



2017 NEWSLETTER

Regular Meetings of council are held at the municipal office on the second Tuesday of each month commencing at 8:00 a.m. in spring and summer months, and 10:00 a.m. in winter months.

The members of the Council of the RM of Saltcoats No. 213 can be found on the R.M. of Saltcoats Website - <http://rmsaltcoats.ca>

The administration office is located at 104 Commercial Street in Saltcoats. Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

2017 Assessment Revaluation – Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA)

SAMA conducts revaluation based on a four-year cycle, 2013 was the year of the last revaluation, and the 2017 Revaluation will see assessed values updated to reflect a new base date of January 1, 2015. The legislated base date means that the 2017 values reflect a property's value as of January 1, 2015.

Property taxes are based on your property's assessed value, which results in distributing the tax load so owners of properties with similar value pay similar taxes. The assessed value of your property is determined by SAMA.

In a reassessment year the assessed value of properties usually increases, however, this does not mean property taxes will increase. Property taxes are based on the budgetary needs of the RM. When a reassessment occurs, the RM modifies the factors used to determine the final tax rate to try and make the reassessment 'revenue neutral'.

Mill Rates - 2017:

Municipal Mill Rate – 6 mills

Mill Rate Factors:

Agricultural Mill Rate Factor – 1.00 (6 mills)

Residential Mill Rate Factor – 1.10 (6.60 mills)

Commercial/Industrial Mill Rate Factor 1.70(10.20 mills)

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Discounts on Municipal Taxes for 2017 are as follows:

September Discount - 5%, October Discount - 4%, November Discount - 2% and December Discount - 0%

Online Banking/Tax Payments

Ratepayers of the RM of Saltcoats No. 213 can pay their property taxes through the Cornerstone Credit Union website.

School Division Mill Rates – 2017:

The Province of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Government Relations sets the Education Property Tax Mill Rate. For 2017 taxation year the mill rates are as follows on each property class:

- School Division Mill Rates - Agriculture Property - 1.43 mills
- Residential Property - 4.12 mills
- Commercial Property – 6.27 mills
- Resource(oil/gas/mines) – 9.6804 mills

Discounts and incentives are not applicable to Education Property Tax.

Town of Saltcoats Landfill:

The Council of the R.M. of Saltcoats No. 213 have made arrangements with Ottenbreit Sanitation Services (2002) Ltd. to supply containers at the Saltcoats Landfill for disposal of household bagged garbage by R.M. ratepayers and residents. A recycling container has also be placed at the landfill and Council strongly encourages residents to recycle whenever possible.

The following items may be placed inside the recycle container:

Paper:

- Computer/photocopy paper, flyers, junk mail and catalogues, telephone directories, letterhead, stationary and newspapers.

Cardboard:

- Cardboard boxes(please fold/breakdown boxes before putting them into the bin), box board boxes(shoe/cereal boxes) milk cartons(not plastic)

The following items will not be accepted:

- Tin/Aluminum cans, plastic beverage bottles, plastic grocery bags, Styrofoam, glass, wood, wire, hazardous chemical containers or oil containers and ceramics.

The Landfill has a Gate Keeper and has been instructed not to let anything other than bagged household garbage into the containers. Anything other than bagged household waste will be refused and you will have to take it back home. Unless it is recyclables, in that case it will be allowed in the recycle bin. You will be instructed by the Gate Keeper which bins to dispose of your waste and/or recyclables.

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Garbage from the containers will be hauled to the Yorkton Landfill on a regular basis, as an agreement was signed with the City of Yorkton for the disposal of waste from these containers. As an agreement has been signed with the City of Yorkton, ratepayers and residents of the R.M. of Saltcoats No. 213 will also be allowed access to the City Landfill to dispose of residential refuse. There will be a charge based on tonnage and/or a minimum fee per visit.

There are restrictions on what can be disposed at the City Landfill. Please call 306-786-7499 for additional information. Alternatively, arrangements can be made for the placement of containers at your residence for a monthly fee through Ottenbreit Sanitation Services. Rates will depend on size of container and frequency of pickups. For more information call 306-783-6995.

Landfill Hours

For updates, or more information and hours of operation please check the R.M.'s website <http://rmsaltcoats.ca> or call the R.M. Office at 306-744-2202.

Provincial Rat Eradication Program(PREP)

The Provincial Rat Eradication Program was established in the spring of 2010. Its goal is to promote uniformity and consistency in rat control methods toward the eradication of rats in Saskatchewan. **Provincial Rat Eradication Program(PREP)** To accomplish this goal each site/yard within an RM where agriculture produce is stored or where livestock or poultry are housed must be inspected by the RM's Pest Control Officer (PCO) on an annual basis.

The RM's PCO is Garrett Keyowski if you wish to contact anytime during the year, his phone is 306-782-2683 or 306-621-5900.

When the PCO arrives for an inspection sometime this fall, and if you so choose you can ask him to do a physical inspection with you if you have any concerns about possible infestation.

DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING PERMITS:

General Regulations as prescribed by the RM's Zoning and Building Bylaw:

Development Permit : In accordance with *Zoning Bylaw No. 3-86*, before commencing any development in the RM of Saltcoats every individual shall complete a Development Permit application and receive a Development Permit for the proposed development, unless the proposed development is exempt from development permit requirements. Farm Buildings and structures which are accessory to a principal agricultural operation, such as barns, granaries, etc. are exempt from development permit requirements. However, farm dwellings are not exempt and require a development permit.

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Building Permit: In accordance with *Building Bylaw No. 6-90* which adopts the National Building Code of Canada Standards, states that a building permit is required when any type of building construction is undertaken, unless exempted by *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*. Farm dwellings and farm buildings associated with a family farm operation are exempted and do not required a building permit.

For further information on permits please contact the RM office or visit the RM=s website for a listing of forms.

Rural Civic Addressing System

As mentioned in the 2016 Newsletter Council was considering adopting the “**Standardized System of Rural Civic Addressing System**” designed by the Province of Saskatchewan and 911. Civic Addressing is a province-wide standardized system of identifying and locating properties associated with human activity by establishing a unique access point location (driveway). This system will assist emergency providers such as the police, fire and ambulance in finding your home or business quickly. This civic address will be entered into the Emergency Service Provider’s computer system and will then provide your address which is a more accurate way to locate your property than a legal description.

Council at that time was seeking feedback on this system from ratepayers, to determine if the signage policy should be adopted and made mandatory for all residents for the placement of these signs at their respective yards. The deadline date for feedback at that time was March 31, 2017.

The feedback from the ratepayers was mixed but the majority were in favor of the Rural Civic Addressing System. Unfortunately, municipal participation in Civic Addressing is very low and there are still question that need to be answered the Ministry of Government Relations.

We will try to provide updates from time to time on the RM’s Website. Alternatively, you can contact the RM Office for updates or contact your municipal councillor.

There is an example of the Civic Addressing sign at the RM Office for your viewing and the following Councillors have Civic Addressing signs at the end of their respective driveways:

Don Taylor (SE-22-22-1-2), Scott Haas (NW-28-22-2-2), Vernon Glaicar (NW-17-22-3-2) and Les Trowell (NE-16-24-1-2).