

R.M. of Silverwood No. 123



Future Truck Scale

July 2025 Newsletter

This fall the R.M. will be installing a 90 foot truck scale north of the RM shop. The idea for this came last year as it is getting harder to be able to weigh feed at nearby elevators.

Council talked to ratepayers over the last few months, to get their thoughts on this potential project, and heard nothing but positives about the idea and so the decision was made to go ahead with it. Once the scale is installed it will be free to use for any ratepayer.



Revaluation Year for Assessments

The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) manages the province's property assessment system. They conduct revaluations based on a four-year cycle. 2025 was a revaluation year with assessed values updated to reflect a new base date of January 1st, 2023.

Overall trends for the R.M. in assessment changes were similar to the province for 2025. In the RM of Silverwood Ag land increased an average by 41% where the province average increase was 40%. For residential properties the RM of Silverwood average was a 2% decrease and the Province was a 2% increase. Commercial properties in the RM did increase in value more than average compared to the province (38% for Silverwood and only 14% for Saskatchewan).

Property assessment DOES NOT equal property tax, it is just one part of the formula. The second part is the property class percentages of value (POV) which are set by the Provincial government. This tells you what percentage of your assessed value is taxable.

The current POV are as follows:

Non-Arable Ag - 45% Arable Ag - 55% Residential - 80% Commercial/Resource - 85%

(SAMA)		(Province)		(Municipalities and Government)		(Taxpayer)
ASSESSED VALUE	X	PERCENTAGE OF VALUE & EXEMPTIONS	X	MILL RATES*	=	PROPERTY TAXES

The final piece of the formula are the mill rates. School mill rates are set by the provincial government and Municipal mill rates are set by each RM or Town. These are set based on the total tax levy needed to balance the budget when considering all expenses and revenues for the municipality for the current year. The R.M. of Silverwood adjusted mill rates to keep taxes similar to 2024 as much as possible. On average Ag land will see a small increase of 2-3% and residential will see a small decrease around 4%. Pipeline had a larger change this year with close to a 10% increase with other commercial around a 2.5% increase.

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).

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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:

Foreman - Wesley Nelson
Operators:
Jesse Mullie,
Carmel Jorgensen &
Dewald Steyn
Casual - Pat Paquin & Murray MacPherson

Langbank Transfer Station &
Waterworks - Gayleen Gurr



OFFICE SUMMER/FALL HOURS

The R.M. office will be closed the following days for admin holidays:

July 24th and July 26th to 29th

The office is also normally closed Fridays, Stat holidays and will be closed some afternoons during harvest.

2025 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 2025 the R.M. received two eligible applications and selected Jace Beierbach (son of Ryan & Tania Beierbach) from Whitewood School as this year's recipient. Congratulations to Jace - Council wishes him the best of luck with his future endeavors.

Well Decommissioning Grant Top Up

There has been a grant for decommissioning old wells for many years but the R.M. wants to remind ratepayers about the funding that is available. Under the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program 90% of eligible costs are covered to a maximum of \$10,000 per project and pre-approval is not required.

A reminder that effective May 2024 the R.M. will top up the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Well Decommissioning grant to cover the remaining 10% of the costs, to a maximum of \$1,000 per ratepayer, for any decommissioned wells located within the R.M. of Silverwood.

In order to receive the 10% rebate from the R.M., please submit documentation showing the total eligible costs of your project and the amount of funding you were approved for from the Farm and Ranch Water Infrastructure Program. If you are an acreage owner, that does not meet the minimum farm standards, the R.M. can apply on your behalf - contact the RM office for more information.

Upcoming Road Construction

The R.M. will be rebuilding approximately four miles of road this summer in three different locations. The scheduled construction will be starting mid July and will take place on Twp Rd 132 south of Vaderstad, Range Rd 2023 east of 9-15-02 and Range Rd 2024 east of 5 & 8-15-01. Please be patient during the construction, watch for workers and follow the detour signs.

Used Oil Filters

The R.M. will once again accept used oil filters at the shop yard. Filters are to be put in the drums on the east side of the main shop - DO NOT leave filters in bags outside of the drums. ONLY METAL filters are accepted and they must be dropped off during regular working hours when the shop gates are open.

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.

Transfer Station - The transfer station, located just 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.

Employee Service Awards

This past December two employees were presented with service awards. Pat Paquin was congratulated on his retirement after 45 years of dedicated service with the R.M. and Gayleen Gurr was presented with an award for 20 years of employment. Congratulations to Gayleen and best wishes to Pat in his retirement. You may still see Pat around the R.M. as he has returned for part time work this summer.



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.