



2024 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 2024

Mill Rates:

Municipal Mill Rate – 5.9 mills

Mill Rate Factors:

Agricultural Mill Rate Factor – 1.00 (5.9 mills)

Residential Mill Rate Factor – 1.44 (8.49 mills)

Commercial/Industrial Mill Rate Factor 2.06 (12.15 mills)

Discounts on Municipal Taxes for 2024 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 – 2024:

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 - 1.42 mills

- Residential Property - 4.54 mills

- Commercial Property – 6.86 mills

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 October 31. 2024 to sign up.

Grain Bag Disposal/Recycling

Disposal of grain bags on any road or road allowance is strictly prohibited. Bylaw No. 12-86, states that any person depositing any dirt, stones, filth, rubbish or any other encumbrance on any road or road allowance within in the RM, shall remove the same within 24 hours after being ordered to do so by council.

There is a free Grain Bag Recycling Program at the City of Yorkton Sanitary Landfill. You can take your clean, rolled grain bags free of charge to the City of Yorkton Sanitary Landfill.

Please follow the following steps to ensure they bags will be accepted and recycled:

1. **SHAKE:** Shake to remove as much debris as possible. Grain bags should be kept as clean as possible, with extra care taken to remove as much organic material (spoilage, dirt, etc.) before or during rolling. Excessively dirty or loose/unrolled bags will be rejected. Rejected bags will be subjected to a landfill tipping fee.
2. **ROLL:** Roll Grain bags and tie securely with twine.
3. **DELIVER:** Deliver the rolled grain bags to the City of Yorkton Landfill during regular hours. Please contact the Landfill at 306-786-7499 prior to delivering your rolled grain bags.

Recycling Tips

The Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council(SWRC) is dedicated to helping people of Saskatchewan reduce waste. To aid in the proper disposal of recycle materials a Waste Reduction Hub has been established. The email address to the hub is as follows:

<https://www.saskwastereduction.ca/recycle/>

Yellowhead Nature Society - Yellowhead Flyway Birding Trail Association(YFBTA)

To promote preserving the habitat, and to invite people to use and enjoy the public land the Yellowhead Nature Society has launched a Road Allowance Project . You may have noticed Yellow and Black signs placed on certain roads/road allowances throughout the RM, that state "Yellowhead Nature Society - Preserving Road Allowance Wildlife Habitat For All to Enjoy". The sign is installed on road allowances with the permission of the Rural Municipality in order to bring attention to the valuable habitat that lies within the road allowance boundary. The program is funded through its own membership and donations.

Rural Civic Addressing

The installation of all Rural Civic Addressing Signs were installed during 2023 and completed this spring. 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.

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.

If a seasonal road or class 7 road(land access) needs to be widened to allow the movement of equipment please contact your RM Councillor and it will be done at the discretion of council. Do not widen a road allowance yourself as this is a contravention of the above-mentioned bylaw.

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.