

## RM 220 Administrator

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**To:** RM 220 Administrator; Bob Schmidt; DIV1; DIV2; DIV3; DIV4; DIV5; DIV6  
**Subject:** Fwd: Letter to the RM of McKillop Council

I am sending this email letter in order to find out some information. I am totally perplexed by how our Council seems to let business opportunities pass them by. However as one who has served on a number of public company and volunteer boards and also ran a large corporation, I realize there is always another side to every story so I am asking to be enlightened on the following.

First, over the past 10 months we have seen one of the best opportunities to sell recreational property in Saskatchewan history. All over the province including Last Mountain Lake people are buying and building second homes, probably due to the lack of travel options; Everywhere except at Sundale Resort! As far as I know there are no new sales and the only explanation I can come up with is that the resort is not being properly promoted and/or the water and sewer costs are ridiculously high. I would think the RM would be actively involved with the property owner to promote the sales which would increase tax revenue forever. Forgiving the water and sewer charges for one or two years would be one option which would have little bearing on costs since the infrastructure is already there and the taxes would easily cover the incentive.

Second, the RM has announced that the cost of the grinder repairs will not be done by them and will be at the owners expense. Another missed revenue opportunity and could have been a way to help the community instead of antagonizing them. Why not contract with a local plumber like Piller in Silton, train them on the repair and installation of the pumps to ensure they are consistently done properly to avoid damage to the infrastructure, let them use the shop for repairs and charge each Sundale owner an annual fee to provide the service? The owner would still pay the contractor for the repairs but they would have one number to call and the peace of mind that the repair will be done quickly and properly. And the RM can pocket the annual fee and /or split it with the contractor.

Third, the recent announcement that the RM wants all storage items out of the compound at the water treatment plant by May 1. Another way to antagonize the residents while missing out on a revenue opportunity. Why not charge each resident an annual fee for their spot? Your letter mentioned that there are liability issues but I would assume the current insurance would cover that or could be expanded to do so. The annual fee would cover any insurance increase and more! Why let the compound sit empty?

Fourth, I believe it would be beneficial to update the community on the Glamping proposal and what that may mean going forward for water, sewer and property usage.

Anyway this email is not intended to question the council decisions as I mentioned there are always other sides to every story, however I would appreciate you taking the time to explain why these seeming simple ways to make money for the RM and make your constituents happy are not being considered or were not acted on. Thank you for your anticipated response.

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