

Reeve's Writings: - May 2026

I would like to extend my sincere thank you to everyone who helped throughout this flooding disaster!

There are far too many people, businesses and organizations to name individually! What an amazing show of pulling together to help our community!

I appreciated seeing neighbours reaching out and helping each other, people who live away from the flooded areas coming in to sandbag, drive sandbags to where they were needed, and others delivering lunches and snacks for the crews! And thank you to the RM crews and staff for putting many long hours!

Local businesses helped by opening their doors after hours to ensure we could have supplies, some provided free meals and snacks, others worked around the clock delivering needed services.

Our partner agencies worked very closely with us at the EOC (Emergency Operations Centre) and in the field. Special thanks go out to Buckland Fire Chief and all the firefighters for their professionalism and support! Special thanks also to the province for the advice, equipment and personnel supplied by the SPSA (Saskatchewan Public Safety Association)! They were so helpful and well organized, and ensured that disaster mitigation was as thorough as possible!

We can all be so proud of this community!

Our attention is now focused on applying for funding assistance to help with the massive repairs required and getting the work assessed and done! The RM must first contribute about \$400,000 to repairs before the Federal PDAP assistance kicks in so our budget is being stretched very thin! Where there has been structural damage that makes a bridge unsafe the bridge will be closed and marked. Please be safe and obey all road signage!

The May Council meeting was cancelled due to the emergency response effort. Regular Council meetings resume in June. They are regularly scheduled for the second Monday of the month.

The on-going issues of garbage collection, off-leash dogs, condition of roads are being addressed. I encourage you to use the "Public Complaints Policy Form" <https://rmbuckland.ca/bylaws-policies-permits> to report issues. There are two purposes for this: it makes the RM aware so that issues can be resolved; and it shows the magnitude of the issue so that an appropriate and cost-effective solution can be put in place. We rely on you to be the eyes of your neighborhood to help by reporting problems!

Thank you all for helping to keep Buckland a great place to live!
Linda Clavelle