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RM of Rockwood Council

THE 2026 ELECTION

The results are in! We would like to extend our congratulations to the newly elected members of the RM of Rockwood Council: Reeve Roger Stearns, Ward 1 Councillor Debra Deprez, Ward 2 Councillor Curtis McClintock (acclaimed), Ward 3 Councillor Bryan Oughton, Ward 4 Councillor David Laroque, Ward 5 Councillor Craig Lamm (acclaimed), and Ward 6 Councillor Lyle Willis. We are grateful to everyone who participated in the 2026 municipal election, especially all those who put their names forward to serve their community. Stepping into a leadership role takes time, commitment, and a willingness to make a difference, and we sincerely appreciate everyone who contributed to the democratic process.

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LOOKING BACK

In 2026, the RM of Rockwood continued to invest in our communities, infrastructure, and the people who call Rockwood home. The year brought another significant flood event, requiring response and recovery efforts, while the RM continued moving forward with important road work projects across the municipality. Rockwood also welcomed new businesses to its communities, strengthened partnerships with local organizations and community groups, and invested directly in community initiatives through grants. Public engagement and communication remained a priority through initiatives such as I Love to Read, while the 100 Radon Kit Program helped residents learn more about radon and take steps toward healthier homes. Together, these efforts reflect a year of building stronger partnerships, supporting local communities, and investing in the future of the RM of Rockwood.



Rural Rockwood, MB



Gunton, MB



Komarno, MB

LOOKING CLOSER

Rockwood is a growing and diverse rural municipality, home to 8,440 residents across approximately 1,200 square kilometres. Our municipality is made up of a number of unique and welcoming communities, including Argyle, Balmoral, Grosse Isle, Gunton, Komarno, and Stony Mountain, while also surrounding the Towns of Stonewall and Teulon. Rockwood is home to thousands of households, farms, businesses, community organizations, and recreational spaces, each contributing to the character and vitality of our municipality. From agriculture and local entrepreneurship to community events and recreation, these numbers represent more than statistics—they reflect the people, places, and connections that make Rockwood a great place to live, work, and grow.

LOOKING AHEAD

This year, Rockwood has begun an important strategic-planning process focused on preparing for the community's future while protecting the qualities that make it unique today.

Growth is part of Rockwood's future, but it should be responsible, measured, and consistent with the community's rural roots and core values. The goal is not growth for the sake of growth, but development that strengthens the community while maintaining its character, natural spaces, agricultural heritage, and strong sense of community.



Rural Rockwood, MB



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Strategic planning provides an opportunity to look ahead and ask important questions about infrastructure, housing, local business, recreation, services, and the environment. Most importantly, it allows Rockwood to establish a shared vision for where the community is heading and how it wants to get there. Thoughtful planning can help ensure future growth is supported by the infrastructure and services needed to maintain a strong quality of life, while protecting the community's rural character.

As Rockwood grows, maintaining strong community connections and listening to residents will be essential. New opportunities should complement what already exists rather than replace it. The vision moving forward is simple: responsible growth, thoughtful planning, strong infrastructure, and a continued commitment to the values and rural identity that make Rockwood home. By planning today with tomorrow in mind, Rockwood can grow with confidence while remaining firmly rooted in its character, community spirit, and rural heritage, creating a community that is prepared for the future while still feeling like home.

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PREPARING IN ROCKWOOD

As we look ahead to winter, the RM of Rockwood is preparing for the months ahead with a focus on safe roads, effective snow clearing, and reliable municipal services. Snow clearing and winter road maintenance will remain important priorities throughout the season, with crews working to keep roads accessible and safe as conditions change. Residents can help by following snow-clearing reminders, keeping vehicles and equipment clear of roadways, and giving plows and other maintenance equipment plenty of room to work.

Winter preparation also provides a good opportunity for residents to check their homes and municipal connections. In particular, homeowners are reminded to make sure sump pumps are not connected to the municipal sewer system. Events such as the recent flood have reinforced the importance of taking this step, as improper connections can place additional strain on the sewer system during periods of heavy rainfall or high water. Taking a few minutes to check your sump pump connection can help protect your home and support the community's municipal infrastructure.

Winter also means sharing the road in potentially slippery conditions, so drivers are encouraged to slow down, stay alert, and allow extra time when travelling. From preparing an emergency kit and planning for changing weather to making sure vehicles are winter-ready, a little preparation goes a long way. By working together and taking extra care on the roads and around our homes, we can help make winter safer and more manageable for everyone who lives, works, and travels throughout Rockwood.



Argyle, MB



Komarno, MB