



2022 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 2022

Mill Rates:

Municipal Mill Rate – 5.5 mills

Mill Rate Factors:

Agricultural Mill Rate Factor – 1.00 (5.5 mills)

Residential Mill Rate Factor – 1.44 (7.92 mills)

Commercial/Industrial Mill Rate Factor 2.06 (11.33 mills)

Discounts on Municipal Taxes for 2022 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. Please include your name. A security question is no longer required as your payment will be deposited directly into the RM Bank Account .

School Division Mill Rates – 2022:

The Province of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Government Relations sets the Education Property Tax Mill Rate. There was an increase for Agricultural, Residential and Commercial properties for 2022. The mill rates are as follows on each property class:

- School Division Mill Rates - Agriculture Property - 1.42 mills
- Residential Property - 4.46 mills
- Commercial Property – 6.75 mills

Construction Code Act - Building Permits

The Construction Code Act repeals and replaces The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act and came into force on January 1, 2022.

Farm buildings which have a residential occupancy (i.e. sleeping quarters) are now subject to the construction standards found in the Construction Code Act. To clarify, there is no longer an exemption from construction standards (building permits) for farm residences on agricultural land that are being constructed, renovated, altered or added to.

What types of Building Projects Require a Building Permit?

- Construction of a new home or major renovation/addition to an existing home
- RTM's/Modular/Mobile Homes or other types of housing being moved onto a property
- Any type of Commercial Property.

Building Permit Applications can be found on the RM of Saltcoats website - <http://rmsaltcoats.ca> under the heading "Development". For further information about Building Permits please contact the RM Office.

What Types of Buildings Are Exempt from Requiring a Permit?

- Farms buildings used for housing livestock, for the production, storage or processing of primary agricultural crops and feeds and for the storage and maintenance of equipment or machinery associated with an agricultural operation

Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarms - Construction Code Act

Effective July 1, 2022, all buildings in Saskatchewan with sleeping rooms are required to provide early warning protection against the effects of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning, smoke and fire.

The installation of CO and smoke alarms is the most effective way of accomplishing this requirement.

When a building with sleeping rooms contains a fuel-burning appliance*, or an attached vehicle parking garage, CO alarms must be installed:

- inside each sleeping room; **OR** outside each sleeping room within 5 meters(16 feet) of each sleeping room door.

(***fuel-burning appliance** means boilers, furnaces, fireplaces, water heaters, stoves and such appliances that burn heating oil, pellets, wood, propane, natural gas, and other such fuels.)

Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Alarms - Construction Code Act

When a building with sleeping rooms, smoke alarms must be installed:

- on each floor level of a building, including the level with the sleeping room, with the smoke alarm located between the sleeping rooms and the remainder of the floor; **and** inside each sleeping room.

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 councillor 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.

Snow Piling Restrictions

- When clearing snow from your property snow shall not be piled on the roadway
- Snow removed from private property should not be anywhere within the road allowance, including the ditch higher than 1 foot below the lowest part of the roadway as banks left behind create drift problems and the road becomes blocked quicker.

Speed Limits

The speed limit on gravel/municipal roads is 80 km/hour.

Section 203(1)(c) of the *Traffic Safety Act* states: “ No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway greater than 60 kilometres per hour when passing any highway equipment that has warning lights in operation, whether in motion or not. This means gravel roads and municipal equipment with flashing lights. Please slow down to 60km/hr when passing and meeting the RM Graders, tractor and workers.

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.

Rural Civic Addressing

During 2021 Council adopted the “**Standardized System of Rural Civic Addressing System**” designed by the Province of Saskatchewan and 911. The system is designed to identify and locate properties by establishing unique access point and can be used to assist emergency responders. This is accomplished by assigning civic numbers to each individual yard by the installation of a sign.

We have been working on this project for a couple years and one of the early steps was to review all the road names in the RM and streets within any residential development in the RM. This information was then shared with the Ministry of Highways and the Civic Addressing Registry(CAR). The next step was to verify addresses by either deleting or modifying each address based on a list that was generated for the RM by CAR. All of these steps required different levels of training and time.

We had initially hoped to have signs installed at each yard site by the end of 2022 but the process has taken longer that anticipated. The new target will now be by the end of 2023 or earlier.