

PETITIONS FOR RM 220 MANAGEMENT & FINANCIAL AUDITS READY FOR COUNCIL

BULYEA SK: On Monday August 21st, RM of McKillop No. 220 Council will be presented two ratepayers' petitions requesting a management audit and a financial audit with the RM of McKillop No. 220.

Well over the required one-third of the RM's population signed the petitions. Within 30 days after the date on which the petitions are filed, the RM Administrator must determine whether the petitions are sufficient (e.g., have enough signatures). If the petitions are determined to be sufficient, Council must engage the services of an auditor to conduct the audits within 180 days (~ 6 months) from the date the petitions are received by Council. The RM is responsible for all audit costs.



As outlined in *A Citizen's Guide to Shaping Council Decisions*, Ministry of Government Relations, Government of Sask (May, 2016), auditors use their professional discretion in determining the materiality of any items mentioned in the management letter.

A **management audit** is an audit to:

- Review the performance and operations of a municipality to evaluate whether its operations are undertaken economically, efficiently and effectively;
- Investigate and identify issues related to the policy, organization, operation or administration of the municipality; and
- Propose appropriate solutions to any issues identified during the course of the audit.

A **financial audit** is an audit which identifies:

- Instances of fraud, theft, or other financial misappropriation;
- Improper or unauthorized transactions;
- Non-compliance with provincial or federal statutes;
- Non compliance with municipal bylaws.

Within 30 days after receiving the auditors' reports, the RM of McKillop Council must publicize a notice in the RM office and in a newspaper circulating within the RM that the auditors' reports are available to the public by mail or personal delivery to any person who requests a copy. The exception to this is where misconduct is identified. In this situation, the auditor will send the report to the Deputy Minister of Justice and the RM cannot make the report public.

The RM 220 Ratepayers' Association would like to thank all concerned citizens who cared enough about the management and financial health of our community that they signed the audit petitions.

**ONE OF THE PRIMARY CHOICES IN LIFE IS WHETHER YOU WILL ACCEPT CONDITIONS AS THEY EXIST,
OR ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHANGING THEM. DR. DENIS WAITLEY**

BACKGROUND: The Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220 lies along the east shore of Last Mountain Lake, north of Lumsden, south of Strasbourg with Hwy #20 on its east boundary. There are 732 permanent residents and approximately 2,000 ratepayers in the RM.

If you have any questions please contact us at rm220rpa@gmail.com

Thank you.