



2019 NEWSLETTER

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

Council meeting dates and the listing of the Council Members for 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(closed for lunch 12:00 p.m to 1:00 p.m.)

Property Taxes 2019

Mill Rates:

Municipal Mill Rate – 6.3 mills

Mill Rate Factors:

Agricultural Mill Rate Factor – 1.00 (6.3 mills)

Residential Mill Rate Factor – 1.10 (6.93 mills)

Commercial/Industrial Mill Rate Factor 1.70(10.71 mills)

Discounts on Municipal Taxes for 2019 are as follows:

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

Discounts and incentives are not applicable to Education Property Tax.

Online Banking/Tax Payments

Ratepayers of the RM of Saltcoats No. 213 can pay their property taxes through the Cornerstone Credit Union website. The RM of Saltcoats also accepts e-Transfer.

School Division Mill Rates – 2019:

The Province of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Government Relations sets the Education Property Tax Mill Rate. For 2019 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) – 9.68 mills

RM of Saltcoats Waste Disposal- Household Garbage and Recycle

The Council of the R.M. of Saltcoats No. 213 have made arrangements with Ottenbreit Sanitation Services (2002) Ltd. to supply containers at the **RM of Saltcoats shop yard located at 434 High Street, Saltcoats** for disposal of household bagged garbage by R.M. ratepayers and residents. A recycling container will also be placed at the RM shop yard. Council strongly encourages residents to recycle whenever possible.

Effective January 5, 2019, the new hours for container use will be as follows:

Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

RM of Saltcoats ratepayers and residents only.

There will no longer be a gatekeeper, please follow instructions as listed below and on posted signs when disposing of your household garbage.

Place only bagged household bagged garbage in the 3 brown containers.

Please refrain from disposing of material on the ground.

The following items may be placed in the blue recycle bin(there is only 1 recycle bin):

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.

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.

Rat Control Program(RCP)

Formerly, The Provincial Rat Eradication Program(PREP) 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. Through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership, PREP has been replaced with the new program the Rat Control Program(RCP)

To accomplish this goal of complete rat eradication each site/yard within an RM where agriculture produce is(or was) stored or where livestock or poultry are housed(or have been housed) must be inspected by at least once a year by the RM's Pest Control Officer (PCO). This includes both occupied and abandoned sites.

The RM of Saltcoats Pest Control Officer(PCO) is Ryan Andres. Ryan Grew up in MacNutt, Saskatchewan. He began working as a Primary Care Paramedic out of Langenburg in 2001. Ryan is also PCO for the RM's of Langenburg, Churchbridge and Fertile Belt.

Ryan's Phone Number is 306-743-7646. Email address is ryanandres@hotmail.com . Providing occasional assistance to Ryan will be Geoff Stringfellow.

Beaver Control Program(BCP)

The purpose of the BCP is to provide financial assistance through a bounty to individuals that have a valid Trappers License to control the beaver population in the RM. The RM of Saltcoats has set the bounty at \$30.00 per adult beaver removed by licensed trappers.

To be eligible for the \$30.00 per beaver, licensed individuals will be required to deliver the beaver tail to the RM Office. They will also be required to provide the following in order to qualify for the \$30.00 per tail bounty:

- Name of the Authorized Individual;
- Copy of your South Saskatchewan Fur license number and valid date of that license;
- Legal land description or GPS coordinates of the agricultural land where nuisance beavers were removed and being claimed for;
- Date of removal for each location listed.
- Deadline is February 15, 2020

Trappers license are available through the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment Offices.

Individuals that don't have a South Saskatchewan Fur License are eligible to receive \$15.00 per beaver tail. They will be also be required to deliver the tail to the RM office.

Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided in the corporate limits of the RM of Saltcoats by the Saltcoats and Bredenbury Volunteer Fire Departments. Property owners are responsible for paying the cost of fighting fires on their property. The basic call out charge is \$2,000.00. Please check with your insurance provider to ensure that your fire insurance policy has an endorsement for fire calls(response of the fire department).

Controlled Burns - When doing a controlled burn please notify the Provincial Public Safety Communication Center. Call 1-866-404-4911 and tell them you are doing a controlled burn. They will need your legal description, phone number, name and which fire department covers your area. Notifying the call centre will prevent false alarms and conserve precious resources for your volunteer fire department. You will also avoid an unwanted fire call charge.

Spring Road Restrictions

Every spring the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure issues Minister orders for the placement of road restriction throughout the Province. All RM's in the Province are automatically included in the order, unless we decide to opt out of the Ministerial Order. In the past the RM of Saltcoats has elected to opt out. However, with the excess moisture over the past few years and the high water table the roads in the spring are experiencing many surface breaks from frost boils.

In future year's council will be monitoring the road conditions very close and if they are experiencing soft spots and surface breaks, council will have no choice but to place weight restrictions as per the Ministers Spring Road Restrictions. Please contact the RM Office to determine if road restrictions have been placed or go the following website - <http://www.highways.gov.sk.ca/restrictions/>

Rural Crime Watch Program

The RM of Saltcoats has committed to the Rural Crime Watch Area as established by the Parkland Municipal Development Committee. As part of our involvement in the group we are required to appoint a representative to the Rural Crime Watch a Committee and an alternative representative.

As a representative you would be required to complete a Criminal Record Check. This is a requirement of the RCMP. There will be no charge for this criminal record as you will be a volunteer sitting on the Rural Crime Watch Executive.

Any person interested in getting involved and sitting on the executive please contact the RM Office or your member of Council.