



RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ST. ANDREWS

JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER

2021 Property Tax Information

The 2021 Property Tax bills are expected to be mailed out the middle of August which is later than the typical mail out of late June. The delay was due to a scheduled Municipal Board hearing on the special service levy affecting a portion of the RM. This hearing has now been cancelled.

The 2% discount will still apply to any payments made prior to September 15, 2021. Taxes will remain at par from September 16 to October 31, 2021. The deadline for taxes remains unchanged and are due October 31, 2021.

The tax discount has been in place for many years and with today's low interest rates, do not justify the continuation of this program. **2021 will be the final year for the tax discount program.**

COVID-19 Update in Regards to Municipal Operations

Now that the Province has eased COVID-19 public health restrictions, the Municipal Office will be open to the public at limited capacity from 9am to 4:30pm, Monday to Friday. If attending our offices, we ask that the following measures be adhered to:

- If you are experiencing any COVID-19 related symptoms, please do not attend our offices.
- All meetings will be done by appointment only so if you are coming to speak with someone directly, please call or email to make an appointment.
- In order to adhere to physical distancing requirements, there will be a limit of 2 people in the office at one time.
- It is mandatory that anyone entering the office wear a face mask.
- Hand sanitizers are available and we request that anyone entering the office sanitize upon entry.

We request that ratepayers use remote payment options for property tax payments when possible. These options include mailing a cheque, paying through online banking or using the mail slot located in front of the Municipal Office (leave cheque in envelope with your Roll Number written on it - do not leave cash). Any tax or general inquiries should be submitted through our Service Tracker system which can be accessed through our website www.rmofstandrews.com or RM App. Please also be sure to include your name, complete address as well as phone number and detailed description of the issue or concern when leaving any voicemail messages for staff.

**IMPORTANT
NOTICE**
**Change in Tax
Discount Period**

REGISTER WITH CONNECT!

Register with "Connect", our communications system that allows us to contact you by voice message on your land line telephone, by text or voice message on your cell phone or by e-mail. Stay informed of all the latest news, upcoming events and important notices such as burn bans.

Call our office to register or register on-line today at
<https://www.rmofstandrews.com/p/register-with-us>



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DRONES Flying Safely and Legally

Flying drones has become a favorite past time for many and can be enjoyed if done legally and safely. Drones are essentially an aircraft, which in turn makes you a pilot. When you fly your drone, you are sharing the skies with other drones, birds and aircraft. Before you fly, be sure to understand the rules and safety guidelines which can be found at <https://tc.canada.ca/en/aviation/drone-safety/flying-your-drone-safely-legally>.

The St. Andrews Airport is in close proximity to some residential areas and we want to remind residents that drones are not permitted within 5.6 kms (3 nautical miles) of a certified airport. We encourage anyone with a drone to take the time to read all pertinent information as it relates to legal requirements when flying drones, flying your drone safely, penalties, tips for first-time pilots and useful terms to know. More information can be found on Transport Canada's website.



New! All-Net Service Tracker

St. Andrews has implemented this new system for individuals to submit their inquiries and service requests. Such requests include public works issues, property tax inquiries, by-law enforcement issues, recreation activities and many other options. Any requests submitted will be assigned a tracking number. Requests will then go to directly to the appropriate department allowing staff to track all inquiries submitted through this on-line platform. This system will ensure that requests are dealt with in a timely manner and tracking will ensure that a request has been dealt with. Requests can be submitted through our website or our App.

New Resident Welcome Package

Are you a new resident to St. Andrews? The municipality would like to provide you with a package that includes frequently requested municipal information from new residents, as well as local recreation, culture and tourism material. If you would like to receive a welcome package, go to our website to register <https://www.rmofstandrews.com/p/resident-welcome-package> or call the office at 1-866-738-2264 (toll free) and we can mail it out to you.

Once the form is submitted you will receive an email confirming your registration.

ST. ANDREWS WALKING TRAIL

The municipality has completed installing 1.5 kms of trail from St. Andrews Road to Liss Road. The trail is now available for use and we hope to install additional kms of trail during 2021-2022.



Residential School System Tragedy

The R.M. of St. Andrews was deeply saddened at the discovery of the remains of 215 children at the Kamloops Indian Residential School. It is both heartbreaking and appalling and an eye opener to us all as to how these school systems once ran.

We want to express our deepest condolences to the families and communities affected by this tragedy and all those in mourning. The grief and pain being felt by Indigenous communities across our country is unimaginable. The devastating legacy of the residential school system cannot be overstated, and the impacts of the institution reach into the homes of nearly every Indigenous family across our country.

We, not just as a municipality, but as a community, are heartbroken by this news and our thoughts are with the families and communities who loved each one of these children, along with Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation and all Indigenous communities across Canada.

So many people have been touched and traumatized by hearing this devastating news, and news of this tragedy has impacted people of all ages and races. The remains found in Kamloops are a concrete example of the abuse, neglect, violence, and deaths at residential schools, and the school in Kamloops is only one of the 139 schools that operated in our country.

The RM of St. Andrews wants to take this time to remember the victims of the residential school system and to honour them.

EVERY CHILD MATTERS

