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Message from the Mayor and Council

AFTER A WARM AND WONDERFUL AUTUMN, WE happily enter into the most festive time of year. On behalf of the St. Clements Mayor, Council, CAO and staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and our very best for 2016.

Over the past year, Council has continued to focus on the priorities that residents have told us are most important. In plain terms, this has meant investments that improve municipal services and quality of life for today's St. Clements families, while ensuring that the RM can anticipate and meet residents' long-term needs as our municipality continues to grow.

In 2015, we increased spending on road renewal, improved waste water services to protect our land and water, and planned to ensure that future

development in our RM preserves the open, semirural character that defines our community.

Council is committed to ensuring St. Clements will be a great place to call home for generations to come, and we have an ambitious agenda for 2016. The year ahead is shaping up to be a busy one as we strive to further improve local services from waste management to new recreation options.

Through the coming year Council will also continue to listen - and act - on the feedback we receive from residents. Delivering new ways for citizens to stay in touch with the RM and provide input remains a top priority for Council and the administration. More and more people are signing up for the RM's email updates to receive the latest news, and we continue to expand our presence

on Facebook. You can sign up for e-updates right on our website, www.rmofstclements.com, and we continue to welcome your emails and phone calls. You can always reach us with questions and feedback at 204-482-3300.

Best wishes for a safe and relaxing holiday season.

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Councillor Ken Thomas	(204) 635-2043
Councillor Robert Belanger	(204) 482-3050

During the 2015-16 Holiday Season

Emergency Services

The RM of St. Clements operates a 24 hour, 365-days-a-year emergency answering service when the municipal office is closed. Residents can phone the municipal office phone number at 204-482-3300 and the appropriate department or authorities will be notified.

Tax Payment

While the municipal office is closed, residents can still pay their tax bill by placing payment in the mail slot located in the back door of the office, mailing a postdated cheque, or paying online through a financial institution.

Office Holiday Hours

December 25 Closed - Christmas Day

December 28 Closed

December 29 Closed **December 30** Closed

December 31 Closed

Closed - New Year's Day January 1

RM of St. Clements 2015-2018 Strategic Plan

Did you know?

- The RM's priorities and investments are guided by a multi-year strategic plan focused on meeting both the current and long-term needs of St. Clements residents. The strategic plan reflects input and feedback from citizens and is reviewed by Council every year.
- Priorities set out under the plan reflect a clear vision to ensure St. Clements is "the place to be" for years to come.
- Under the plan, investments are focused in five areas: Roads and transportation, protective services, recreation and tourism, waste and wastewater, and the environment.

Services and infrastructure that keep pace with changing needs. The RM is committed to continuous improvements in municipal services, as well as making the necessary investments in local infrastructure to ensure the RM can anticipate and meet residents' long-term needs as our municipality continues to

Continued, measurable environmental progress. The RM is committed to establishing clear targets and implementing recognized best practices to reduce our environmental impact, improve quality of life, and protect our water and land for the benefit of future generations of St. Clements residents.

A model for effective municipal leadership. From fiscal transparency to fair taxation to responsiveness to community concerns, the RM is committed to building long-term trust with residents and exceeding citizens' expectations for effective, accountable governance.

Landfill and transfer station winter hours

* Effective November 5. 2015

Questions? Contact the Landfill Office at 204-766-2388 or toll-free at 1-866-205-8914 For a map of landfill and transfer station locations, go to our website at rmofstclements.com

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday Wednesda		Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Libau Landfill	Closed	Closed	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	
Dunning Transfer Station	9 am — 5 pm	11 am – 5 pm	11 am – 5 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	
Clark Transfer Station	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	
Grand Marais Transfer Station	9 am – 5 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	11 am – 5 pm	Closed	
Gull Lake Transfer Station	Closed	11 am – 5 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9 am – 5 pm	

CHRISTMAS HOURS	Dec 18	Dec 24	Dec 25	Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Dec 31	Jan 1
Libau Landfill	9-5	9-5	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9-5	9-5	Closed	Closed
Dunning Transfer Station	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	9-5	11-5	11-5	Closed	Closed	Closed
Clark Transfer Station	11-5	Closed								
Grand Marais Transfer Station	10-4	Closed	Closed	Closed	9-5	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Gull Lake Transfer Station	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	11-5	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed

Strengthening our community

Join the discussion online

The RM is committed to keeping residents up to date on new municipal projects and initiatives. We also invite citizens to share their perspective about municipal issues on our Facebook page. Look forward to receiving updates about the following RM priorities over the coming year, and then join the conversation online and via email.

New options for solid waste. In 2016, we will examine options to improve solid waste collection in our municipality. A consultant will prepare a solid waste master plan, which will identify new ways to improve waste services while continuing to reduce our RM's environmental footprint.

The RM will evaluate the possibility of such services as regular **curbside pickup of garbage** and recyclables. Initial research suggests that costs to the RM to provide curbside pickup would not be significantly higher than current operating and maintenance costs for the transfer stations.

An effective, modern waste-management strategy is essential to the long-term health of our growing community, and we look forward to providing further updates in the months ahead.

Improving community safety. Following feedback from residents, Council is exploring options to improve community safety with respect to bylaws governing firearms use within the RM. In 2016, Council will draft a bylaw to balance the use of firearms with the need for public safety in portions of the RM near residential areas and in areas of greater public use such as the floodway.

Protecting our air and water. Improving sewage services for interested residents remains a priority for the RM. Council has heard strong demand from homeowners in the Narol and Gonor areas

who are interested in connecting to the new Henderson sewer line. The RM continues to explore opportunities to expand local sewage-treatment capacity that would allow interested homeowners to connect. Watch for an update in early 2016.

New south-end recreation options. The RM continues to move forward with residents to bring new recreation and active living options to the southern portion of the municipality. Stay tuned for details of a public meeting to be held in February where next steps will be discussed.

Be a part of these conversations! Sign up for email updates or 'like' us on Facebook to learn about issues that affect you! You can sign up right on the RM website, www.rmofstclements.com, and you'll be automatically entered into a draw for a prize pack including St. Clements apparel and a Tim Hortons gift card.

We're Listening: Tax Payment Survey Results

We currently don't accept credit card payments due to a 1.5% service fee per transaction. We asked 254 people:

1. Should we accept credit card payments?

63% yes

37% no

2. Are you willing to pay a service fee of 1.5% for your transaction?

23% yes

77% no

Based on these results the RM will consider introducing a credit card payment option in 2016. See full survey at rmofstclements.com>Resident News>Feedback

Snow clearing

During the winter, the RM of St. Clements works hard to keep roads clear of snow for residents and visitors. **Please be patient as crews clear roads based on priority**; the most-travelled roads and school bus routes are cleared first.

Snow Plow Safety

- Maintain a distance of at least 50 feet from the rear of a snow plow so the driver can see you
- Avoid passing or driving beside plows as this can create whiteout conditions in front of the plow
- Avoid parking on roads or at the end of your driveway when plows are clearing your road
- Do not push snow onto or across roads or into ditches
- Snow clearing operators are unable to lift plows for driveways
- Do not install signs, markers, fencing, decorations or mailboxes too close to roadways, as snow plows could damage them.
- When a snow plow is approaching, teach children to stay off the road and snowbanks adjacent to the road.
- Consider assisting your elderly and/or disabled neighbours with snow removal

Green Corner

The RM of St. Clements moving towards sustainability

Zero Waste Study

The RM of St. Clements, the RM of St. Andrews and Selkirk are looking for volunteer families to participate in a three month zero-waste study. What is zero-waste? It is an ethical, economical, efficient, way of living sustainably.

There is an information and sign up session on Saturday, January 23, 2016 between 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the Selkirk and District Learning Centre, 511 Robinson Street, Selkirk, Manitoba. Call Justine at 204-482-2111 to register.

Participants chosen from this info session will begin training on January 30, 2015. Find out more at rmofstclements.com>Resident lnfo> Going Green

Do you know that we have co-mingled recycling?

This means that that your recycling doesn't have to be sorted, except for glass. Drop off at any transfer station or the landfill.