



Greetings from RM of Biggar #347

The Council of the RM of Biggar extends warm greeting to all residents, families, and ratepayers. Last season was a year of steady work, change and growth in the RM of Biggar.

The road promised to Farm in the Dell was started and completed. The road, contracted by Strohm, came in under budget at \$161,567.99. Watching the steady construction progress of the house and workshop, added to the excitement of this new and innovative way of living for adults with special needs. Huge accolades go out to Rebecca Zagoury and her parents, Dwayne and Leanne for being the compelling force behind this project.

This year brings with it a major transition in the office, and we are pleased to welcome our new Administrator, Sheri McHanson Budd to the team. She brings enthusiasm, experience and a new set of eyes to her job. Council looks forward to working with her.

Council also wishes to send heartfelt thanks to Sandi Silvernagle, for her years of dedication to her role as Administrator. Always a team player, Sandi's warm and caring approach had a trickle-down effect to everyone – Council, Staff and Ratepayers. We are lucky she has decided to keep working part time and you will still hear her infectious laugh when you stop at the RM Office to visit.

It's with some sadness and disbelief that I announce Cliff Metz will be retiring at the end of this March. Although happy he's taking his well-earned retirement, we hoped this day would never happen. Cliff, you have been an amazing part of the RM of Biggar. Your knowledge of this RM's 684 miles of roads, the pride you take in your work, and your willingness to teach the new people on our team are noted and appreciated. You will be missed.

The Springwater landfill reclamation has been completed, with the total current cost of \$25,512.58 in 2025. The Monarch Well, finished and in operation since last fall cost the RM \$144,250.09, with \$55,917.07 sourced from a grant. We're hoping this well will provide all water needs in the RM Divisions north of Biggar.

In order to keep our equipment current, this year saw the purchase of a new Cat Grader, Model 160AWD and a one-way plow for \$603,140.00, and the sale of our old Cat, trade in value \$280,000.00. Another, yearly major spend is gravel, and 2025 saw 15,564 yards spread on our roads, to the tune of \$216,305.95.



Council is pleased to share the news of major construction in the RM; a new Intensive Livestock Operation, already started, at Golden View Hutterite Colony. This hog barn, a farrow to finish operation, will house 750 sows and will market yearly, over 23,000 hogs. This project represents an important, agricultural investment in our region, contributing to the long-term strength and resilience of our rural economy. It speaks strongly to the value of growing our own, provincially sourced food.

Farming teaches us patience, resilience and the value of working together. Spring comes as promised, and we meet the season, as we always do, with hope and open hearts.

On behalf of your Council, we are grateful for your trust and input. We wish for you and your family, a safe and successful 2026 growing season.

Jeanne-Marie de Moissac

Reeve in the RM of Biggar #347