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RM OF LAIRD  
NO. 404

# Newsletter

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OFFICE HOURS  
MONDAY TO FRIDAY  
8:30 AM - 4:00 PM

CLOSED  
LUNCH BETWEEN 12:00PM TO 1:00 PM  
WEEKENDS AND STAT HOLIDAYS

CONTACT US  
RM OF LAIRD  
BOX 160  
3025 CENTRAL AVE  
WALDHEIM, SK  
S0K 4R0



REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
2ND THURSDAY OF THE MONTH  
COMMENCING AT 9:00 AM

## COUNCIL - RM OF LAIRD

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## Vision Statement

The R.M. of Laird No. 404 is a vibrant district including rural and urban areas, where agricultural pursuits are encouraged, the demand for quality and sustainable growth is met, new residents are welcomed, economic development is enhanced, environmental and lifestyle quality is uncompromised and the unique cultural heritage is recognized.

## Municipal Mill Rate

The municipal mill rate for 2023 has been set at 7.4 mills (NO CHANGE)

## Municipal Maps

Municipal maps are available at the cost of \$20.00 each. Requests for maps to be mailed out are \$25.00 Each.

## Payment Methods

Payments can be made to the RM by:

1. In person by cash/debit
2. Cheque payable to "RM of Laird No. 404;
3. Online Payments set up as "payee" with Royal Bank, Scotiabank, Credit Unions, Affinity Credit Union
4. E-Transfers are directly deposited, no password required) and emailed to [administrator@rmoflaird.ca](mailto:administrator@rmoflaird.ca)

Please make reference using one or more of the following:

- Roll number
- Customer number
- Invoice number

## Custom Work

Custom work rates are as follows:

Mowing  
\$180.00/hr.

Minimum charge 1/2 hour rate

Grading Lanes  
\$225.00/hr.

Minimum charge 1/2 hour rate

## Spraying, Snow Blading & Dragging

The use of any equipment other than Municipal Equipment on the Municipal Road allowance is **PROHIBITED**. This includes clearing of snow, blading, spraying, or dragging on road allowance with personal equipment; leaving the RM at high risk of liability including the equipment owner.

## Dust Control

As started last year, a signed waiver will be required to receive dust control through the RM in spring. This form can be found on the website under the Governance tab, under Forms/other forms.

<https://rmoflaird.ca/PDFs/Forms/DUST-CONTROL-REQUEST-2023.pdf>

The RM of Laird No. 404 residents interested in purchasing and having applied dust control, may do so at their expense. Please contact the RM Office to be added to our contact list for dust control application for 2024. (Application of dust control is applied in late May or early June of current year to those requested BEFORE May 20th of current year)

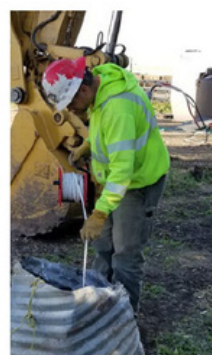
If you choose to apply your own dust control, please contact the RM office for approval on product being used.

## Abandoned Wells

An abandoned water well poses a risk to people, livestock and equipment because it may be a deep, open pit that is usually unmarked. Abandoned wells also present a direct pathway for contaminants to move down into the underground aquifer, which can endanger the quality of water drawn from nearby water sources that are still in use. To properly decommission a well it is important to know these three things before you start:

1. What is the condition of the well and surrounding area?
2. What is the diameter of the well, depth to water and depth of well?
3. Based on the diameter of the well, is it a small diameter drilled well or large diameter bored well?

Contact your local watershed association or your local Ministry of Agriculture regional office for more information on rebates.



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North Saskatchewan River Basin Council  
Office: 306-441-4066  
[Annette@nsrbc.ca](mailto:Annette@nsrbc.ca)

See [saskatchewan.ca/cap](http://saskatchewan.ca/cap) for more information.

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Agriculture Programs Specialist, Ministry of Agriculture  
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[Patricia.Johnson@gov.sk.ca](mailto:Patricia.Johnson@gov.sk.ca)

## Fire Insurance Coverage

Ratepayers are responsible for any firefighting charges when the Fire Department is called for a fire on your property, whether your parcel is occupied or vacant.

**BE SURE TO HAVE ADEQUATE FIRE INSURANCE COVERAGE.**

**CONTROLLED BURN CENTER**  
1-866-404-4911



Controlled Burns -  
**MUST CALL prior to burning**

## Noxious Weeds

Please be aware of and immediately report any noxious weeds to the RM Office. Keeping these difficult and invasive weeds out of our RM is to everyone's benefit.

## Weed Inspector

Marcel Baynton  
306-220-0840

## Pest Control Officer

Art Thiessen  
306-945-7771

**STRAY ANIMALS?**



TALK TO YOUR DIVISION COUNCILLOR IF YOU HAVE SEEN OR HAVE ISSUES WITH ANY STRAY ANIMALS SUCH AS PETS & CATTLE WITHIN THE RM OF LAIRD NO. 404.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU.

## Development Permits

A **Development Permit** is required to be completed for any new development and any construction on properties. Forms are available on-line and at the RM Office.

## Truck Permitting

All Commercial trucking (trucking that requires a commercial license) must be permitted and can be acquired from the RM Office. The onus is on the individual of their rights and responsibilities regarding weight and load limits when hauling. Primary Weights on the municipal roads requires you to purchase a permit.

Cost is \$25.00 per haul or an annual permit for \$100.00

To make an application, email a copy of the vehicle registration and trailer to:  
**administrator@rmoflaird.ca**

## Organic Farming

All organic farmers are encouraged to register all their organic lands to the RM office as to let commercial pesticide applicators take the necessary precautions to avoid spray drift onto such lands.

## Stray Animals

Stray small animals or animals running at large? Please report to your Councillor.

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Division 3: Lorne Grunau



Division 4: Ken Fehr  
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## Permits

### Building Permits

A **Building Permit** is required for all building construction (some exemptions apply) and must be compliant with the National Building Code and is governed by the RM Building Bylaw. Permit application forms are available at the RM Office on On-line. Permits will not be issued until all applicable fees are paid. A retention fee of \$1,000.00 is applied at the time if permitting and is refundable upon completion of the permit PRIOR to expiry date of the permit.

### Water Drainage

The construction and operation of most drainage works requires the approval from Water Security Agency. Please contact Water Security Agency Regional Office prior to any drainage at:

North Battleford Regional Services Office  
402 Royal Bank Tower 1101 - 101st St.  
North Battleford, SK  
S9A 0Z5

### Water Tokens

**PRICE INCREASE:** Effective April 2023

Water token prices have increased to \$3.00/Token/200 Gallons

Transporting of Garbage **MUST** be secured so as to not loose debris during transportation. Payment for dumping of certain debris may be required. Payment can be made by cash or cheque.

## WASTE SITE

WASTE SITE MANAGER CONTACT: 306-220-5935

### WALDHEIM LANDFILL HOURS

February 1 - March 31

Tuesdays 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.  
Saturdays 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (2nd & 4th of month)

April 1 - September 30

Tuesdays 12:00p.m. noon to 8:00p.m.  
Saturdays 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. (2nd & 4th of month)

October 1 - January 31

Tuesdays 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.  
Saturdays 10:00a.m. to 4:00p.m. (2nd & 4th of month)

If applicable: 5th Saturday of the month and on Stat Holidays the landfill is CLOSED

### MENNON LANDFILL HOURS

February 1 - March 31

Thursdays 10:00a.m. to 6:00p.m.  
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**SMHI** SASKATCHEWAN MUNICIPAL HAIL INSURANCE

- Interest-free until December 31
- Prompt payment discounts
- No-hassle continuous coverage

**AMHI** ADDITIONAL MUNICIPAL HAIL INSURANCE

- Available in SK, MB and AB
- Variety of payment options
- Full or deductible coverage