

A Message from Mayor Fernets



Merry Christmas,

Wow! We got a heck of a lot of snow in the past month! I want to extend thanks to our Operations crew, Fred and Glenn, for keeping our road open during these events! The RM was a little bit behind on Thode Road during the first snowfall! We had a few residents and a school bus get stuck in some of the big drifts created by the blowing snow. Thankfully, the Hutterites were on hand to dig out the school bus, while a few residents and I helped the others get their vehicles out of the snow. Our operations team immediately contacted the RM for snow clearing. As a collaborative effort between our Operations crew, the Hutterite Colony and the RM, Thode Road was cleared by mid-morning. Better late than never!

Village Updates

Council Education

You will be happy to hear that all of Council either attended or have reviewed a Good Governance & Quality Management Training Webinar put on by George B Cuff & Associates. This webinar covered items such as leadership, role clarity, what do council members do/not do, and developing trust in the system. This kind of training will help our council function more effectively and provide consistent and thoughtful policy leadership.

Canada Community Building Fund (formerly the Gas Tax Fund)

The CCBF is a new 10-year Municipal Funding Agreement that replaces the Gas Tax Fund Agreement that expired on March 31. This funding is calculated on a per capita basis which means Thode should receive just over \$52,000 over the next 5 years. This funding will be put towards the resurfacing of Summerfeldt Drive as we work toward having the entire surface redone over the same period.

SAMA 2025 Revaluation Assessments

Every four years, the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) updates the assessed value of all properties in the province using a market valuation standard. The latest revaluation took place in 2024 and, as such, you will likely see a change in the assessed value of your property when you receive your 2025 property appraisal and tax notice. For a better understanding of how the assessments work, you can go to www.sama.sk.ca and look under Property Owner Services.

Pelican Pass Lot Development

The Village office has received three design cost proposals for the Pelican Pass extension. Council will be reviewing these proposals and will be choosing one of the three to go ahead with a construction cost estimate for extending Pelican Pass to service the six lots currently for sale.

Parks and Rec Committee

The Thode Parks and Rec Committee is run by Thode residents who meet every month to discuss ideas and create events for other residents to come out, have fun and enjoy each other's company. The committee also makes recommendations to Council for the purchase of equipment or playground structures from a reserve fund council has set aside and contributes to from the operating budget and from park donations. I know that the committee has been discussing items to add to our playground and we look forward to their recommendations. I strongly encourage residents who have ideas for events or equipment and want to volunteer on the committee to get in touch at parksandrec@thode.ca or attend one of their monthly meetings held the first Sunday of the month at 11am.

We are also looking forward to the New Years Eve Bash put on by your Parks and Rec Committee at the Thode Community Centre, which will include dancing, party favors, a photo booth and fireworks at 9:30pm (so the kids who can't make midnight can enjoy them!!). Check your email for more information!





RM of Dundurn Zoning Bylaw

There has been no confirmation yet whether the changes to the RM of Dundurn’s Zoning Bylaw were approved by Community Planning. You have made your voice heard and now we just wait and see.

Connector Road

We are still working on options to get our connector road built. Council did attend a joint meeting with the RM of Dundurn and members of the Hillcrest Hutterian Brethren Colony to attempt to mend the relationship with our neighbors and to see what could be done to see this project through to completion. We will keep you posted.

Building and Development Permits

I cannot stress this enough! When you are considering doing any kind of structural work, such as driveway resurfacing, installing a deck, or house additions, please fill out a permit application and submit it to the office at least a month prior to your planned start date. All applications need approval before any work commences.

If you are unsure if you need a permit, give the office a call and inquire. And any work done in the RV of Thode right of way (outside your property line) needs to be approved by council at their next available council meeting. There may be restrictions or utilities that you are unaware of and if you construct without locating or taking these into consideration, you may have to remove your project at your own costs. We would like to prevent this kind of situation from occurring and all it takes is a phone call to the office.

Wishing you a Joyous Holiday Season,

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