

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, Gerry Zorn, Jesse Mullie & Carmel Jorgensen
Seasonal - Murray MacPherson

Langbank Nuisance Grounds & Waterworks - Gayleen Gurr



Foreman Retirement

2021-02 Newsletter
July 2021

Murray MacPherson retired as Foreman with his last day being April 30th. Murray began his employment with the R.M. in 1978 and became foreman in 1997...that's 43 years and almost 25 as Foreman. What a remarkable career!!

Murray has been a part of our R.M. family for a very long time and we are happy that he decided to come back to work part time to help out with bigger projects. His knowledge and expertise are hard to replace for sure! Murray and his wife, Roxanne, are looking forward to doing more travelling as everything begins to return to normal!

Murray is pictured with Wes Nelson who is the R.M.'s new Foreman. We are confident he will continue to do great work for the R.M.



703 Bridge Replacement

The bridge at SW 6-15-03-W2 on the 703 grid was replaced in June with construction being completed in early July. The condition of this bridge had been deteriorating in recent years and the R.M. was approved for a joint Federal and Provincial Grant to replace it. Both the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and Federal Gas Tax Fund contributed to funding for this project. The total cost will be close to \$600,000 with the R.M. covering fifty percent of those costs. This road is a main traffic route between the R.M. of Silverwood and R.M. of Kingsley so it was great to be able to have it replaced before it needed weight restrictions.



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

R.M. Scholarship Winner

Since 2013 the R.M. has offered a \$1,000.00 scholarship to a grade 12 student who's parents are ratepayers of the municipality and is pursuing post secondary education. For 2021 the winning recipient was Kathryn Bartlam. Kathryn is the daughter of Brian & Carla Bartlam and will be attending the University of Calgary this fall for Education .

Proper Fire Guards

With the dry weather persisting its important to remember to always have proper fire guards when doing any burning. R.M. roads and right-of-way are NOT to be used as fire guards. If fires are intentionally started and burning in the R.M.'s right-of way (due to improper fire guards) the fire department will be called and the person responsible for starting the fire will be charged the costs.

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.

How are my Taxes Calculated?

$Taxes = ((Assessment \times POV)/1000) \times Effective \text{ Mill Rate } (MR \times MRF)$

Example - Assessment of a cultivated Quarter Section is \$100,000
Education mill rate is 1.43. RM mill rate is 9.5 and MRF is .33

Municipal Taxes = $((100,000 \times 55\%)/1000) \times (9.5 \times .33) = \172.70

Education Taxes = $((100,000 \times 55\%)/1000) \times 1.43 = \78.65

Total Taxes owing = \$251.35

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

What are the Percentages of Value (POV)?

POVs are the percentage of assessment that is taxable and they vary by property class. These values have been set by the Provincial Government as follows:

Non-Arable Ag Land - 45%

Cultivated Ag Land - 55%

Residential - 80%

Commercial & Industrial - 85% (Lowered in 2021 from 100%)

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.

CHECK OUT THE R.M.'S NEW WEBSITE
www.rmofsilverwood.com

How are Mill Rates 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 2021?

For 2021 the Municipal mill rate is 9.75.

The Agriculture mill rate factor is .28 and the residential mill rate factor is .7

The Education mill rates for 2021 are as follows:

Agriculture - 1.36

Residential - 4.46

Commercial & Industrial - 6.75

Resource (Oil/Gas/Pipeline) - 9.79

How can I pay my Property Taxes?

Cheque

Cheques can be mailed or dropped off at the R.M. office - if the office is closed there is a mailbox next to the door that cheques can be left in

MC/Visa/Debit

MasterCard and VISA payments are accepted at the office as well as over the phone. Debit cards are accepted at the office.

Email Transfer

E-transfers can be sent to rm123@sasktel.net. The R.M. is set up for automatic deposit.

Online Banking

If you bank with TD, BMO, Conexus, Affinity or Scotiabank you can make payments with online banking. Click [here](#) for your account number

*Your account number for online banking must be a total of 4 digits. Start with your customer number on your tax notice which can be found in the top right hand corner. This should be a one to three digit number. In order to make it four digits add zeros in the front. If you cannot find your customer number just use 9999 as your account number.