

**1951** - A \$6000 debenture at 5% interest was approved and the Model D Allis-Chalmers motor patrol was ordered from Western Tractor Co. with a \$1000 deposit. Fred Dean won the contract to operate the machine starting in May at 75 cents an hour to work until the end of the season.

**1952** - Council set rent at \$2.50 an hour for residents and \$3 for non residents for patrol rental. As in previous decades, contracts were signed with local doctors.

**1953** - First road bans read three times at the March meeting. Bylaw # 48 enacted. With bylaw #50 the RM began to licence oil drilling contractors. Over the next few years the RM worked with Silverwood to begin development of "The Oilfield Road". Nothing appears in the Minutes that declares oil had been discovered but increased road development and purchases of equipment reflect how much this helped the financial prospects of the municipality.

**1954** - RM signed a contract with Sask Power Corp. regarding lights in Red Jacket. Rat poison was ordered and would be available to farmers and an adding machine was purchased.

**1955** - Council asked that the municipality northwest of Wapella be considered for 1955 grid construction re. Sask-Power. The company held a wiring instruction meeting in Moosomin which the RM helped fund with \$7.50 for half of Legion Hall rent. Very little is shown in the minutes about the coming of electricity during the decade but for residents this was a huge step forward. Permission was given Trans Canada Pipe Lines Ltd to cross all roads and road allowances on their proposed route. Martin entered into an agreement with Pipestone Dam Committee and Pipestone Lake Resort Committee. This would become Moosomin Lake.

Flood damage was reported as a problem in the spring and in Aug 1955 minutes. In September the RM applied to PFRA to be established as a flood area. In October there was a request for flood damage compensation. People were thanked for their volunteer help with roads and one rate payer recalls the "corduroy" roads (soft roads were surfaced with planks and timbers to carry traffic). The water situation was blamed for increased tax arrears. Bylaw #55 was called to limit weight of vehicles to 23,000 lbs on certain roads. A Gestetner duplicating machine was purchased.

**1956** - Purchase of the livery barn from Ralph Hussey for \$600.00. Council remuneration: Reeve - \$7/day and 10 cents/mile; Councillors - \$6/day and 10 cents/day.

**1957** - PFRA was to construct the Keenan Bridge and the RM requested them to raise the bridge on the Kipling Road as water levels were raised by the dam.

**1958** - Council meetings changed from Saturday to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month - the day that is still used in 2013! 2000 shares @ \$1 each for Eastern Sask. Pioneer Lodge Ltd shares were purchased. Support was given to apply for an extension of 20 beds to Moosomin Union Hospital.