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:

- 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, Gravelling, 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 liaison with regional partners and First Nations
- Local voice in regional matters

** Please keep in mind that services vary by District

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.

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

Municipal Office Regular Hours
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PUBLIC WORKS
306-468-2368

Annual Office Closures
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.”

“The 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.

No Charge Recyclables:
- Electronics
- Batteries
- Cardboard/Plastic
- Compost
- Oil

Garbage:
½ Ton Load $10

Landfill Fees:
www.hwy55waste.ca

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.