

July 13, 2015 Community Update

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Tax deadline approaching quickly

A reminder to all West St. Paul property owners that taxes are due Sept. 30 by 4:30 p.m.

Taxes can be paid anytime up to the deadline, but if you're late with your payment there is an interest charge of 1.25%, so please, avoid the penalty and have your payment in on time.

If you make your payment through online banking, please be sure to allow at **least five business** days for your bank to process the payment. Interest will be charged if the payment is not received by the municipality's bank by the payment deadline.

Cheque payments can be made at the municipal office, or left in the municipality's drop box, located next to the office's doors, if you are unable to come by during regular business hours. You can also mail your payment to: RM of West St. Paul, 3550 Main Street, West St. Paul, MB, R4A 5A3.

Residents 65 years of age and older by the end of the year may qualify for tax savings from the Manitoba government to help cover education property taxes. Information on this was included with your 2015 property tax bill you received in the mail.

For more information, go online to the municipality's website, www.weststpaul.com, in the Property Tax Information section. You can also call the RM's tax office at 204-338-0306.

Mosquito Control Program

The Municipality conducts a Larviciding Program each year which is contracted to the City of Winnipeg to conduct on our behalf. Larviciding is an ecologically safe preventative method used to interrupt the development of larvae or pupa into adult

mosquitoes. It is the most effective and environmentally acceptable method of mosquito population reduction. Mosquito larvae are not mobile and concentrated in water sites which make them the most vulnerable stage of the mosquito lifecycle. By targeting larvae in ditches, pools and containers, countless numbers of mosquitoes are killed before they reach the flying adult, biting stage.

Fogging is considered the last resort when larviciding was not effective in killing all the mosquito larvae. Larviciding continues even in a fogging program. The Municipality does not have predetermined dates for mosquito fogging – there are many factors that determine if fogging is even considered. Fogging may occur if the following criteria have been met:

- There must be an average of 25 adult female mosquitoes collected over 2 consecutive nights.
- 24 hour public notice must be provided.
- The AFA rating is high (we use Winnipeg's rating to West St. Paul).
- Buffer zones are respected.



Waste Water Project

The wastewater project continues to proceed on schedule and on budget. Installation of the Main Street trunk sewer began in late May 2014 and will continue through September 2015. Phase I construction has been completed from the City of Winnipeg limits to the north Perimeter, while Phase II construction, outside the Perimeter, has been completed from Balderstone Avenue to River Springs Drive. The last portion of the project is to link the south and north lines under the Perimeter Highway.

A total of 5,647 metres of pipe will be installed. The homes that are within the Whistler Hollow subdivision that are occupied have had Meters installed and have been connected to and using in full operation the wastewater system.

Meter installation for all residents in Phase 1 will take place in the coming months. Notices will be sent to those residents who will be required to install meters.

Future Servicing and Additional Funding

With significant progress made on Phase 1 of the new wastewater system, the RM is taking an important step towards extending service to all West St. Paul families with preliminary planning for north and west of Phase I as funds become available from Federal and Provincial funding agreements. West St. Paul applied for further funding for the Rossmore Sewer Line through the Small Communities Fund (SCF) and anticipates a response soon.

The RM has identified five wastewater priority projects for funding including the Nye, Evelyn, Grassmere, & Baldock Area Gravity Sewer; Minnehaha, Kenabeek, Hiawatha Area Gravity Sewer, Force Main and Lift Station; Balderstone Gravity Sewer; Addis Trunk Main to McPhillips Sewer Trunk; Rossmore Wastewater collection system;. This also includes Main Street properties in phase one. WSP continues to work with our Regional partners in the Community of St. Andrews, Manitoba Waters Services Board, Province and Federal officials in order to address ongoing wastewater concerns in that area.

The Small Communities Fund is part of the \$10 billion Provincial –Territorial infrastructure component of the New Building Canada Fund. It will provide \$1 billion nationally for projects in municipalities with fewer than 100,000 residents, to build projects that fulfill local needs. Manitoba's Small Communities Fund is a 10-year, \$140 million program that focuses on infrastructure for public use in smaller communities. Funding for municipalities under the Small Communities Fund will typically be approved with federal, provincial and municipal levels of government each responsible for one-third of the project cost.

West St Paul has also been in discussion with the Province in regards to options, opportunities and benefits of being a potential member of the Cartier Regional Water Cooperative. We have signed in 2014 and again in 2015 a resolution supporting a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as part of a multi-million dollar Build Canada funding grant with The Cartier Regional Water Co-op which includes Centre Port, the municipalities of Cartier, Grey, Headingley, Portage la Prairie, Rosser, St. Francois Xavier, the Headingley Correctional Centre and the Stoney Mountain Federal Penitentiary. As council moves forward with our partners in the process of approval we will provide more information as funding and technical information becomes available. West St Paul will continue to explore opportunities for financing with private partners and any future servicing would be an option for existing West St. Paul property owners to connect to a potable water system.

Weed Control Program

The Rural Municipality of West St. Paul 2015 Weed Control Program is underway. The Weed Control Program helps to control Noxious Weeds on both private and

public property using Par 111 and to control all vegetation on gravel boulevards, fence lines, parking lots and storage areas using Roundup.

The duration of the program will vary depending on weather conditions and noxious weed and vegetation levels.



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