

August Reeve's Writing

Five months on the job and I'm still learning and finding myself amazed at all the work that gets done - that most people don't know about! So here is what your RM has been up to lately:

After the spring flood disaster, the provincial and federal governments stepped up to help through PDAP (Provincial Disaster Assistance Program). With their assistance, we are undertaking Engineered projects to ensure the fixes that are complicated are done properly. The projects that are now completed are:

- ✓ White Star Road West washout
- ✓ Honeymoon Road Bridge
- ✓ Gobeil Bridges (2) SW 27-50-25 W2

Next PDAP Engineered projects that we will focus on are:

Gobeil Road SW 26-51-25 W2: Culvert washout
Gobeil Road NW 26-51-25 W2: Bridge washout
Forrester Road SW 27-51-25 W2: Culvert washout

There are 11 sites in total that require engineering expertise. These are the first six. We are hoping to have them all completed before winter!

Huge thank you to our Maintenance Crews for completing the non-engineered work that got us all up and running as quickly as possible! Along with many other smaller flood related jobs they completed the following significant repairs:

Culvert washout repair - Paddockwood Road N of 355 Highway
Road washout - Tower Road
Road washovers - Cheal Lake, Ardell Hill and Forrester Road S of Correction Line

Please remember to slow down as you meet all workers (including mowers and Civic Address installers) and pass by with great caution! Our crews are operating equipment that requires their full attention. You may see them before they see you, so please slow down, give them plenty of space, and help keep everyone safe.

Thank you to each of you for your patience and understanding while we work through the fixes after the flood.

A project that has been in planning for quite a while is the White Star Road East Reshape and Re-stabilization Project. It has been awarded to Finn Construction Ltd., a Saskatoon company. We expect work to commence shortly and be completed this fall. Thank you to all contractors who submitted bids. Traffic may be slowed and down to one lane during construction, please schedule accordingly.

With the Shellbrook Highway twinning project now complete and some time to assess how 15th Street NW has settled following the work, a few areas have been identified where additional improvements would be beneficial. The RM has been working with the Ministry of Highways (MOH) to address these concerns, and plans are now underway for some additional work on the road. We are pleased to share that there will be work on erosion control/seeding, stabilization of road surface and dust reduction on the section of 15th Street NW between Whitfield Road and 11th Avenue NW. This is a joint project with the Ministries of Highways and the RM of Buckland. Once this work is completed, all concerns regarding this road are to be forwarded to the RM of Buckland office. We are very pleased that the Ministry of Highways has partnered with us on this project and were so understanding of our position!

Also of great importance: November 9th will be Council elections for Divisions 2, 4 & 6.

I encourage all existing councillors to run again and encourage anyone who is interested in serving their community to put their name forward as well. If you are interested in what being a Councillor is about, the provincial government has a great resource called 'Information for New Municipal Council Members':

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/tools-guides-and-resources/information-for-council-members>.

If you have questions about the roles and responsibilities of Council, or eligibility of candidates, you can contact myself or our CAO, Cori Sarginson from the numbers on our web-site, or stop in at the office and ask.

Important Dates:

18-Sept-2026:	Call for nominations opens
05-Oct-2026:	Nominations Close
28-Oct-2026 Wed:	Advance Poll (Evening) - 3 pm to 8 pm
31-Oct-2026 Sat:	Advance Poll (Daytime) - 10 am to 3 pm
09-Nov-2026 Mon:	ELECTION DAY
13-Nov-2026 Fri:	First Council Meeting - 9 am

On that note - I wish you all a lovely end of summer! May the crops and gardens produce above your expectations, may you have happy times with friends and family and may you enjoy life in the beautiful RM of Buckland!

Linda