



Village of Meota

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Village of Meota 2021 Newsletter

Council Members: Mayor Dave Konopelski, Deputy Mayor Betty Johnson,
Councillors: Pat Becotte Carole Chapman, and Teresa Ducharme.

Office hours are currently Tuesday to Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM. The office is located at 502 2nd Avenue East. There is a drop box at the office next to the Office door.

Council Meetings are generally held the first Thursday of each month (7:00 PM) and are open to the public however if CoVid restrictions continue, limited space is available. If you wish to attend, please register with the office at least two (2) days before the meeting to ensure there is sufficient space available for you to attend.

Doing any building, renovating or demolition? Make sure you have your permit! We have an Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw in place to manage development and requires every person who desires to make an improvement or subdivide their property to make application. Northbound Planning are currently contracted to provide planning services to the residents of the Village of Meota. All applications will be reviewed by them to ensure that all developments meet existing requirements. Some applications will also require Council's approval. Forms can be obtained from the Village office or Northbound Planning. Please contact Northbound Planning at 306-397-1000 to ensure you have proper permits before starting any form of development, if not the result can be very costly! **Sump Pumps are NOT allowed to be connected to the Village sewer lines. The Village is not liable for any damages that may occur.**

Assessment notices have been mailed for 2021. The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) assess all property. The Provincial Government sets the taxable portion of value. Assessment information is used to come up with a mill rate that will cover expenses contained in the yearly budget. School mill rates vary between agriculture, residential and commercial property and are set by the Province. 2021 is a revaluation year and all property assessments will reflect 2019 market conditions. The SAMA website (www.sama.sk.ca) has information brochures available for downloading.

The Village has a **Tax Discount and Penalty Bylaw** which currently allows for a 5% discount on current municipal taxes from Jan 1 to August 31. A 12% penalty is applied to any outstanding balance of taxes Jan 1 each year. The Village accepts e-transfer, cash, cheques, debit and online payments through BMO, CIBC, Credit Union, Scotia, Tangerine and Telpay are accepted.

Fire Protection Services for the Village of Meota are provided by the Meota & District Fire Department. Should you require the services of the Meota & District Fire Department you will be invoiced for those services as fire protection is not provided through your tax dollars. Ensure that you have made arrangements with **your property insurance company for firefighting coverage.**

False Alarms...residents with alarm systems are reminded that there is a charge should the Fire Department be dispatched/paged out to your property due to a false alarm. Make sure to answer your phone from your Security Company or call to let them know it's a false alarm so the Fire Department is not called.

Meota & District Fire Department is recruiting members to serve on the Fire Department. Training and equipment are provided. For further information please contact Dean Menssa 306-441-6419.

Meota Transfer Site is open Saturday, Sunday and Monday 10am to 6pm (Summer Hours) and 10am to 4pm (Winter Hours). **Recycling is encouraged.** A single stream recycling bin is located at the Transfer Site. No sorting required! Garbage tags are \$2 each available at the Village and RM office as well as at the Transfer Site.

Garbage pick-up in the Village is Tuesday morning. Please ensure your garbage is tagged and out ready for pick-up by 8:30 am. Please do not place broken glass or sharps loose in garbage bags.

Fireworks Permits are available at the Village office. Fireworks can ONLY be discharged from the berm by the lake NOT on private property.

Animal Licenses are available at no charge at the Village office. If you no longer have a pet, please let the office know so records can be updated. If you have a pet that is not registered, please do so as soon as possible. All dogs must be leashed or in a fenced yard at all times.

Precautionary Drinking Water Advisories generally occur when the water system depressurizes which can be due to events such as a power failure or a water break. Water Security Agency will issue the Precautionary Drinking Water Advisory and this advisory will be in effect until Water Security Agency issues the removal. The Village sets up signs around the community to advise everyone. The advisory will also be placed on the Meota website.

A Columbarium has been installed at the cemetery. Niches can be purchased at the Village office. The price of a niche is \$1200 plus GST (subject to change). Each niche is large enough to accommodate two cremated remains. There is a fee for the second opening. Cemetery **plots** are available at a cost of \$150 per plot for one interment. Contact the Village Office for more information.

ATVs are NOT ALLOWED to tear up road allowance or private property, any person caught will be charged penalties and costs for damages. Golf carts may be driven from point A to point B within the Village, **all person's driving golf carts, mini bikes or ATV's must be 16 years of age with a valid driver's license.**

Aquatic Habitat Protection Permits are required for work or activities being done in or near the water. The permits are available through Water Security Agency and can be found on their website at www.wsask.ca

Trees on Village property may not be removed, pruned or destroyed in any way, without the explicit written consent from the Village of Meota and in turn, no trees are to be planted on Village property without the explicit written consent from the Village of Meota. Please contact the Village office for more information.

Meota ADRA...Meota and District Recreational Association would like to introduce itself to you! We are a community-based club that supports sport, culture, and recreational services in Meota. We have organized events and programs including Canada Day celebrations, craft sales, swimming lessons, children's summer beach program, skidoo rallies, Halloween and Christmas family parties, as well as supporting a number of in-motion activities. Maintenance upkeep of the skating rink and fitness centre also are some of ADRA's commitments to the community. If you would like to contact us or get involved please call Sherry Doom at 306-441-2590 or Hayley Petrow at 306-280-5483.

Meota Regional Park has camping site available and is located on 3rd Street East and 5th Avenue in the Village of Meota with daily, weekly and monthly rates. Firewood available for purchase. Online booking available at www.saskregionalparks.ca or phone 306-892-2292. Email meotapark@sasktel.net. Please purchase your annual season pass from Meota Regional Park so the money can be spent here to improve your park.

Lakeland Library – Meota Branch is located at 502-2nd Avenue N – Open Tuesday & Saturday 9:30 am-12:30 pm and Wednesday & Thursday 2:00-6:00 pm. Brenda Zurowski is the librarian. The library has lots of new magazines for both adults and children as well as many books, talking books, CDs and DVDs for all ages. Starting in June, the TD Summer Reading Club begins. A public computer is also available for patrons. Come check out the library there is always something new! Phone 306-892-2004 or email meotalib@lakeland.lib.sk.ca

Annual Business Licenses are \$25 and are required before commencing any business in the Village of Meota. Exemptions include publicly funded organizations, non-profit organizations and any business that is assessable for the purpose of taxation in respect to their business, all others are required to be licensed. Please contact the office for more information.