



2023 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 2023

Mill Rates:

Municipal Mill Rate – 5.7 mills

Mill Rate Factors:

Agricultural Mill Rate Factor – 1.00 (5.7 mills)

Residential Mill Rate Factor – 1.44 (8.20 mills)

Commercial/Industrial Mill Rate Factor 2.06 (11.74 mills)

Discounts on Municipal Taxes for 2023 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 – 2023:

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 2023. The mill rates are as follows on each property class:

School Division Mill Rates - Agriculture Property - 1.42 mills

- Residential Property - 4.54 mills

- Commercial Property – 6.86 mills

Construction Code Act - Building Permits

The Construction Code Act 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 the RM of Saltcoats website or further information 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

Snow Piling Restrictions

- When clearing snow from your property no snow shall be piled on the roadway
- No snow removed from private property should 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.

Well Decommissioning Campaign

Do you have a large-diameter well that is abandoned or no longer being used? The Assiniboine Watershed Association Stewardship Association(AWASA) is initiating a campaign to decommission/seal as many abandoned wells as possible. If you one on your property, please contact them to properly arrange your well decommissioning. The service is FREE to all RM of Saltcoats Ratepayers.

Please call them at 306-783-1696 before October 31. 2023 to sign up.

Grain Bag Disposal/Recycling

Disposal of grain bags on any road or road allowance is strictly prohibited. Bylaw No. 12-86, states that any person depositing any dirt, stones, filth, rubbish or any other encumbrance on any road or road allowance within in the RM, shall remove the same within 24 hours after being ordered to do so by council.

There is a free Grain Bag Recycling Program at the City of Yorkton Sanitary Landfill. You can take your clean, rolled grain bags free of charge to the City of Yorkton Sanitary Landfill.

Please follow the following steps to ensure they bags will be accepted and recycled:

1. **SHAKE:** Shake to remove as much debris as possible. Grain bags should be kept as clean as possible, with extra care taken to remove as much organic material (spoilage, dirt, etc.) before or during rolling. Excessively dirty or loose/unrolled bags will be rejected. Rejected bags will be subjected to a landfill tipping fee.
2. **ROLL:** Roll Grain bags and tie securely with twine.
3. **DELIVER:** Deliver the rolled grain bags to the City of Yorkton Landfill during regular hours. Please contact the Landfill at 306-786-7499 prior to delivering your rolled grain bags.

Gopher Control Program

Is a new program offered through the Sustainable Agricultural Partnership. The program will provide financial assistance for the control of Northern Pocket Gophers, as well as Richardson, Franklin's and thirteen-lined ground squirrels. Program funding is cost-shared(up to 50%) for registered pest control products and up to \$125.00 for raptor platforms and nest boxes. All claims will flow through the RM Office.

Yellowhead Nature Society - Yellowhead Flyway Birding Trail Association(YFBTA)

To promote preserving the habitat, and to invite people to use and enjoy the public land the Yellowhead Flyway Birding Trail Association (YFBTA) is launching a Road Allowance Project (AKA "Skip the Ditches"). You may have noticed Yellow and Black signs placed on certain roads/road allowances throughout the RM, that state "Yellowhead Nature Society - Preserving Road Allowance Wildlife Habitat For All to Enjoy". The sign is installed on road allowances with the permission of the Rural Municipality in order to bring attention to the valuable habitat that lies within the road allowance boundary. The program is funded through its own membership and donations.

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 locations 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. All Civic signs will 45cm x 25cm (18” x 10”), the numbers will be white with a blue background.

A rural address system will be based off the range road and township road network. Address numbers increase going North for Township Roads and West for Range Roads.

Address Examples :

22243 Rge Rd 2035

222

The Township
Road number to the
South of the Property

43

The Property
Access lot Number
based on its location
along the road

2035

The number of the
Range Road that property resides.

201374 Twp Rd 243

2013

The Range
Road number to the
East of the Property

74

The Property
Access lot Number
based on its location
along the road

243

The number of the
Township Road that property resides.

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

The RM of Saltcoats Public Works Staff will be installing Civic Addressing Signs at each yard site sometime late this summer or fall.

Civic Address signs will 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. Civic number shall be on both sides of the sign and perpendicular to the roadway; The bottom of the numerals should be posted a minimum of 1.2 meters above grade.