

**2026 R.M. of Blucher  
Ratepayer Supper**  
April 1, 2026

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**Blucher Council & Staff**

- Reeve: Blair Cummins
- Div. 1: Nicole DeCorby
- Div. 2: Quintin Senger
- Div. 3: Jim Appelt
- Div. 4: Dale Chysyk
- Div. 5: Travis Goebel
- Div. 6: Francis Boehm
- CAO: Pamela Lindberg
- Executive Assistant: Chrissie Jensen
- Office Assistant: Kalista Senger
- Foreman: Jason Robson
- Bylaw Officer, Weed & Pest Inspector: Lamont Knittig

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**Election date: November 9, 2026**

- Divisions 2, 4 & 6 are up for election this year.
- Nomination deadline is October 7<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.
  - Nomination papers must be signed by at least 2 voters of the Division
  - Nomination papers must include a completed Public Disclosure Statement.

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**Council Meetings**

- Generally, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month.
  - Start at 8:00 am
  - Open to the public for viewing only.
  - If you'd like to speak at a meeting, you must be on the agenda.

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**SARM Division 5 update**

- SARM benefits & insurance programs had a very good year.
- Investments had a good year. 10.6% ROI in 2025. 4.8% average since 2001.
- Crime Stoppers Saskatchewan doing fundraising – asking \$200.00 per municipality.
- Check SARM website for resolution responses.
- Efforts being made by many groups to save the Indian Head & Scott's Research Farms.
- Financial statements for all municipalities are on Government of Saskatchewan website.
- Government relations will now be taking Communities in Transition (CIT) funding off the top of revenue sharing. This means urbans will now be contributing to CIT.
- Potash tax sharing decrease for RM of Blucher - \$290,674.21

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**SARM Division 5 update - continued**

- Possible help from Saskatchewan Trapper's Association if anyone has coyote problems.
- SARM Annual Convention had 1,121 delegates from 273 RM's, & 263 guests.
- SARM is represented on 66 committees province-wide.
- New SARM learning program should be operational in 2026.
- Fed's moving ahead with plans to legalize drone spraying.
- Wildfires – SPSA – not enough resources.

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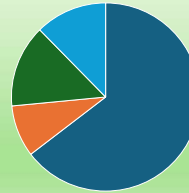
### Municipal Hail Insurance

- MHI Total Risk \$3.7 Billion
- Revenue \$133.7 Million
- Indemnity paid \$87.2 Million
- Total expenses including indemnity \$119.7 Million
- Net underwriting profit \$14.0 Million
- Investment income \$27.9 Million
- Profit \$49.1 Million
- Reinsurance \$14.0 Million
- Travel \$152,000.

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### Total Revenues

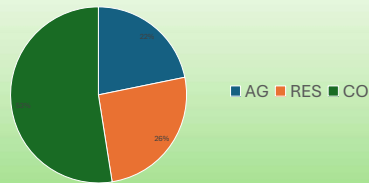
Total Revenues



- 65% - Taxes & Grants
- 14% - Gravel sales & custom work
- 12% - Utilities & P&D
- 9% - Operating & Investments

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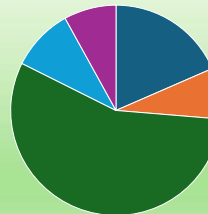
### Tax revenue



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### Total Expenditures



- 56% - Transportation services
- 18% - Council & Office
- 10% - Environmental & P&D
- 8% - Protective services
- 8% - Utilities & R&C

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### Emergency Services

- RM of Blucher supports 4 fire halls
  - Allan
  - Bradwell
  - Clavet
  - Blucher Aberdeen (at Sunset Estates)

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### Equipment changes in 2025

- F550 – new fire truck at Blucher Aberdeen fire hall
- Trail King Double Drop trailer
- 2025 Chev Silverado – Pest control officer truck
- 2025 Komatsu loader
- 2025 JD 872G Grader
- Equipment disposals in 2025:
  - 2021 JD 870G Grader
  - 2005 JD 655J Loader
  - Terex TS14G Scraper

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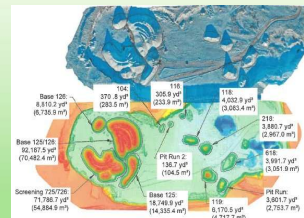
### Road upgrades in 2025

- Gravelock at Cheviot Road and Forreiter Road corner – cost: \$39,280.00 (400 meters)
- MG30 road stabilizer – cost: \$108,300.00 (5,000 m)
  - Blucher Road & Hwy 16, Bentley Road for example
- Pavement maintenance – cost: \$124,629.00
  - Hanson Road
  - Hwy 16 west to Industrial Park

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### Gravel crushing

- 85,000 yards (2025)
  - Cost: \$566,100.00
- 60,000 yards (2026)
  - Cost: \$399,600.00



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### Office updates

- Website
  - Will be a work in progress for a few months
  - A user-friendly, revamped site is being created.
- New RM maps
  - Our new map provider is in the process of finishing them now.
  - Available soon!

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### Transfer Station

- 2026 Closed on Christmas Eve
- Tues & Thurs: 2 – 7
- Saturdays: 9 – 5
- Any use of the transfer station outside of stated hours is considered trespassing. Please respect this service that available for you.
- Separate newsprint, recyclable plastics, cardboard and tin cans – to be placed in the appropriate recycling bins.
- Used oil can be transferred in to the containers, not put in the bins.

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### Tire Recycling & Battery Recycling

- Various retailers in Saskatoon will take up to 10 rimless tires.
- The Transfer Station does NOT accept tires.
- Various places in Saskatoon will recycle car batteries.
- The Transfer Station does NOT accept batteries.

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### Items NOT PERMITTED in the bins:

- Tires
- Shingles
- Asbestos
- Hazardous waste including paint, solvents, etc.
- Construction or demolition materials
- Liquids of any kind
- Automobiles
- Treated or painted wood
- Animals or animal parts
- Automotive parts, batteries, etc.
- Sod, dirt, contaminated soil
- Concrete
- Tree clippings over 2' long
- Oil, oil filters
- Antifreeze
- Fuel tanks, oil barrels
- Propane tanks

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## Miles of Roads

- Alberta 85,000 km of roads in their province
- Manitoba 38,000 km of roads in their province
- Saskatchewan 228,200 km of roads in our province.
- SK has the largest road infrastructure in the world!
  - 198,700 of those in SK are unpaved
    - 165,000 km = RM roads

### Blucher's Roads:

- 3.0 miles – Primary Grid gravel roads
  - 82 miles – Grid roads
  - 83 miles – Main farm access roads
  - 186 miles – Gravel roads
  - 70 miles – Summer season roads
  - 5 miles – Special roads (paved)
- Total: 429 miles of roads to maintain

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## Gravel & Custom Work

- Gravel
  - Delivery availability is affected by weather, staffing and priority municipal projects.
  - Wednesdays are self-haul days 8am – 7pm; and you can self-haul any day, but may have to wait.
  - Do NOT enter the scale shack.
  - Municipal employee to scale for tare, load, and scale all loads.
  - Enter the scale from the West.
- Custom Work
  - A minimum of 1 hour will be invoiced for custom work.
  - Custom work will be performed subject to weather, staffing and priority municipal projects.
  - Rates and prices are on the website [www.rm343.com](http://www.rm343.com)

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## Snow Removal Policy

- First priority is to open the roads and remove the snow from the driving surface of the roads.
  - The graders are moving fast in order to throw the snow off the road.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> pass of the grader will clean up excess snow, and clear off the driveway ends.
  - The graders can go slower the second time around and attend to details.

### Snow Removal priority:

- Grid & Main farm access roads 137 miles first
  - School Bus routes 76 miles
  - Access roads 74 miles
- Total 287 miles of roads

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## Snow Removal

- Do not push snow across RM roads.
  - Safety issue – snow piles freeze in to ice blocks.
  - Becomes an issue for graders – need to slow down to avoid them.
  - Dangerous to motorists.
  - Damages RM equipment.



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## Dust Control

- Call the office at 306-257-3344 to get on the list for 2026 dust control application.
- Cost in 2025 was \$400.00 for the first 50 meters and \$200.00 for each 50 meter section after the first 50 meters.
- Behind the scenes:
  - Let the office know the length of dust control you want.
  - RM office orders the product from a supplier.
  - RM employees measure and mark every spot.
  - RM grader prepares every location after they're marked.
  - RM water truck accompanies the contractor to apply the product.

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## Building Permits

- Required
  - Before starting any new building,
  - Before structurally altering a building,
  - Before moving a building in or out of the RM,
  - Before demolishing a building
  - For seacans.
- A Development Permit may be required before you can get a building permit.
- If you have any questions, call the office first. 306-257-3344

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**SAMA** (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency)

- SAMA does all the property inspections in most of Saskatchewan, including the RM of Blucher No. 343 (there are 762 rural, urban and northern municipalities)
- Every 4 years – the most recent was 2025 (or when any property is sold or changes hands), SAMA confirms and updates the value of the property.

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**Weed Control**

• **PROHIBITED WEED:**

- Dalmation Toad Flax
  - 2.6' – 5' tall with light green leaves and yellow snapdragon-like flowers.
  - Fast-spreading, crowds out native species.
  - Reproduces both by seed and creeping roots.
  - Larger flowers than yellow toadflax.



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**Noxious Weeds**

- Absinth
- Baby's Breath
- Common Tansy
- Kochia
- Leafy Spurge
- Scentless Chamomile
- Yellow Toadflax
- Nuisance Weeds
  - Thistle – sow thistle
  - Canada thistle
  - Nodding thistle
  - Russian thistle

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**Absinth**


2' – 4' tall, shrub-like appearance. Plants re-grow every year from existing crowns.



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**Baby's Breath**


1' – 3' tall. An erect growing perennial with many branches on one stem.



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**Common Tansy**

2' – 4' tall. Coarse, aromatic perennial with many stems. Grows from rhizomes.



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**Kochia**

Highly invasive, and drought-tolerant.



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**Leafy Spurge**

Forms dense stands, crowds out native species.



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**Scentless chamomile**

Often found in moist, disturbed areas such as roadsides, farmyards, sloughs, cropland, pastures, shelterbelts, etc.



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**Yellow Toadflax**

8" – 30" tall. Flowers shaped like snapdragon, have a long spur that points backwards and are half the length of the flower.



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**Thistles – Nuisance weeds**

**Sow thistle**



**Canada thistle**



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**Thistles – Nuisance weeds**

**Nodding thistle**



**Russian thistle (tumbleweed)**



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## Other topics

- Mowing ditches or cropping ROW
- Mail slot at the office

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## Century Family Farm Award

apply through ISC



Celebrating the traditions and heritage that have shaped our province.

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## Gopher bait – now is the time!

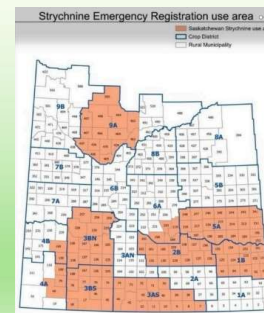
- Feed them before they have a choice of other food.
- Burrow oat bait –
  - Pick up in Bradwell
  - 50 lb bags
  - For farmers – up to the first 4 bags at half price (\$110.00)
  - Regular price after the first 4 bags = \$220.00
- Only farmers can purchase the Oat Bait
- Rozol – 20 lb pail = \$77.05
  - Acreage owners and farmers can purchase Rozol

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## Strychnine Emergency Registration use areas

Faye Dokken – Ministry of Agriculture  
Executive Director, Crops & Irrigation Branch  
306-787-8061 faye.dokken@gov.sk.ca

Barbara Ziesman – Ministry of Agriculture  
Director, Production Technology  
306-787-8733 barbara.ziesman@gov.sk.ca



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## Controlled Burns

- 1-866-404-4911 = Controlled Burn #
- ALWAYS call the Controlled Burn # - you'll need to tell them your land location
- Call the RM office 306-257-3344 for a permit at least 30 min prior to your burn – during office hours.
  - Buring during a fire ban will be fined.
- Let your neighbours know... so they don't call 9-1-1

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## Fire-fighting Insurance Coverage

- Recommend at least \$35,000.00 (on your insurance policy)
- Fire District call out rate is \$1,500.00/hour.
- This is only your local fire district rate, if any other fire department attends a fire at your property (Saskatoon Fire Department - for example), you will receive a separate invoice from them.

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### Dial Before you Dig / Click before you dig

- 1-866-828-4888  
M-F 8:00 – 4:30
- [onecall.beforeyoudigpartners.com](http://onecall.beforeyoudigpartners.com)
- Sask 1<sup>st</sup> Call
- BEFORE any ground disturbance work
- When you call or go online – they'll want to know:
  - Land location
  - Type of digging (manual, machine)
  - Contact information

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### Subdividing

- Contact the RM office first, to assist in getting the process started.
- We can discuss the process and guide your next steps.
  - Unfortunately, skipping this first step of talking with the RM office first will likely slow down the process of getting your subdivision completed.

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### Where we advertise & Memberships

- Advertising:
  - Royal Canadian Legion
  - ANAVETS Magazine (The Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada)
- FCM – membership (Federation of Canadian Municipalities) (\$718.88)
- APAS – (Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan) (\$11,069.05)
- SARM – (Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities) (\$6,707.17)
- Ag in the Classroom (\$500.00)
- SREDA – (Regional Economic Development Association) (\$5,792.33)
- Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan (\$1,050.00)
- Ag Health & Safety Network (\$1,500.00)

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### APAS – Fleet Program

- Chrysler fleet discount up to \$14,250 on select vehicles.
- Eligibility criteria:
  - Must be a ratepayer in a current APAS member RM
  - Provide your tax notice confirming status in an APAS member RM
  - Provide your GST # = to meet Chrysler program requirements
  - FAN #: G5280 (found on the back of the APAS membership cards)

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### APAS – hotel discounts

- Featured hotels:
  - The Atlas (Regina) includes free breakfast and has a waterpark
  - D3H Hotels – in SK and AB (many include breakfast)
  - Saskatoon Inn & Conference Center
  - Choice Hotels & More
- Always carry your APAS membership card – many hotels require you to present it at check-in to honour the discounted rate.
- Mark's WorkWearhouse - discounts
- Find out more at: [apas.ca](http://apas.ca)

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### Ag in the Classroom

- Their website is: [aitc.sk.ca](http://aitc.sk.ca)



The image shows the 'Agriculture in the Classroom' logo with the text 'We support Agriculture in the Classroom Building our future agriculture leaders and innovators!'. Below the logo is a photograph of a group of children in a classroom, and a QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the image.

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## Farm & Food Care Saskatchewan



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## Ag Health & Safety Network

- Contact: [aghealthandsafety@usask.ca](mailto:aghealthandsafety@usask.ca)

If your safety is at immediate risk, call 911	
Saskatchewan - Free counselling Helpline	call 1-800-971-7664
Saskatchewan Farm Stress Line	call 1-800-667-4842
National Farmer Crisis Line - 24/7 Helpline	call 1-866-327-4791
211 Saskatchewan	call or text 2-1-1
AgTalk - non-crisis peer to peer support platform	visit <a href="http://domers.net/agtalk">domers.net/agtalk</a>
Family Service Saskatchewan	call 1-306-244-0127
Counselling Connect Saskatchewan	<a href="https://www.counsellingconnect.ca/">https://www.counsellingconnect.ca/</a>
Kids Help Phone	text 687-8388 or call 1-800-668-6868
HealthLine	call 9-1-1
Subsidiary Crisis Helpline	call or text 9-8-8
Mobile Crisis Services	call 1-800-717-0137
Prostate Cancer Helpline	call 1-800-368-0700
Adult Social Assault Helpline	call 1-800-214-7083
First Nations & Inuit Hope for Wellness Help Line	call 1-855-243-3310
Dementia Helpline	call 1-877-945-4141

### Mental Wellness for Saskatchewan Farmers & Ranchers

**Immediate Support**  
If you or someone you know is struggling with mental well-being, remember: You are not alone—there is hope and there is help!

Supporting Rural People in Agricultural Health and Safety

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## Ag Health & Safety Network



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## Capital Project Donations

- STARS - \$4,000.00 (annually)
- Sunset Community Hall - \$10,000.00 (2026)
- Clavet Community Arena - \$25,000.00 (2024)
- Sunset Community Hall - \$4,000.00 (2024)
- Clavet Football - \$7,800.00 (2022)
- Allan Spray Park - \$20,000.00 (2021)
- Clavet Arena - \$12,500.00 (2021)
- Children's Hospital - \$5,000.00 (2021)
- Clavet Cougars - \$12,200.00 (2020)
- Clavet Arena - \$20,000.00 (2020)

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## Business Certificate

- To operate a business from your home or yard, you must apply for a business certificate from the RM office.
- Contact the office 306-257-3344 to discuss obtaining your certificate.

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## Tankfill Water FOB's (\$50.00/FOB)

- A new FOB must be picked up in the office.
- Water is prepaid and 'used up' as you use your FOB.
- Water is approx. \$26.00/1,000 gallons.
- FOB's are non-refundable, non-transferrable.
- If it stops working, it can be exchanged for a new FOB and the water balance will be transferred to your new FOB.
- Lost FOB replacement = \$50.00 but the balance of your prepaid water will be moved to your new FOB.
- No refunds (unless there is a technical failure).

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### FOB's - continued

- Replenish your FOB by coming in to the office with cash or to use debit, by mailing a cheque or through online bank payment.
- There is no invoicing to replenish the balance on your FOB.
- If a FOB is returned with a balance on it due to moving, the balance of your prepaid water may be returned by issuance of a cheque at the next Council meeting.
- FOB's are manually updated after payment is received; there are no updates on weekends.

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### Civic Addressing information

- 4 (time-consuming) phases to complete:
  - 1<sup>st</sup>: confirm all road names in the RM are registered with Ministry of Highways AND registered with ISC (land titles) **Complete.**
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>: number all properties in the RM, AND get them all approved by the Civic Addressing Registry **In progress.**
  - 3<sup>rd</sup>: order all civic addressing signs, and arrange installation. This will also be a time-consuming process.
  - 4<sup>th</sup>: install all civic addressing signs. Another time-consuming process.

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### Civic Addressing information

- Does not change your mailing address.
- We are waiting for final confirmation from Civic Addressing Registry.
- We need to be in compliance with all civic addressing standards.
- Do NOT make your own sign.
- You will be notified in writing – of your civic address when addresses are ready.

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### RM of Blucher merchandise – available at the office

- T-shirts (S – 4XL)
  - Black with khaki logo
  - Khaki with black logo
- Bunnyhug (XS – 4XL)
  - Black with khaki logo
- Zip-hoodie (XS – 4XL)
  - Black with khaki logo
- Hats
  - Black with khaki logo
  - Khaki with black logo

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It's almost time for door prizes now!

(\*\* AFTER resolutions!\*\*)

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