

R.M. of Silverwood No. 123



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Council Meetings

Council meetings are held the second Thursday of each month. If you would like the opportunity to speak to council please make an appointment by contacting the office

Public Works:

Shop Phone: (306)735-2768
Foreman - Wesley Nelson

Operators:

Pat Paquin, Jesse Mullie ,
Carmel Jorgensen & DJ Palmer
Casual - Murray MacPherson

Langbank Nuisance Grounds &
Waterworks - Gayleen Gurr



Gopher Control Grant

2023 Newsletter
July 2023

As a part of the Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership a new gopher control program has started. The program will rebate producers up to a maximum of 50% of registered gopher control product expenses. \$200,000 has been allocated to the program so rebate percentages will depend on the number of applications received. More information and the claim forms can be found on the home page of the R.M.'s website at www.rmofsilverwood.com.

Claim forms and supporting invoices must be submitted to the R.M. office by Wednesday July 26th (DO NOT SEND FORMS DIRECTLY TO SARM). The R.M. will send in all forms together and then your rebate payment will come directly from the R.M. once the claims are approved and paid.



2023 Scholarship Recipient

In 2013 the R.M. of Silverwood started a Scholarship for High School graduates of ratepayers in the R.M. The \$1,000 scholarship is for students entering post secondary education. Priority is given to students who are entering the field of Agriculture or an Agriculture related technical course.

For 2023 the R.M. has awarded it's scholarship to Peter Toth (son of Chris & Marla Toth) from Kipling School. Congratulations to Peter and Council wishes him the best of luck with his future endeavors.

TAX PAYMENT REMINDERS

If you are paying your taxes before December 31st remember to take the correct discount; discounted amounts to pay are listed below the total owing for the year.

The R.M. now has multiple payment methods available including E-transfer, online banking, cheque or cash, debit and MC or VISA (in person or by phone).

SEND AN EMAIL TO rm123@sasktel.net TO BE ADDED TO THE R.M.'S EMAIL LIST

OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

The R.M. office will be closed the following days for Admin holidays:
July 4th to 6th, July 17th to 20th, July 31st and August 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th.
The office is also normally closed Fridays.

Council Elections

Regular elections for Division's two, four and six took place last fall. All three divisions seen incumbent council members re-elected by acclamation. Re-elected to new four year terms were Joey Hanson for Division two, Robert Dodd for Division four and Aaron Jorgensen for Division six.

Additionally, division three Councilor, Barry Clark, submitted his resignation in December which resulted in a by-election for this division. Mark Cowan was elected by acclamation and will serve a partial term until the regular scheduled election in the fall of 2024. Mark previously served as division three Councilor from 2014 to 2018 and Council was happy to welcome him back to the Council table.

The R.M. would like to thank Barry for his past years of service and dedication to the R.M. He served as Division four councilor from 2001 until 2018 and then Division three councilor from 2019 to 2022. Barry will be missed around the council table!

2023 Budget & Municipal Taxes

You will notice a small increase in your municipal taxes for the 2023 year. This is the first significant increase since 2015 and was necessary as the R.M. has not been immune to the significant rising costs that have been occurring the last two years. The mill rate has been increased from 9.75 to 10.25 and the Ag mill rate factor has been increased to .30 (up from .28). There were no changes to the residential or commercial mill rate factors as those tax classes have historically seen more tax increases. Below you will find information on how taxes are calculated and the 2023 mill rates and mill rate factors:

Important Reminders

Organic Farmland - If your land is certified Organic please contact the R.M. office with a copy of your certification certificate. This land is now marked with a different color on the R.M. map.

Nuisance Grounds - The landfill outside of Langbank is for the use of all ratepayers and is open Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There are also recycling bins located in Langbank that may be used by all ratepayers. More information on items accepted can be found on the website.

Weeds of Concern - Please notify the R.M. immediately of any weeds of concern within the R.M. boundaries.

Controlled Burns - Controlled burns MUST be reported to 1-866-404-4911. This will prevent the fire department from being dispatched unnecessarily if 911 is called by someone passing by.

Scholarship - Each year the R.M. awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a grade 12 student pursuing post secondary education. Applications are due April 30th and are open to students from Whitewood, Kipling, Moosomin and Wawota high schools. Application forms are available from the school or the R.M. office.

HOW ARE MY TAXES CALCULATED?

Taxes = ((Assessment x POV)/1000) x Effective Mill Rate (MR x MRF)

Example - Assessment of a cultivated Quarter Section is \$200,000
Education mill rate is 1.42. RM mill rate is 10.25 and MRF is .30

Municipal Taxes = ((200,000 x 55%)/1000) x 10.25 x .30 = \$338.80
Education Taxes = ((200,000 x 55%)/1000) x 1.42 = \$156.20
Total Taxes owing = \$495.00

(The R.M. collects the entire amount and sends the Education portion to the Government)

WHAT ARE THE PERCENTAGES OF VALUE (POV)?

POV's are the percentage of assessment that is taxable and they vary by property class. These values are set by the Provincial Government and are as follows:

Non-arable Ag Land - 45% Cultivated Ag Land - 55%
Residential - 80%
Commercial & Industrial - 85%

HOW ARE MILL RATES (MR) DETERMINED?

Mill rates are set by each level of Government based on how much revenue needs to be generated from the tax base to cover expenses. The Provincial Government sets the Mill Rates for education taxes and they vary by property class. The Municipality sets one mill rate for the entire R.M. and then applies Mill Rate Factors (MRF) to different property classes. The MR multiplied by the MRF determines your effective mill rate.

WHAT ARE THE VARIOUS MILL RATES?

For 2023 the Municipal mill rate is 10.25.

The Agriculture mill rate factor is .30 and the residential mill rate factor is .7

The Education mill rates for 2023 are as follows:

Agriculture - 1.42
Residential - 4.54
Commercial & Industrial - 6.86
Resource (Oil/Gas/Pipeline) - 9.88

THIS NOTICE IS A REQUIREMENT OF THE HEALTH REGION

Please be advised that the water from the community well located at NE 32-14-02-W2, that is available to the public, is not potable (unsafe for human consumption). The water from this well is not treated or tested. DO NOT USE this water for drinking, cooking, food preparation or oral hygiene purposes as it is considered to be unsafe for these purposes.