




**Voting Officials needed for the 2022 Election Polling Stations! Please contact our office for more information.**

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September 2022 						
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November 2022 						
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- Stat Holiday Office closed
- Garbage Pick Up
- St Jean Recycling
- St Joseph & Letellier Recycling
- X Council Meeting

### 2022 St. Jean ATV Derby

After 2 years it's back! The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Jean ATV Derby is on September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>!!

The "Derby" is the largest event in the RM of Montcalm each year AND the largest ATV Derby in Canada (according to us). The Derby is proud to support many local organizations, each year around \$60,000 in proceeds are donated!



Over the Derby weekend St. Jean welcomes over 2,000 riders, campers and spectators to our town who come to ride the 25+ miles of trail, take part in the Friday Night Lights Mud Racing, enjoy the live band on Saturday night and taste the amazing food available all weekend at various places!

This event is a HUGE undertaking for our community with hundreds of volunteers and sponsors. It makes for a bit of a rowdy weekend in town but please remember the amount of great things that happen because of Derby! The daycare, church, hockey teams, STARS and many more organizations are very grateful each year for the Derby's support.

The Derby Committee would like to thank all the volunteers, sponsors and community businesses who help each year! If you are interested in volunteering, you can contact the committee through the Facebook page "St Jean ATV Derby – 2022".

### SEE YOU AT THE DERBY!

Tyler, Chris, Gino, Sandra, Jolene, Jason, Travis  
2022 Derby Committee

**COMMUNITY COLLECTION DAY:**

**SEPTEMBER 24TH @ ST. JEAN FIRE HALL**


**10:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.**

Visit our website at [www.rmofmontcalm.com](http://www.rmofmontcalm.com) for more details!




**Public Works Manager Tidbit**

As fall is nearing, we look back on what has been a very busy spring and summer. The theme in Montcalm during these seasons has been WATER. From late winter storms straining infrastructure, followed by spring flooding, and frequent summer rains. Throughout this long duration of events all RM staff have worked, and continue to work long exhausting hours to try and protect properties and rebuild infrastructure. We have battled, searched for and repaired several water leaks, and thank the public for their cooperation through these situations. The flood repair process is long and at times appears endless, but RM staff and assisting contractors continue to work long days to try and get our RM operating as it once was. This involves several pieces of heavy equipment and a fleet of trucks and support staff working in various locations simultaneously throughout the RM. Please be cautious and courteous to equipment and operators as you go about your day and please take extra caution on dusty roads.





Do you live on an acreage? Would you like to contribute to improving our environment and protecting our watersheds?

Much of our hope in the battle for climate resiliency and the preservation of our natural environment is laid at the feet of governments, corporations and farmers. However, as owners of acreages and smaller parcels of land, you can make a significant difference in protecting our waterways, native habitat and battling climate change and at the same time feeling good and having some fun in what you are doing.

The Seine Rat Roseau Watershed District (SRRWD) has information, expertise and in some cases funding to make positive changes. The SRRWD works with landowners in erosion protection, water retention, preservation of wetlands and returning marginal land into land that will support natural environment.

If you realize cutting lawn is not environmentally friendly, you would like to see more trees and wildlife or you are just unhappy about how your acres are being used, SRRWD may be able to help. Check out our website at [srrwd.ca](http://srrwd.ca) or give us a call at 204-326-1030.



Water bills due  
September 20, 2022

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### 2018 – 2022 Council Term

On behalf of all of Council I would like to thank all our residents and businesses for giving us the opportunity to serve as your elected officials for the last four years. It has been such a rewarding experience for all of us whether we were new members or have been serving the community for over 25 years.

This term has been very busy for the current Council. Here is list of just some of the many projects, events and changes that we have worked on over during our term in office.

- ◇ FOUR floods – Spring 2019, Fall 2019, Spring 2020 and Spring 2022
- ◇ Expansion of the Letellier Lagoon
- ◇ New Transfer Station
- ◇ St. Mary's Road Flood Mitigation Project (ongoing)
- ◇ Completion of the new St. Jean Fire Hall
- ◇ Joining the Pembina Valley Watershed District
- ◇ Montcalm Water and Wastewater Utility – amalgamated 4 utilities
- ◇ High Speed Internet to the urban communities

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Reeve Paul Gilmore

### Fall 2022

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over and harvest is beginning. This summer has been very busy in the RM office and Public Works Department as we continue to recover from the spring flood. This year's flood resulted in unprecedented damages to municipal infrastructure. You have probably noticed our flood damage site signs throughout the rural areas, we have a over 280 sites! The RM is fortunate to be part of the Disaster Financial Assistance program as we expect the recovery costs to be well over \$20 Million. With this amount of damage, it will take about two years to fully recover and repair all the damaged roads. Our Public Works Department has been working hard to get roads ready for harvest so please use caution when travelling in rural areas, there is A LOT of heavy equipment out there working.

This fall there is also a Municipal General Election in Manitoba. In the RM of Montcalm there is a Reeve, 5 Councilors and 2 LUD Committee Members that are elected. If you are interested in running in the municipal election you can contact Jolene Bird at the office. Registration is currently open and the nomination period is September 14<sup>th</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Jolene Bird, Chief Administrative Officer

**The tax due date is  
Monday, October 31, 2022.**  
Early payment discount for the month of  
September is 0.25%

### 2018—2022 LUD Term



Four years is drawing quickly to a close and the LUD would like to take this opportunity to review what our community has accomplished to date. It has been a trying time since early 2020, but in spite of the Pandemic challenges, our small community has started and completed numerous projects. Here is a quick review.

- ◇ Valley Fiber install
- ◇ New sidewalk to the south end of town and resurface sidewalk between the Caisse and the Manor
- ◇ Built the Splash Pad
- ◇ Cross walks and lights installed
- ◇ Resurfacing of Rue Carron
- ◇ 4 corners Project with substantial Grant funding and Community support
- ◇ Replaced the electronic message board at the Caisse
- ◇ Set up a yard waste drop following the relocation of the Landfill

Thank you to the many volunteers and contributors to all our projects. Our community can be proud of what we have to offer.

The LUD committee has a number of new initiatives going forward.

Thank you for the continued support in helping make St Jean Baptiste a great place to live.