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The excerpts of the 2017 Audited Financial Statement are enclosed.

2018 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.

In 2017 many changes took place that will continue to impact 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.

3. 2017 and 2018 Provincial Budgets

Many aspects of the 2017 provincial budget have impacted 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 has been decreasing over the past few years:

- 2016: \$772,246.00
- 2017: \$725,698.00
- 2018: \$674,309.00

Once the municipal 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 **2018 is 9.0 mills** as well as a mill rate factor of **0.85** on **agricultural property** and a mill rate factor of 1.98 on **commercial property**.

Council has approved the following minimum taxes:

- Agricultural Land - \$100.00**
- Residential Land - \$500.00**
- Commercial/Industrial Land - \$1,400.00**

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



Visit us at rmofcanwood.ca

2018 Municipal Election

OCTOBER 24, 2018

Divisions 2, 4 and 6

will be held at the

R.M. Administration Office

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
- \$ 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 21 8 a.m.
- September 18 8 a.m.
- October 16 9 a.m.
- November at the call of the Administrator
- December 18 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 - SHOP

306-468-2368

Public Works Assistant

306-468-2014

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 purchased 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.**

CLEARING SNOW

Best practice is to push snow to the right side of your driveway into the road allowance ditch so the grader does not throw it back in your approach when they travel past clearing the roads.

BUT it is NOT a safe practice to push snow across a municipal roadway.

It seems that clearing snow from personal property by pushing it across municipal roadways has become more common. It creates ridges across the road that become very rough, and when that pushed snow freezes, it becomes a hazard to the travelling public and the graders which clear the roads.

SaskAlert App

SaskAlert is the Government of Saskatchewan's emergency public alerting program that provides critical information on emergencies in real time, so you can take action to protect yourself, your family and your property. Download the app from the app store and visit www.saskalert.ca



We would like to remind all property owners and ratepayers that they SHOULD NOT take it upon themselves to phone or stop municipal employees operating equipment or sub-contractors working on behalf of the municipality.

If you have a question, concern, or comment please direct it through the appropriate channel; **FIRST** the Councillor for your division and **SECOND** the Reeve.

CONGRATULATIONS

Camryn Amundson - 2018 Council Bursary Recipient

R.M. SIGNS

The destruction of R.M. signs and roads is considered mischief, and the removal or theft of signs constitutes theft under \$5,000.00. Both are CRIMINAL CHARGES.

We are asking for the PUBLIC's assistance to report known incidences of such matters to police at

306-747-2606 in Shellbrook

306-469-2590 in Big River

306-883-4210 in Spiritwood or

1-800-222-TIPS (8477) Crime Stoppers

If the matter is time sensitive or requires immediate attention
please call 911

Traffic signs are used to notify drivers. Signs such as STOP, YIELD, DEAD END or CURVE help drivers prepare for what is ahead. They are a tool to make our roadways safer. When these signs are stolen or destroyed, drivers have no notification of what is ahead, making drivers a danger to themselves as well as others on the roadways.

The maintenance of roads and the purchase and maintenance of the Township and Range Road signs are costly to R.M. property owners, BUT more importantly the signs are used for emergency personnel to get to people who are in emergent need of medical or safety assistance. The absence of these signs increases the arrival time of emergency personnel and could mean LIFE OR DEATH.

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. Highway 55 is open **Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** and **Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

No Charge Recyclables:

Electronics
Batteries
Cardboard/Plastic
Compost
Oil

Garbage:

½ Ton Load \$10

Landfill Fees:

www.hwy55waste.ca

