

2021 – Covid restrictions continued until the end of April. Everyone was very glad to have the restrictions lifted and to find a new “normal”. 2021 was a Revaluation Year for Assessment and the assessed value of farmland went up on average 114% from the last assessment in 2017. The process of Civic Addressing was started by the Chief Administrative Officer and each site had to be verified. It would take almost two years before ratepayers would see signs installed. The Municipality also started the process of updating our Zoning and Official Community Plan Bylaws and this too would take almost two years before the actual bylaws were passed. The Council decided to take out the sand seal on the Lake Road (Township Road 1321) and replace it with a product called MG30. MG30 stabilizes the road and makes it very hard with very little dust. There are mixed received on the product but Council likes the results. Another project that took almost a year to complete was the Asset Management Plan – a plan on how to deal with our roads, culverts and bridges going forward. 2021 saw a drought in a lot of area of the province which effected cattle herds.

2022 – The provincial government mandated that effective January 1st that all Municipalities in the province had to have a Building Bylaw and a Building Inspector. The implementation of this bylaw and also having to do building inspections did not sit well with many municipalities in the province. The RM had a year to get a bylaw in place and one was put into place early in the year. This year would go down as a year of storms. There were two weekend storms in April (April 13-15 and April 22-24) which caused roads to be closed and power to be off in many areas for 3-5 days due to many power poles being broken. Many farms had considerable loss to livestock so much so that the RM declared our Municipality a disaster area so that farmers could claim for uninsured losses through PDAP (Provincial Disaster Assistance Program). To make matters worse there was a severe storm with hail and plow winds on Father’s Day and also a month later on July 15 & 16. The RM once again declared the area a disaster area so that farmers could claim through PDAP. The RM Shop was damaged with hail and had a claim of over \$100,000 for damage to the metal siding. The RM purchased a used John Deere Grader to grade back roads and as an extra grader as well as purchasing a new New Holland Loader Tractor. The Chief Administrative Officer continued as Director Division 1 in the RMAA. The RM office was closed Fridays from May 1 to September 1st. This was also an election year for Division 2, 4 and 6. Councillor Glen Ekert decided he was not going to run again in Division 2 and Jason McDougall was acclaimed for that seat. Division 4 Councillor Hal Garrett was challenged by Jamie Hintz but retained his seat. Division 6 had a 3 way election with John Gordon being challenged by former Reeve Gerald Flaman and ratepayer Kirk Ivey. Gerald Flaman won the seat and resumed a place on Council.

2023 – The beginning of 2023 saw Division 1 Councillor Chris Leeds sell his farm and move to Alberta which caused a by-election for his seat, Ken Smith was acclaimed to the position. Ken is following in his father’s footsteps. The RM contributed \$88,900 towards the construction of a new airport in the RM of Moosomin as well as a clay cap of the Hillburn Road (Township 155).

2024 – This year saw a dramatic increase in cattle prices (and an increase in equipment prices). This year was a year of discontent amongst staff and Council alike. In April long-time Foreman Darcy Jamieson and Equipment Operator David Osborne both left the RM to work for the RM of Moosomin, a new employee was dismissed. In October Gravel Truck Driver Leo Beier retired.

Gradually things settled down and the tensions eased. Division 6 Councillor Gerald Flaman retired and was replaced with Reece Wolf who was acclaimed in our fall election. James Greening became the new Foreman, Neal McMullen was hired as an Equipment Operator and Mike McGonigal joined the ranks as our casual equipment operator. The RM decided to hire Silver Dirtworks to do custom mowing in the Municipality. The RM purchased a new John Deere Grader replacing one of our CAT Graders.

2025 – This year was a Revaluation year for Assessment and we once again saw farmland values go up by over 45%. The Municipality extended summer hours to April 1 to October 1st. The RM upgraded part of the Moosomin/Kipling Road as well as portion of the Lake Road and Township Road 130.