

Roads

- One of the largest municipalities in Manitoba with an area of approximately 2,237 km².
- Roads constructed with asphalt, gravel and dirt surfaces.
- Six graders are used to clear snow and maintain roadways.
- The municipality mines and spreads approximately 85,000 tonnes of gravel annually.
- Approximately \$2 Million is spent annually maintaining the roadways.
- The municipality uses a 5-year road improvement plan to improve the roads on a financial prudent and incremental basis.
- Gravel purchases are also made annually to supplement our limited supply.

Drainage

- The Assiniboine River, Portage Diversion, Lake Manitoba and the Provincial Drainage Network primarily controls drainage across the municipality.
- Natural flow and drainage patterns of surface water is an ongoing challenge to monitor and control.
- Subject to wet climate cycles coupled with demand for farmable land has underscored the need for a Drainage Master Plan for the entire municipality. This comprehensive drainage plan has been developed to identify drainage projects in order of priority.
- The RM strives to take advantage of the drier years to complete strategic drainage projects that could not be completed in wet years.

Partnership

- Our region is thriving with much of this due to the cooperation of the RM and City.
- Together, we have been able to attract and secure major industries to the area, the most recent one being Roquette.
- The RM's tax sharing agreement with the City is the first in Manitoba. This agreement then set the basis of many more mutual agreement to share overhead costs, increase efficiencies and deliver high quality services to the region.
- Currently the RM has 14 mutual agreements in force with the City, which speaks volumes to our unified voice that our region works better together.

Utilities

- The municipality has a water distribution network which includes over 1,800 water service connections.
- Sewer collection is provided in Oakville, Peony Farm, Poplar Point and 1A West.
- The municipality provides safe drinking water to its residents in the most feasible way by charging uniform rates and receiving funding assistance from Manitoba Water Services Board for capital projects.
- Since 2001, the Utility is operated as one whole unit with water supplied from the City of Portage la Prairie and Cartier Water Cooperative.
- Broadband also falls into this category and uptake with various suppliers has increased drastically since 2021.

Financial Stewards

- The RM Council is committed to being responsible stewards of tax dollars to ensure long-term financial sustainability for the RM for years to come.
- Each budget is focused on delivering the best value for tax dollar while maintaining high-quality service.
- Since 2013, the RM has reduced the mill rate by 44%.

Growth

- We are pleased to be in a time of demand for agricultural, industrial, commercial and residential land.
- The RM strives to partner with stakeholders to develop the Portage Region to attract investment and increase employment opportunities in the Portage region.