



**Council**

Reeve: Calvin Statchuk  
Division 1: Mark Hofer  
Division 2: Dirk VanAs  
Division 3: Ken Kalmakoff  
Division 4: Brad Knutson  
Division 5: Vacant  
Division 6: Brad Hallick

**Admin**

Administrator: Twila Hadubiak  
Assistant Admin: Miranda Petryshyn

**Hamlet Board**

Brad Tokaruk  
Lois Steinke  
Ken Wozniczka

**Council Meetings**

Regular council meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month.

9:00 am January until April  
8:00 am May until September  
9:00 am October until December  
(subject to change)

**Contact Us**

Box 899 Canora, SK S0A 0L0  
306-563-5331  
306-562-8337  
[rm303@sasktel.net](mailto:rm303@sasktel.net)

**Office Hours**

Monday to Friday  
8 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 4 pm

**Elections**

Division 1, 3, 5 and Reeve will be up for election.

- Mail in Ballot- If you wish to receive a mail in ballot you must apply in person at the RM of Keys office by Nov 8, 2024.
- Nominations- If you wish to fill out a nomination form for Div 1, 3, 5 or Reeve you must submit the forms by Oct 9
- Election Day- November 13, 2024

**Development Permits**

There are two types of permits required in the entire Rural Municipality of Keys (Both rural and hamlet). Available on the website and at the office.



- Developmental Permit
  - This permit determines where the buildings are on your individual property. This ensures site lines and other standards are met. This is required for **all** development on the property including sheds.
- Building Permit
  - This permit is required for **all buildings** attached to sleeping quarters, detached garage and decks. In Crystal Lake, this includes any building over 100 square feet.
- According to the Fees Bylaw, if either of these permits are not obtained, those costs are doubled.
- Please ensure all setbacks are adhered to. Call the office or check the Zoning Bylaws on the website for more details.

Any work being completed near water must have an Aquatic Habitat Protection Permit. Please visit <https://www.wsask.ca/water-programs/aquatic-habitat-protection/> or phone 1-866-727-5420 for more information.

**Bridge to Culvert Projects**

The Municipality has been approved for the 2023 ICIP Grant to replace two bridges to culverts.

**Locations:**

- NE 04-33-02-W2
- SE 35-33-03-W2



Planned to be completed in 2024. The ICIP Grant is a 50% cost sharing grant between the Municipality and the Province (33.33%) and Federal (16.67%) governments with an anticipated cost of \$500,000 per project.

**Division 3 Washout**

Due to the high water this spring the culverts at SE 16-31-03-W2 was washed out and as a result we had to close this road. Please take extreme care if going near this area.

We have joined with PDAP and will be getting this replaced and plan to be completed in 2024.

**Municipal Website**

There are two websites available for information:

1. [www.rmofkeys303.ca](http://www.rmofkeys303.ca) has been created to provide information to all ratepayers. There are the Minutes, Bylaws, Public Notices and other information available on this site.
2. [www.hamletofcrystallake.ca](http://www.hamletofcrystallake.ca) has been created to provide information about items within the Organized Hamlet of Crystal Lake.

**Personal Fire Insurance Coverage**

Reminder to check Insurance Policy for amount of Fire Insurance Coverage, you will need more than the minimum for Fire Calls.

Also getting Fire Fighter Insurance is highly suggested.



**Fire Control**

Controlled burns need to be called in. If the fire department is dispatched, there could be a charge for the fire call.

The Controlled Burn's phone number is **1-866-404-4911**



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### **Pest Control**

Our pest control officer is Vincent Bailey. Legislation states that he is supposed to visit every site in which the potential of rats exist. Please allow him on site to do his job. If you suspect rats, do not hesitate to contact him at 306-594-2009

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### **Beaver Control**

The Beaver Bounty program is in effect again. The municipality will reimburse Licensed Trappers \$30.00 per beaver if caught within the RM of Keys. Forms can be found on the municipal website, please contact the councillor to verify the counts.



If you catch beavers outside the Municipality, please do not expect to be paid and you could be placed on a banned list.

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### **Crystal Lake**

The Annual General Meeting will be held on August 11, 2024 @ 10:00 am at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church Camp. The Rec Committee will be sponsoring a pancake breakfast at the camp beginning at 8:00 am.

The Hamlet Board of Crystal Lake is planning on building a washroom facility on its public beach this fall. This washroom will have two bay washroom/change rooms with a newly constructed covered picnic shelter.



The Hamlet Board is asking for donations for this project.

Crystal Lake is having issues with the email system so the information emails may not be getting to all cabin owners. Please use the Hamlets website for the main tool for communication [www.hamletofcrystallake.ca](http://www.hamletofcrystallake.ca)

The Hamlet Board following the advice of the Crystal Lake Water Quality Committee is discouraging water-based activities that require a sustained "non-planed, bow-high" boat configuration (example: wake surfing). This causes large damaging waves as well as bottom scouring which stirs up and re-distributes sediments. If your boating activities are in deeper water, at high speed, on plane and not plowing the water then there is no concern.

Reminder for anyone planning on any construction/ additions or modifications to your property please contact the Development Officer at the RM of Keys office.

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### **Financial Statement**

The Financial Statements have been posted on the Municipal Website under the Forms section. If there are any questions, please contact the office.

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### **Road Allowances are 66 feet wide**

Over the last number of years, seeding and spraying crops on road allowances has been more prevalent. Farming up to the edge of developed roads undermines the structure and durability of the roads causing road and drainage issues.

The mower operators have been instructed not to cut around crops on the road allowances. If you wish to close and lease road allowances, please contact the office.



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### **Weed Control**

The Municipality has contracted Marksmen Vegetation Management to spray our noxious weeds. Over the last two years, we have targeted leafy spurge, and burdock. Now that we are working to control our weeds, Council requests that every ratepayer to try to clean up their noxious weeds. If you require extra help, we can contact our weed control contractor.



The Municipality started a mulching program a few years ago. With equipment being larger, there is a need for road allowances to be widened. We have spent \$30,000 to \$40,000 per year and have a set rotation. If you feel a road allowance needs to be widened, please contact the office and we will look at the individual site.

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### **Payment Options**

Payment options are as follows:

- Cash
- Cheques
- Debit
- Credit Cards (in office only, surcharges apply)
- E-transfers to [rm303@sasktel.net](mailto:rm303@sasktel.net)
- Online banking (only through Credit Union)

If your bank is not a Credit Union and you wish to use online banking, please contact the office.

\*New to 2022, PayNow option on the RM of Keys Website. This option will allow credit card payments over the internet. The provider charges additional fees

\*\*Payments are receipted the day they are received in the office and will not be backdated. Post-dated cheques are accepted. Please allow adequate time for the postal system or online baking.