above 80 km/h.

Drivers must not pass if the view ahead is obstructed or passing risks interfering with the vehicle or work.

For the full Province of Manitoba New Release, please visit

<https://news.gov.mb.ca/news/index.html?item=72139>

RECYCLE IN YOUR RM

We encourage all ratepayers to recycle as many materials as possible to reduce the amount of waste going into our landfills. Some of our landfills are nearly full and may soon need to be closed. Constructing a new landfill to meet provincial standards would be a significant cost to our community, so we need to do what we can by recycling.

Please do your part — recycle whenever possible.

Don't forget to enter our monthly recycling raffle when you recycle!

"IT PAYS TO RECYCLE IN THE RM OF ALONSA!!"