



2020 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 2020

Mill Rates:

Municipal Mill Rate – 6.5 mills

Mill Rate Factors:

Agricultural Mill Rate Factor – 1.00 (6.5 mills)

Residential Mill Rate Factor – 1.10 (7.15 mills)

Commercial/Industrial Mill Rate Factor 1.70(11.05 mills)

Discounts on Municipal Taxes for 2020 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 – 2020:

The Province of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Government Relations sets the Education Property Tax Mill Rate. For 2020 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 has also be placed at the RM shop yard. Council strongly encourages residents to recycle whenever possible.

Effective January 8, 2020, ratepayers will have access to the containers 7 days a week.

Please abide by the following rules:(These rules are posted on signs adjacent to the container)

Containers are for use by RM of Saltcoats ratepayers and residents only.

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.

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 Control Burn 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 center will prevent false alarms and conserve precious resources for your volunteer fire departments.

In the event a ratepayer has a controlled burn in the Municipality and the controlled burn is not registered with the Provincial Controlled Burn Center and someone reports the fire by dialing 911 and the Fire Department is dispatched and there is no actual firefighting services a fee in the amount of \$500.00 may be charged.

Enclosed is a magnet identifying the Provincial Control Burn Center.

Herbicide Drift

Council wishes to remind all everyone that it is their responsibility to avoid herbicide drift when spraying their land as the drift has in certain instances burnt of ands destroyed the vegetation within the road allowance ditch. Drift can be minimized by not spraying on windy days.

Bylaw No, 1-94, Section 2 & 3 of this bylaw states that no person shall plough, break, cut, fill or otherwise injure any vegetation on a municipal road or municipal road allowance in the RM of Saltcoats No. 213. Any person who contravenes the provisions of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties imposed in the General Penalty Bylaw of the RM of Saltcoats.

The Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture has a publication entitled 2020 Guide to Crop Protection that may be of interest.

The Guide can be found on the Saskatchewan Ministry Website.

Rural Civic Addressing

Council has recently adopted 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 is in the process of formulating a Civic Address Signage Policy and at that this time seeking feedback on this policy from ratepayers.

We are hoping to have the program in place sometime during 2021.

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).

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

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.

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.

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