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The excerpts of the 2016 Audited Financial Statement are enclosed.

2017 Mill Rate and Minimum Tax

Council sets the direction of the municipality by prioritizing its capital projects, its infrastructure maintenance program, and its commitment to the health, safety, and welfare of its residents.

Many changes have taken place this year that have impacted the municipal budget and municipal taxation. Some of these changes include:

1. Increased assessments

Agricultural land values increased to reflect the change in agricultural land selling prices between January 1, 2011, and January 1, 2015.

Residential and commercial properties, on a provincial average, increased between 15% and 30%.

2. Changes in Percentages of Value

Percentages of Value (POV) impact the tax level among property classes. The province undertakes a review of POV and property classes every four years in conjunction with revaluation to determine whether adjustments are required. Minister Harpauer indicated that, "we want to make sure property owners are treated fairly while promoting economic growth..."

3. Provincial budget

Many aspects of the provincial budget will impact rural residents, such as the elimination of the STC, elimination of the fuel tax exemption and changes to the education property tax.

Municipal Revenue Sharing funding will decrease by approximately \$50,000 in 2017-2018 but has seen a 103% increase since 2007-2008.

The Municipal Roads for the Economy Program, which assists with the costs of maintaining roads and infrastructure impacted by heavy traffic use, will see a \$2 million dollar reduction which may result in cuts to the Clearing the Path Maintenance Grant and RM construction projects.

Discontinuation of the SaskPower and SaskEnergy grants-in-lieu of taxes to municipalities will decrease tax revenue.

Programs such as the Provincial Rat Eradication Program and the Beaver Control Program remain consistent.

Once the budget has been completed, Council must decide on a uniform mill rate sufficient to raise the amount of taxes required to meet the estimated expenditures with regard to the estimated revenues from other sources.

The uniform mill rate for **2017 is 8.0 mills** as well as a mill rate factor of **0.875** on **agricultural property** and a mill rate factor of 1.97 on **commercial property**.

Council has approved the following minimum taxes:

Agricultural Land - \$200.00

Residential Land - \$450.00

Commercial/Industrial Land - \$1,350.00

DISCOUNTS

The municipality offers the following discounts for early payment of **municipal** taxes:

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|-----------|-------------|
| July | 6% |
| August | 6% |
| September | 5% |
| October | 4% |
| November | 2% |
| December | No discount |

Frequently Asked Question

What do I get for my municipal taxes?

Answer - Your municipal taxes pay for the following (among other things):

- \$ Roads and Bridges
- \$ Maintenance Grading, Graveling, Snowplowing, Mowing
- \$ Dust Control
- \$ 9-1-1 Emergency
- \$ RCMP Policing
- \$ Fire Services
- \$ Doctor Incentive and Recruitment
- \$ Street Lighting
- \$ Waste Disposal and Recycling
- \$ Rat Control
- \$ Pest Control
- \$ Weed Inspector
- \$ Poundkeeper
- \$ Libraries
- \$ Regional Parks
- \$ Signs
- \$ Municipal Cemetery Record Retention
- \$ Recreational Facilities
- \$ Regional Waste Management Facility
- \$ Community liason with regional partners and First Nations
- \$ Local voice in regional matters

** Please keep in mind that services vary by District

Upcoming Regular Council Meetings

August 15 8 a.m.
 September 19 8 a.m.
 October 17 9 a.m.
 November at the call of the Administrator
 December 19 9 a.m.

Municipal Elected Officials

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Reeve Lyndon Pease | (306) 468-2126 |
| Councillor Division 1 Ralph Korody | (306) 747-3611 |
| Councillor Division 2 Dennis Benke | (306) 427-4450 |
| Councillor Division 3 Dale Benson | (306) 468-2070 |
| Councillor Division 4 Gaetan Couture | (306) 724-4510 |
| Councillor Division 5 Richard De Bruijn | (306) 468-3151 |
| Councillor Division 6 Ivan Beaulac | (306) 469-4925 |

TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. ONLINE

Add 'CANWOOD NO. 494 (RM) TAXES' as a payee. Pay your tax bill using the owner number located in brackets beside your name at the top of the Tax Notice as the account reference.

2. PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

One-time or monthly payments can be made directly from your bank account. An Authorization Form is required for these payments. Please contact the office if you would like to take advantage of this option.

3. E-TRANSFER

These payments may be sent to rm494finance@sasktel.net. Contact the office prior to sending this type of payment as the correct security information will be required to ensure the proper tax account is credited.

3. CHEQUE

Cheques are the most acceptable form of making payment by mail. If you need to make installments, post-dated cheques to be kept on file are acceptable.

4. DEBIT or CASH

These types of payment can be made at our office. We **do not** accept Visa, MasterCard or other credit card payments.

Municipal Office Regular Hours

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS

306-468-2368

Annual Office Closures

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| New Year's Day | Family Day |
| Good Friday | Victoria Day |
| Canada Day | Saskatchewan Day |
| Labour Day | Thanksgiving Day |
| Remembrance Day | Christmas Eve |
| Christmas Day | Boxing Day |
| New Year's Eve – beginning at 2 p.m. | |

Contact Gerald Fillmore for your **PEST CONTROL** needs at 306-922-7907

The FIRE DEPARTMENT Needs YOU

We are in need of more firefighters in our rural municipality. Learn more about how you can help your community by becoming a volunteer firefighter. Contact the Fire Chiefs at:

Canwood Fire Chief Grant Person

(306) 468-2881 (306) 893-8085

Debden Fire Chief Norman Cyr

(306) 724-2130 (306) 724-2040

HISTORY BOOKS FOR SALE

The Village and R.M. of Canwood 100th Anniversary Committee continues to sell HISTORY BOOKS

\$60.00

Books can be picked up at the
R.M. Administration Office

Controlled Burning

Please be advised that it is **your** responsibility to let Saskatchewan Environment know if you are going to have a **controlled burn**. **To prevent unwanted firefighting charges, please call 1-866-404-4911 before burning to report a controlled fire.**

Agricultural WATER Management

The Water Security Agency has a new approach for responsible agricultural water management in Saskatchewan. This will help to develop sustainable drainage projects for long-term results. Many water problems can be avoided with carefully planned drainage. Failure to obtain drainage works approval can result in a formal complaint process where **fines and orders** are issued for failure to obtain proper approval.

Zoning Bylaw Amended Parking of Recreational Vehicles

Bylaw No. 2015-04 amends
Zoning Bylaw 2003-7 to add
Section 3.18 Parking of
Recreational Vehicles

The purpose of this amending bylaw is to regulate the parking and storage of Recreational Vehicles within the following districts:

Hamlet District
Lakeshore Development District
Residential District

Parking of RVs shall be considered an accessory use to a lawfully **existing dwelling unit**. **At no time shall an RV be stored on property or used as a temporary dwelling where there is not an existing dwelling unit.**

If the intended use of the RV is to provide for a temporary dwelling for guests of the **existing dwelling unit**, development permit approval is required.

To find out if this bylaw applies to you or to access the complete copy of the bylaw, please contact the Administration Office.

APPROACH CONSTRUCTION APPLICATIONS

In 2015 Council implemented a policy to provide a process for permitting, with conditions, the construction of approaches within municipal right-of-ways.

Applications can be obtained from the Municipal Office or by calling 306-468-2014.

Emergency Management Coordinator (EMO) **NEEDED**

Are **YOU** an individual interested in
Emergency Plan updating and
maintenance?

Contact the R.M. office for more info.

Development & Building Permits

Zoning Bylaw No. 2003-7 requires that “every person SHALL obtain a development permit BEFORE commencing any development within the municipality.”

“Development” is defined as “the carrying out of any building, engineering, mining or other operations, in, on, or over land, or the making of any material change in the use of any building or land.”

Certain exemptions apply. Contact the Administration Office for application forms and excerpts of the Zoning Bylaw which relate to your particular Zoning District. After your Development Permit Application has been approved, a **Building Permit Application is necessary BEFORE a building is placed on the property or an addition made to an existing building.** If you are moving and/or removing a building rather than constructing on site, or demolishing a building, a **Moving/Demolition Permit Application** is required as well. The process of permit approval can take a **minimum of 2 to 4 weeks.** Until you have a signed permit from the office, do not begin your project.



RECYCLING ORANGE BINS

The municipality continues to participate in the Multi-Material Stewardship Western (MMSW) Recycling Program and has designated **Highway 55 Waste Management Corporation** to collect, process and report recyclables collected from our rural municipality. The program funding is based on tonnage. Your support of the program will assist in diverting over 60% of household waste from our landfill site located on **SE 29-51-05 W3**. Recycle bins have been placed throughout the R.M. for ratepayers to utilize. Watch for the **ORANGE** bin(s) in your division or contact your councillor for locations.

Contact **Highway 55 Waste Management Corporation** at **306-468-3055** for information on recyclables and other waste collection and delivery services they can provide.

No Charge Recyclables:

Electronics

Batteries

Cardboard/Plastic

Compost

Oil

Garbage:

½ Ton Load \$10

Landfill Fees:

www.hwy55waste.ca

