

RM of Lakeview No. 337

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Taxes in 2022

Municipal taxes in 2022 seen a slight increase over those in 2021. The Uniform Mill Rate for all properties within the RM is set at 10.0 mills, up from 9.25 last year.

The Municipal Mill Rate Factors for specific classes of properties remain unchanged and are as follows:

- **Agricultural Property at .79**
- **Residential Property at 1.16**
- **Commercial at 1.63**

Minimum taxes also increased, the first increase to the hamlet minimums since 2013. Details on these rates can be found by reviewing Bylaw 03/22 - The Minimum Tax Bylaw at the RM Office.

Education Property Tax Mill Rates are set by the Province of Saskatchewan. The Education Mill Rates for specific classes of property are as follows:

- **Agricultural Property at 1.42**
- **Residential Property at 4.54**
- **Commercial at 6.86**

Please remember that the greatest **municipal** tax discount of **6% ends on August 31st, 2022**. Payments must be received in hand at our office on or before that date. The office is not responsible for mailing

Discount Schedule

- August 31st, 2022 - 6%
- September 30th, 2022 - 5%
- October 31st, 2022 - 4%
- November 30th, 2022 - 2%

Please pay attention to the total and date when you are making your payment to ensure the amount is correct!

Add it to the agenda!

The RM Council adopted a new Council Procedures Bylaw at the end of 2021. This Bylaw acts as the 'what, how and why' of how council meetings are not only to be conducted, but also how the items are to be added and addressed. As always, if you would like an item brought forth to council's attention as an agenda item, you can make this request at the RM office; just be sure to do so in advance of the meeting. Items to be added to the agenda must be received no later than the Monday at noon before the meeting.

Regular Council Meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month.

Election Year

Did you know that 2022 is an RM election year? This year there are three divisions up for election: 2, 4 & 6.

A person may qualify to run as a municipal councillor if they:

- *are at least 18 years old on the day of the election.*
- *are not disqualified pursuant to any Act.*
- *are a Canadian citizen at the time that he/she submits the nomination paper.*
- *have lived in Saskatchewan for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which he/she submitted the nomination paper, AND:*
- *live in Saskatchewan, AND*
- *are eligible to vote in the rural municipality.*

Nomination Day is October 5, 2022!

ADMINISTRATION

Administrator

Carrie Turnbull

OFFICE STAFF

Assistant Administrator

Halley Anderson

Casual Office Assistant

Tenie Longmuir

PUBLIC WORKS

PW Foreman

Gerald Hart

Grader Operator

Sheldon Mychan

Seasonal Staff

Brian Turner

For Grader Services, please call the RM Shop at (306)338-3385

E-Notices for Tax & Assessment Correspondence

Contact the RM office to sign up for 2023 if you haven't already!

Council Members

Reeve

Dwight Odelein
(306)383-7006

Division 1

Donald Linde
(306)338-2059

Division 2

Malcolm Evans
(306)338-2099

Division 3

Wanda Jones
(306)338-2381

Division 4

Morris Kiland
(306)338-2834

Division 5

Wayne Anderson
(306)338-3548

Division 6

Randy Woolrich
(306)383-7213

Happy Retirement Harley!

Our long time Public Works Foreman, Harley Christianson, hung up his work boots on June 30th, 2022. Harley worked at the RM for over 30 years, beginning his employment in May of 1991. His dedication and service to the RM for over three decades is much appreciated and a testament to his loyalty!

The fish at Fishing Lake better watch out for his hook as we imagine much of his free time will be spent out on the water. The RM staff, council and ratepayers all wish Harley well in his retirement and hope he enjoys all of his extra free time!



Left: Harley with his wife Kathy at the RM BBQ. Below: Harley and the RM Council (Missing Councillor Linde).



Smoke & CO Detectors

Saskatchewan's Building Code Regulations require every building with a residential occupancy to have carbon monoxide (CO) and smoke alarms installed by July 1, 2022, regardless of when the building was constructed.

Residential occupancies are rented or owned buildings with sleeping quarters such as:

- houses (both urban and rural)
- apartments
- motels and hotels

Building owners are required to install independent smoke and CO alarms or combination devices that detect both smoke and CO. The number and location of devices must conform to requirements of the National Building Code of Canada (NBC).

Devices with a 10-year tamper resistant battery are permitted to meet this requirement provided the building is not already required by the NBC or a municipal bylaw to have a hardwired CO and smoke alarms.

You can download and read building advisories to learn where CO and smoke alarms should be installed in residential buildings by visiting Publications Saskatchewan.

Enforcement:

Local authorities and their building officials are encouraged to take a passive approach to enforcement. After July 1, 2022, if building officials are present for another reason (e.g. a permit inspection) and notice the building is not in compliance with the new requirement, they could write an order to have the owner to install the missing alarms.

For more information

If you have questions about the new CO and smoke alarm requirements, please contact the Building and Technical Standards branch at 306-787-4113 or btstandards@gov.sk.ca.

Farm Buildings and Building Permit Requirements

The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act (the UBAS Act) was replaced by *The Construction Codes Act* (the CC Act) on January 1, 2022. There are many changes with the updated legislation, but one in particular to note is the change in requirements for farm buildings.

Farm buildings which have a residential occupancy (i.e., sleeping quarters) are subject to the construction standards found in the CC Act. To clarify, there is no exemption from construction standards for buildings on agricultural land if the building has sleeping quarters. Local authorities cannot use their building bylaw to exempt these buildings from construction standards, regardless of whether that bylaw was adopted under the UBAS Act or the CC Act. However, construction standards only apply to new construction for farm residences or buildings with a residential occupancy. After January 1, 2022, only newly constructed buildings with sleeping accommodation or buildings with sleeping accommodation that are being renovated, altered or added to are subject to construction standards. If work began, but was not completed prior to January 1, 2022, the building owners are responsible for demonstrating that construction began prior to January 1, 2022, to continue the farm building exemption previously found in the UBAS Act.

In short, what this means is that all new residential construction, alterations or moves are subject to requiring a building permit. Farm buildings that contain any type of sleeping quarters (i.e. shops, garages, etc.) are also subject to requiring a building permit as well under the new *Construction Codes Act*.

The RM currently has in place Bylaw 04/07 - The Building Bylaw, of which outlines building requirements for the municipality that ties into the *CCA* (previously *UBAS*). Application forms for building permits and move permits related to this bylaw are available at the office.

Contraventions to this bylaw and the subsequent Act could result in inspections from the building inspector, potential issuance of orders to remedy, stop work orders, etc., as well as financial penalties in accordance to those outlined for contraventions in the *CCA*.