



2025 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 2025

Mill Rates:

Municipal Mill Rate - 4.6 mills

Mill Rate Factors:

Agricultural Mill Rate Factor - 1.00 (4.6 mills)

Residential Mill Rate Factor 2.00 (9.2 mills)

Commercial/Industrial Mill Rate Factor 2.40 (11.04 mills)

Discounts on Municipal Taxes for 2025 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 2025:

The Province of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Government Relations sets the Education Property Tax Mill Rate. The Rates for Each Property Call are as Follows:

School Division Mill Rates - Agriculture Property - 1.07 mills

- Residential Property - 4.27 mills

- Commercial Property - 6.37 mills

Revenue Loss for 2025 - Municipal Potash Tax Sharing

With the closure and decommissioning of the Mosaic Potash Esterhazy-K1 and K2 potash mine shafts, the RM of Saltcoats experienced significant decreases in potash tax sharing distribution.

Potash Tax Sharing for 2024 was \$179,195.64 and for 2025 Potash Tax Sharing will be \$85,365.45. The net change is -\$93,830.19 or -52.36%.

To cover the Potash Tax Sharing shortfall for 2025, council made a provision in the 2025 Municipal Budget by increasing the Municipal Property Taxes.

Planning for a New Regional Hospital in Yorkton

Planning is underway for a new regional hospital to serve Yorkton and surrounding communities. This facility is envisioned to meeting the evolving healthcare needs of the region, offering advanced medical services closer to home and ensuring that residents have timely access to quality care. It is estimated that a new regional hospital will cost around \$300 million dollars.

In Saskatchewan, the municipal portion of funding for new hospitals typically involves contributions towards construction costs, furnishings, and sometimes equipment. The specific amount and how it's raised varies by community and project. Typically, communities within the district may be obligated to provide 20 per cent of the construction.

The RM of Saltcoats may be asked to contribute \$600.00 per capita. This would probably be done by increasing property taxes or special tax levies.

Construction Code Act - Building Permits

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/decks 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 August 30th, 2025 to sign up.

Fire Protection

Fire protection is provided in the corporate limits of the RM of Saltcoats by the Saltcoats and Bredenbury Volunteer Fire Departments. Property owners are responsible for paying the cost of fighting fires on their property. The basic call out charge is \$2,000.00. Please check with your insurance provider to ensure that your fire insurance policy has an endorsement for fire calls(response of the fire department).

Controlled Burns - When doing a controlled burn please notify the Provincial Control Burn Center. Call 1-866-404-4911 and tell them you are doing a controlled burn. They will need your legal description, phone number, name and which fire department covers your area. Notifying the call center will prevent false alarms and conserve precious resources for your volunteer fire departments.

In the event a ratepayer has a controlled burn in the Municipality and the controlled burn is not registered with the Provincial Controlled Burn Center and someone reports the fire by dialing 911 and the Fire Department is dispatched and there is no actual firefighting services a fee in the amount of \$500.00 may be charged.

Rural Civic Addressing

The installation of all Rural Civic Addressing Signs were installed during 2023 and completed spring of 2024. If for some reason your yard was missed please contact this office and a sign will be installed.

As per the RM of Saltcoats Civic Addressing Policy the owners of the property shall maintain the civic numbers for the property in good order.

If a sign or posts needs to be replaced it will be at cost of the individual ratepayer and the installation will be at the cost of the RM of Saltcoats No. 213.

Road Allowance Policy

Bylaw No. 1 – 94 – A Bylaw Respecting the Breaking, Ploughing, Cutting, Filling, Injuring, Encumbering and Obstructing of Road

As a reminder council wishes to advise that Section 2 & 3 of this bylaw states that no person shall plough, break, cut, fill or otherwise injure any vegetation on a municipal road or municipal road allowance in the RM of Saltcoats.

That includes vegetation destroyed by both aerial spraying and ground spraying.

Any person who contravenes the provisions of this bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to the penalties imposed in the General Penalty Bylaw of the RM of Saltcoats.

Speed Limits

The speed limit on gravel/municipal roads is 80 km/hour.

Section 203(1)(c) of the *Traffic Safety Act* states: “No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway greater than 60 kilometres per hour when passing any highway equipment that has warning lights in operation, whether in motion or not. This means gravel roads and municipal equipment with flashing lights. Please slow down to 60km/hr when passing and meeting the RM Graders, tractor and workers.