RM ROCKWOOD INSIDER

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School Road in Stony Mountain

SLOW IT DOWN

As the school year continues, the RM of Rockwood is reminding all drivers to be extra cautious and reduce speeds in designated school zones. Children may be walking, biking, or crossing the road unexpectedly — your attention and slower speed can make all the difference. School zone speed limits are posted in each designated area and enforcement is in place to keep everyone safe during these hours. Whether you're commuting to work or just passing through, please watch for signage, stay alert, and help keep our students and school communities safe this fall.

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TRAILS- A SHARED COMMUNITY ASSET

Snowmobiling is a proud winter tradition in our community, and the trails maintained by local snowrider clubs are a big part of what makes the season so enjoyable. These trails don't just appear on their own—countless volunteer hours go into grooming, signage, and upkeep so that riders have a safe and reliable system to explore. By respecting the work of these dedicated volunteers, we help protect the future of snowmobiling in our area.



Rail Trail on Summit



Snow mobile user on trail photo credit: ISMA



Horses on Trail

From Council's perspective, these trails are more than recreational routes—they are a valued community asset located on Rockwood land that benefit residents and visitors alike. Council is proud to support partnerships with snowrider clubs to ensure our trail system remains safe, sustainable, and accessible. This partnership of use provides a safe way for a local user group to enjoy a community resource while also giving Council a strong base for collaboration on capital upgrades to the system. Together, we can ensure the trail network continues to serve the needs of the community while building capacity for future improvements.

Because these trails serve multiple users, including snowmobilers, walkers, and skiers, mutual respect is essential. Slowing down near others, following right-of-way rules, and treating the trails with care ensures everyone can enjoy them safely. Snowmobiling is more than just recreation—it's about community spirit, respect for our shared spaces, and preserving a tradition that brings neighbors together each winter. If you'd like to support the trails you ride on, consider joining or volunteering with your local snowrider club. Every membership, donation, and helping hand strengthens the network of trails we all enjoy. Together, with the support of Council and the community, we can keep this important asset strong for years to come.

HOLIDAY SEASON IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER IN ROCKWOOD

The holiday season is a special time in Rockwood, with communities coming together to celebrate through local events, festive gatherings, and traditions that highlight our strong community spirit. From winter festivals and school concerts to light displays and community suppers, these celebrations bring neighbours together and create lasting memories. This year, enjoy the Willow Grove Orchard "North Pole" event on November 22nd and 23rd — a free family experience (see their Facebook page for details) — and don't miss A Very Merry Winfield Christmas on December 6th, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., by donation in support of Community Living Interlake. The RM is proud to see residents and organizations creating opportunities for connection, joy, and togetherness during this season.



Rockwood's Participation in Holiday Parade

COMUNITY SAFETY OFFICER (CSO) PROGRAM



Community Safety Officer Sowa

The RM of Rockwood's Community Safety Officer (CSO) Program is a key part of our commitment to maintaining safe, vibrant, and connected communities. CSOs play a vital role in supporting residents by enforcing municipal by-laws, promoting safety initiatives, and acting as a bridge between the community and local authorities. Their work includes traffic enforcement, property standards enforcement, education on safety and by-law compliance, and collaborating with the RCMP and other agencies to address concerns proactively.

The program is designed to provide residents with an additional layer of support, ensuring that our communities remain safe while fostering awareness and compliance through education. CSOs help prevent issues from escalating, whether it's a traffic concern, neighborhood safety matter, or local by-law infraction, and work diligently to address concerns in a fair, consistent, and approachable manner.

Council recognizes the value of the CSO program not only in enforcement but also in community engagement. CSOs interact regularly with residents, providing guidance, answering questions, and helping connect community members with the resources they need. Their work strengthens the sense of safety and well-being that is essential to a thriving community, and it reflects Council's ongoing investment in proactive, accessible, and responsive public services.

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PREPARING FOR WINTER IN THE RM OF ROCKWOOD

As the temperatures begin to drop and snowflakes start to fall, it's time to ensure you and your household are ready for the winter season in the RM of Rockwood. One of the best ways to stay up to date on municipal news, weather alerts, road closures, and emergency notices is by signing up for Connect, the RM's official communication system. Visit www.rockwood.ca to register and choose how you'd like to receive alerts—by phone, text, or email. Don't be left in the cold when important updates come through!

Winter driving can be unpredictable. Please slow down, allow extra travel time, and ensure your vehicle is equipped with winter tires and emergency supplies. Our public works team works hard to keep roads clear, but conditions can change quickly—especially during major snowfalls or freezing rain. Watch for plows and give them space to work safely.

Some road projects may carry into the early winter season, weather permitting. Please follow all posted signage and detours, and remain cautious in work zones. Your patience helps keep our workers and fellow drivers safe.

Helpful Winter Reminders:

- Clear snow from sidewalks adjacent to your property.
- Keep ditches and culverts free of obstructions to help with melt and drainage.
- Avoid pushing snow across municipal roads—it creates hazards for other drivers.
- Prepare a winter emergency kit for your home and vehicle.



Annual Santa Tour

