



## 2021 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 Rates 2021**

#### **Mill Rates:**

Municipal Mill Rate – 5.21 mills

#### **Mill Rate Factors:**

Agricultural Mill Rate Factor – 1.00 (5.21 mills)

Residential Mill Rate Factor – 1.44 (7.5 mills)

Commercial/Industrial Mill Rate Factor 2.06 (10.73 mills)

#### **Discounts on Municipal Taxes for 2021 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. Email payment to [rm.saltcoats@sasktel.net](mailto:rm.saltcoats@sasktel.net). Please include your name. A security question is longer no longer required.

#### **School Division Mill Rates – 2021:**

The Province of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Government Relations sets the Education Property Tax Mill Rate. There was an increase for residential and commercial properties and a decrease for agricultural properties for 2021. The mill rates are as follows on each property class:

- School Division Mill Rates - Agriculture Property - 1.36 mills
- Residential Property - 4.46 mills
- Commercial Property – 6.75 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.

Ratepayers and residents of the RM of Saltcoats 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)

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.

### **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. **Farm Dwellings associated with a family farm operation are no longer exempted effective January 1, 2022. Which means a building permit will now be required for all farm residences.**

**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.

### **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.**

### **Road Allowance Policy:**

#### **Bylaw No. 1 – 94 – A Bylaw Respecting the Breaking, Ploughing, Cutting, Filling, Injuring, Encumbering and Obstructing of Road**

As a reminder council wishes to advise that 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.

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.

If a seasonal road or class 7 road needs to be widened to allow the movement of equipment please contact your councilor and it will be done at the discretion of council. Do not widen a road allowance yourself as this is a contravention of the above-mentioned bylaw.

### **Rural Civic Addressing**

Council has adopted the “**Standardized System of Rural Civic Addressing System**” designed by the Province of Saskatchewan and 911 and as such formulated the following policy statement for Civic Addressing:

The owner of a building or parcel of land shall keep posted on the lot the civic number assigned by the Ministry of Government Relations in the following manner:

- (1) Civic Numbers shall be posted in a location that is not obstructed from view when viewed from the closest place on the traveled portion of the municipal or provincial highway from which the principal building or lot is accessed;
- (2) Civic Numbers shall be posted at the boundary or edge of the municipal or provincial road allowance and at the end of each lane or driveway from which the principle building or lot is accessed;
- (3) Civic number shall be on both sides of the sign and perpendicular to the roadway;
- (4) The bottom of the numerals should be posted a minimum of 1.2 meters above grade.;
- (5) Civic Numbers shall be in Swiss 924BT Text;
- (6) The color of the numerals shall be white and reflective or illuminated;
- (7) The height of the numerals shall not be less than 5.5";
- (8) The color of the background upon which the numbers are displayed will be blue;
- (9) The signs on which the civic numbers are displayed shall be rectangle in shape and a minimum of 45cm x 25cm.

### **Installation and Cost of Sign**

The RM of Saltcoats No. 213 will purchase and install all initial civic address signs for farm yards and residential properties.

If a sign or posts needs to be replaced it will be at cost of the individual ratepayer and the installation will be at the cost of the RM of Saltcoats No. 213.

A letter will be forward to everyone prior to the installation explaining the process further

We are hoping to have the signs in place by the end of 2022 or earlier.