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## COVID-19 MAKES ITS WAY TO CONSUL & AREA

by Susan Pridmore

This remote little corner of the world stayed free and clear of the virus for so long but, of course, we knew we were not immune - just hopeful that it would stay away.

Some of the 76 students in Consul School started testing positive the week of September 20th. The school moved to remote learning for two weeks starting September 27th and went back to in-person learning on October 12th. The Saskatchewan.ca website reported 9 cases in our school on September 27th and another case on September 30th on a school bus. Actual numbers of cases could be higher.

Some adults in the community have also tested positive. Varying amounts of sickness have been experienced from mild cold-like symptoms to more severe, requiring hospitalization.

In writing this article, my objective was simply to record this time in Consul's history, not to report exact numbers of cases or vaccination rates for our community. Years down the road when covid is a distant memory, you or your kids will be able to google "covid-19 reno reader" and find this article when you are wondering if and when the virus was ever in Consul.



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*There are no local current events to advertise at this time. Consul Hall will hold their previously advertised event, scheduled for November 20, as guidelines allow at that time. Hang in there, everybody, and take care!*



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tomorrow.*

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**letter to the editor**

I recently wrote a letter complaint to the RM of Reno. Our taxes are too high! This 50% raise in just two years is unaffordable, especially this year. This tax is vey unfair and outdated. When our income decreases we look at ways to cut spending.

The administrator contacted me and explained a lot of the reasons for the increase. She also said they would be looking at ways to reduce the tax in the future by reducing spending.

I have some suggestions:

- Contract the work. We keep hiring new employees but the workload hasn't increased that I can tell. Contracting would not be cheap but it would make budgeting much easier and would eliminate the need to buy machinery every couple of years at a huge cost. Machinery loses value more by the hours used, not the years of age. I have seen a grader sitting just west of the 21-13 Junction in the afternoons several times. It's not being used.
- Community grants should not come out of our taxes.
- We need members on council that are more impacted by this tax.
- Livestream council meetings so that people are more informed.

These are just a few suggestions. We need to take more interest in our municipality and try to find ways to fix these things. Maybe we could have a ratepayer meeting and some ideas could be discussed. One councillor said no one comes to these meetings. I guess it is time that we do.

*Jean Jones*



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Saskatchewan people have a long history of pulling together when times are tough, especially in the agriculture community. This year, many farmers and ranchers are facing drought, low crop yields and extreme shortages of feed and water for livestock, and it might seem out of place to engage in a #CelebrateAg campaign.




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Agriculture Month is proclaimed annually by the Government of Saskatchewan. Each October, the industry works together to tell their food story through campaigns, events and programming. Through these interactions, we hope to help people better understand how Saskatchewan farmers and ranchers raise their animals and grow their crops, while engaging in authentic conversations with people from around the province.



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