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Hwys 322 & 220 Road Upgrades

ASL Paving Ltd. was awarded the tender to upgrade Hwy 322 from Glen Harbor to Hwy 220 and into Rowan's Ravine Prov. Park (See graphic).

Gov't of Canada federal stimulus funds are financing this project.

Hwys 322 & 220 are the responsibility of the Sask Gov't.

The actual road work portion of the project runs from late June until October .

The RM followed its new Zoning bylaw (376-2019) and road maintenance policies to ensure that the RM and its ratepayers would be

protected from any unexpected costs or problems leading to tax increases.

Unknown to ASL, their leased aggregate extraction site was on environmentally sensitive lands. Using the LiDAR data collected in a previous project, the Council ensured proper setbacks were identified and will be followed.

This project requires 103,000 tonnes of sand to be hauled at loads of about 30 tonnes by semi-trucks along low-weight RM roads and trails to re-construct 19 km of provincial highways 220 and 322.

Negotiation continues on a road maintenance agreement that will limit the thousands of heavy haul trips to a select number of routes to keep any possible road damage to a minimum. The agreement outlines regulated maintenance fees and also requires a \$200,000 bond in the event of significant road damage.



Leafy Spurge—*Euphorbia esula*

Is a invasive perennial plant in the RM with a tap root and creeping root system. It can be devastating to local farmers as it chokes out other vegetation and can be toxic to cattle and horses.

Controls include biological, chemical and targeted grazing. Picking them doesn't work—don't bother.



High-flying video conferencing service **Zoom**, which has seen skyrocketing demand during the coronavirus pandemic, and is now used by the RM Council for meetings, is now worth **more** than ExxonMobil, one of the world's largest oil and gas companies. As of 2:30 p.m. ET, **Zoom** sported a market valuation of \$139 billion, compared to Exxon's \$138.9 billion.

Oct. 29, 2020



The RM of McKillop has 3 workable graders and is in the process of upgrading 1 to a new, high capacity unit for snow clearing.



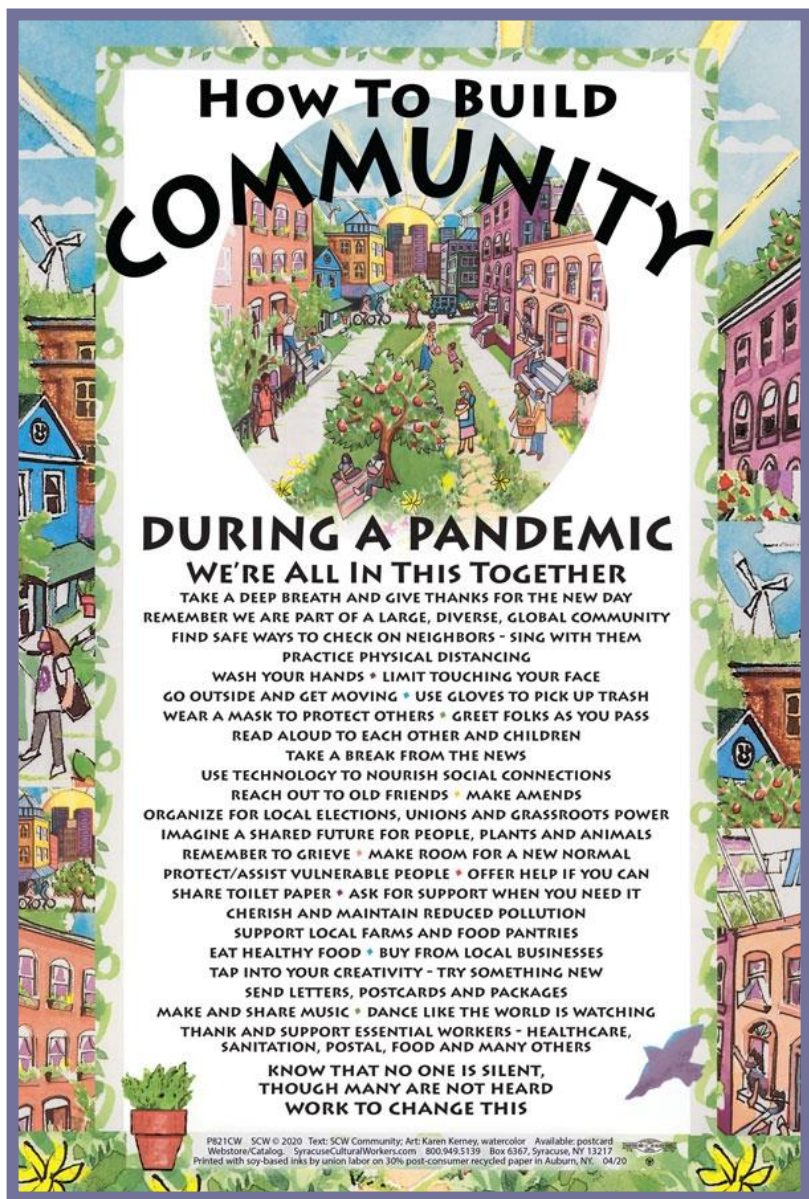
Planning Our Future Building Our Community WorkShop

For the ***first time EVER***, the RM of McKillop No. 220 is embarking on a process to develop a **STRATEGIC PLAN** for our community. As part of this process, we would like to invite you to participate in a virtual planning workshop to gather your input to help create the plan.

This virtual workshop is scheduled for **April 7, 2021 from 5PM to 8PM.**

Led by our consultant, Stormy Lake, we will be looking at the municipal environment and identifying a vision, broad goals and more specific objectives. Please let us know if you are available to participate by calling the RM Office at 306-725-3230 or email rm220general@rm220.ca. A Zoom link will be sent to you prior to the meeting.

This is an important initiative for the RM of McKillop and we hope that you will find the time to engage in building a strong, healthy community moving into the future.



HOW TO BUILD COMMUNITY

DURING A PANDEMIC

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND GIVE THANKS FOR THE NEW DAY
REMEMBER WE ARE PART OF A LARGE, DIVERSE, GLOBAL COMMUNITY
FIND SAFE WAYS TO CHECK ON NEIGHBORS - SING WITH THEM
PRACTICE PHYSICAL DISTANCING

WASH YOUR HANDS • LIMIT TOUCHING YOUR FACE
GO OUTSIDE AND GET MOVING • USE GLOVES TO PICK UP TRASH
WEAR A MASK TO PROTECT OTHERS • GREET FOLKS AS YOU PASS
READ ALOUD TO EACH OTHER AND CHILDREN

TAKE A BREAK FROM THE NEWS
USE TECHNOLOGY TO NOURISH SOCIAL CONNECTIONS
REACH OUT TO OLD FRIENDS • MAKE AMENDS
ORGANIZE FOR LOCAL ELECTIONS, UNIONS AND GRASSROOTS POWER
IMAGINE A SHARED FUTURE FOR PEOPLE, PLANTS AND ANIMALS
REMEMBER TO GRIEVE • MAKE ROOM FOR A NEW NORMAL
PROTECT/ASSIST VULNERABLE PEOPLE • OFFER HELP IF YOU CAN
SHARE TOILET PAPER • ASK FOR SUPPORT WHEN YOU NEED IT

CHERISH AND MAINTAIN REDUCED POLLUTION
SUPPORT LOCAL FARMS AND FOOD PANTRIES
EAT HEALTHY FOOD • BUY FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES
TAP INTO YOUR CREATIVITY - TRY SOMETHING NEW
SEND LETTERS, POSTCARDS AND PACKAGES
MAKE AND SHARE MUSIC • DANCE LIKE THE WORLD IS WATCHING
THANK AND SUPPORT ESSENTIAL WORKERS - HEALTHCARE,
SANITATION, POSTAL, FOOD AND MANY OTHERS

KNOW THAT NO ONE IS SILENT,
THOUGH MANY ARE NOT HEARD
WORK TO CHANGE THIS

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FREE LANDFILL WEEKEND—Spring cleaning is going to be a little bit easier for RM ratepayers thanks to a FREE weekend at the landfill. Yard waste (e.g., branches, leaves, grass and dry seaweed) can be deposited for FREE on Saturday May 29th & Sunday May 30th, 2021.

Anything not yard waste will be assessed at regular Landfill fees.