RESORT VILLAGE OF

NEWSLETTER

Assessment Issue April 2024

2024 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

The assessment process takes place each year in early spring. Assessment ensures the municipality is aware of your land, your structures, and their value, so that appropriate taxes are calculated. Construction, renovation, and demolition changes the value of your property, which in turn effects taxation. The Resort Village supplies the information on the tax roll to you and relies on you to confirm the information is correct.

The Resort Village obtains the services of an independent third party, Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA), to provide property valuations to the municipality. Every effort is made to ensure the assessments are accurate and fair. Please review your assessment, and if you feel an error has been made in your assessment or classification, you may appeal.

ASSESSMENT APPEAL PROCESS

If you do not agree with the information that appears on your assessment notice, you may appeal. Appeals can be filed anytime before May 23, 2024. The information required to make the appeal is on the appeal notice.

HOW TO INITIATE AN APPEAL

1. Contact the Office and/or SAMA

You may obtain further information on your assessment and how the valuation was determined by contacting the Resort Village office at 306-332-0050, or call SAMA directly at 1-800-498-0576, or visit <u>www.sama.sk.ca</u>.

Most assessment-related concerns can be resolved through a discussion and if required, an agreement to adjust the assessment with the Administrator and the assessor before appeal fees are required. If the assessment issue cannot be resolved, you may file an appeal to be heard before the Board of Revision.

Please keep in mind:

- Only the property assessment can be appealed, not tax levies or mill rates
- Appeals cannot be based on an opinion that taxes are too high
- The grounds for appeal must be detailed
- Property taxes will be levied and are due by December 31, 2024 regardless if an assessment appeal has been filed. If the appeal is successful, an adjustment will be made to the tax roll and the appeal fee will be refunded

During the time that the assessment roll is open, any person may come to the office to examine the roll and assessment information on any property in the Resort Village, without cost.



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Box 1759 Fort Qu'Appelle SK SOG 1S0 160 Broadway St W 9:00 - 4:00 Mon - Fri. 306-332-0050 office@rvpl.ca

2.Complete the Notice of Appeal

The Notice of Appeal can be found on the lower part and back page of the assessment notice.

On the notice of appeal, please ensure you:

- List the specific grounds for appeal, supplying as much detail as possible
- Choose a simplified hearing with one member of the Board or Revision, or regular hearing with three members of the Board of Revision
- Provide additional information to support the claim
- Include the date of the discussion with the Resort Village office or SAMA on the appeal form
- Sign and date the appeal form
- Remit the assessment appeal fee of \$200 to the Resort Village office. The appeal fee will be refunded if the Board of Revision renders a decision that reduces any portion of the assessment

3. Submit your appeal by the deadline

Your completed notice of appeal must be received by the Secretary to the Board of Revision on or before May 23, 2024. The notice of appeal form may be sent to:

> Secretary to the Board of Revision Box 149 MEOTA SK SoM 1X0 secretary@westernmunicipal.ca

4. Participate in the hearing

The appeal will be considered by the Board of Revision and you are required to participate in the appeal in person or electronically. The hearing may take up to 6 months to be scheduled from the original mailing date.

5. Second level of appeal

If you are not satisfied with the decision of the Board of Revision, the appeal can be taken to the Assessment Appeal Committee of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board. The Secretary of the Board of Revision will provide appeal information for this appeal.

Please make cheques payable to the "Resort Village of Pasqua Lake".

The 2024 Assessment Roll is open for public inspection from April 23 to May 23.

For more information on assessment appeals, please refer to the Government of Saskatchewan website: <u>http://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/taxes-and-investments/property-taxes/appeal-your-property-assessment</u>

For more information on assessments, please refer to the SAMA website at:

https://www.sama.sk.ca/property-ownerservices/understanding-assessment

Keep your eye on the website and your inbox for news and notices. We will include you in our email group if you provide your email with us.

North Valley Waste Management Authority Landfill

Winter Hours - until April 30

- Monday to Friday: 9:00 am 4:00 pm
- Saturday: 11:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m.

Summer Hours - starting May 1

- Monday to Saturday: 8:00 am 4:30 pm
- Closed Sundays and statutory holidays

A general municipal election in 2024 will not be held in the Resort Village. The Minister's Order that incorporated the Resort Village determined the next general election will be October 2028.

Tax Enforcement

The Resort Village has engaged the services of a tax recovery company to collect outstanding taxes. Taxervice will carry out any proceedings on properties with tax arrears that started under the rural municipality. Taxervice will assist the Resort Village in recovering 2023 outstanding property taxes, which will begin with publication in the newspaper.

RV Public Meeting

The Resort Village of Pasqua Lake will hold a public meeting to report on the budget and transition from the RM of North Qu'Appelle. A report from the Organized Hamlet of Pasqua Lake will be presented.

Saturday, June 8, 2024, 10 am at Lutherland All are welcome!