

December 2025 Newsletter

Village of Macoun

Enjoy the Season

December Council Meeting

Council's last meeting of 2025 is on December 9th at 7:00 pm – feel free to attend.

Waste Collection Schedule

Blue Bin Recycle Collection	Mondays:	December 8 th and 22 nd
Grey Bin Garbage Collection	Thursdays:	December 4 th and 18 th

November was a Great Month in the Community

We want to acknowledge the great events held in Macoun in November. The Macoun Gun Club held a successful shoot, a very meaningful Remembrance Day celebration was hosted at Macoun Happy Gang and there was a fantastic turnout for Happy Gang's Bingo and Bake Sale as well as their always delicious monthly soup and sandwich luncheon. Great volunteers make great things happen. Thanks to all who brought these events to our community.

Happy Gang's Christmas Lunch and 50/50 Draw

Mark your calendars for December 17th from 11-2 for Happy Gang's free Christmas lunch. To make things exciting there will also be a 50/50 draw. This is a wonderful event Happy Gang brings to our community. Although there is no cost, donations are always greatly appreciated.

Storytime

Storytime has been a great success this year—we have been thrilled to see all the kids attending and always welcome adults that come for a visit. Although there will be no Storytime in December, stay tuned because it will be back starting in January.

Property Taxes and Utilities

Please remember if you have outstanding property taxes and/or utilities they must be paid by 31 December 2025 to avoid interest penalties and possible tax enforcement. Payments must be received **IN THE OFFICE** by 31 December. You can stop in the office with a cheque or cash or make a payment via e-transfer at macoun.sask@gmail.com.

Pet Licenses

Just a reminder that pet licenses are due in January 2026 and are mandatory for all pets that venture outside. A license is only \$10/pet and helps support the highly successful Trap, Neuter and Return program. We have some great success stories of returning pets to their owners.

Roll-Off Garbage Bin

If you haven't noticed, the Roll-Off Bin has been moved to the Gun Club parking lot for easier access during the winter months. Having the bin has been great for Macoun – we so appreciate the RM of Cymri providing this for residents' use.

Snow Removal

Winter has given us a taste already to remind us Winter is on its way. Remember in order for the Village to clean roads you must have your vehicles, garbage bins and blue bins removed from the edge of our roads.

In bad weather if you need help cleaning your drive remember the Foreman can give you a hand with the Village tractor for \$150/hr. Give us a call to arrange.

Let Us Spread the News

We'd love to celebrate an important event in your life--birthdays, anniversaries, baby births or anything else you are excited about. Just give the Village Office a call or drop us an e-mail the month prior to your event and we will include it in our newsletter to celebrate you or someone you care about.

Holiday Office Hours

Due to Christmas and New Year's the office will be closed December 25th and January 1st.

On behalf of Macoun Village staff and Council we wish you all a wonderful Christmas Season. We are excited to see what the New Year brings to our Village.

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Mondays and Wednesdays 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Tuesdays and Thursdays 8:30 am – 12:00 pm

Feel free to stop in

December Feature

Trap, Neuter and Return (TNR) Program

The Village is going to take a small break from featuring Council and Staff this month to recognize a very important program that began five years ago--the **Trap, Neuter, Return Program (TNR)**.

Village Council and staff were overwhelmed with the number of calls being received from concerned residents regarding the stray cat population running at large and reproducing at a rate that would have become out of control if left to continue. After some research it was decided to implement a TNR program designed to humanely trap cats at large, advertise the cat for safe return to their owner where applicable and have eligible strays spayed or neutered and rehomed if possible. Pet license fees paid to the Village as well as incredible donations to date have supported the TNR Program and allowed the Village to control the outdoor cat population in the community.

Since starting the Program the Village has trapped 30 cats--four were pets returned to their owners, two kittens unfortunately had to be humanely euthanized, two more kittens sadly passed due to severe illness, three males were released back in the community to continue their important job of pest control, one mama cat and four of her kittens are currently in the care of the Village with pending homes to go to and the remaining 14 cats are living their best lives in loving new homes.

Village staff have learned valuable lessons through the TNR Program that have resulted in implementing procedures to improve the Program going forward. Staff have watched innocent animals fade away due to lack of adequate care, whether from not being vaccinated, living on the streets and the dangers associated with life outside and or from neglect.

With the joy of the holidays fast approaching here are a few things to remember:

- Pets are a fun addition to any home, but research and preparation are important.
- Pets are a big commitment that includes significant financial costs and responsibilities to keep them healthy and safe.
- Vaccinations are important to prevent worms, mites and deadly illnesses while spay/neutering is important to prevent unwanted litters.
- Keeping pets inside will prevent injury and lost pets so pet-proofing homes is important to keep your fur babies living long and healthy lives.
- Remember that kittens are always cute but they become full grown cats with a life span of 15 years. Be prepared to care for these sweet animals as long as you would a child.

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*Village of Macoun wishes
you the joys of Season*



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Garbage Pick-up	5	6
7	8 Blue Bin Pick-up	9 Council Meeting @ 7:00 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Christmas Lunch Happy Gang 11:00-2:00	18 Garbage Pick-up	19	20
21	22 Blue Bin Pick-up	23	24	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26	27
28	29	30	31 Taxes and Utilities Due			