# July 2019 Rural Municipality of Canwood No. 494

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The excerpts of the 2018 Audited Financial Statement are enclosed.

# **2019 Mill Rate and Minimum Tax**

The uniform mill rate for **2019 is 9.25 mills.** The mill rate factors will remain unchanged from 2018 with the **residential** factor remaining at 1.0, **agricultural** at 0.85, and **commercial** at 1.98. Council has approved that the minimum taxes will also remain unchanged:

Agricultural Land - \$100.00

Residential Land - \$500.00

Commercial 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



**Saskatchewan Civic Address Registry (CAR) Database** was created through collaboration between Information Services Corporation (ISC) and the Government of Saskatchewan to improve public safety by aiding in emergency response planning and dispatch. The dataset provides precise location-based address and access-point information for urban and rural dwellings in Saskatchewan, including some First Nations reserves and provincial parks. Previously no geographic location points or civic addresses existed for rural and remote areas of the province. This database is the first of its kind in Saskatchewan, and throughout most of Canada. The R.M. of Canwood has started the extensive task of compiling information for the CAR, confirming road numbers and names with the Province as well as confirming the location of all houses in the rural municipality.

### ASSET MANAGEMENT

As part of the Canada-Saskatchewan Administrative Agreement and the Municipal Gas Tax Fund Agreement, municipalities are required to make progress towards developing and/or implementing an asset management (AM) plan and report on the progress made. Municipal infrastructure exists to provide services to the communities. We need to ensure our infrastructure is providing the services the communities rely on. Using asset management practices and principles we can find ways to better understand how municipal assets work, what they cost to operate and what levels of service they provide. The R.M. of Canwood has developed an Asset Management Policy and Strategy. The RM has developed an AM plan for Municipal Buildings and Equipment and an AM plan for Transportation. The municipality will continue its work with the AM plans by assessing condition ratings for all roads, creating a capital work plan document as well as a risk management plan that assesses risk and levels of service.

# **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
- \$ 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



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# **Municipal Elected Officials**

**Reeve Lyndon Pease** Councillor Division 1 Ralph Korody **Councillor Division 2 Dennis Benke** Councillor Division 3 Levi Schutte Councillor Division 4 Ray Duret Councillor Division 5 Richard De Bruijn Councillor Division 6 Leonard Smith

(306) 468-2126 (306) 747-3611 (306) 427-4450 (306) 468-4104 (306) 468-4884 (306) 468-3151 (306) 469-4570

# 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 Assistant 306-468-2014

### Annual Office Closures

New Year's Day Good Friday Canada Day Labour Day Remembrance Day Christmas Day New Year's Eve - beginning at 2 p.m.

Family Day Victoria Day Saskatchewan Day Thanksgiving Day Christmas Eve **Boxing Day** 

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**

Books can be purchased at the R.M. Administration Office

Check out our website at rmofcanwood.ca

## **Controlled Burning**

If you plan on burning on land in or within 4.5 kms of a provincial forest, you need a burning permit. Contact Saskatchewan Environment Forest Protection at (**306**) **953-3422**.

To register a controlled burn and to aid in preventing unwanted <u>firefighting charges</u>, 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.

### PARKLAND RURAL CRIME WATCH ASSOCIATION

Contact Jerrie at 306-468-7896 Email: parklandruralcrime@gmail.com

### Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network www.saskcrimewatch.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.

# **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 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 ORANG**

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 bins(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. throughout the year.

# CONGRATULATIONS RILEY BUDE - 2019 Council Bursary Recipient



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Highway 55 Waste Pest Control Subdivision Documents **Bylaws and Policies** Planning and Development Documents

## **CUSTOM WORK**

Changes are being considered in regard to providing custom work.

Contact your councillor for more details. Due to rising costs of equipment, fuel and repairs custom work charges will increasing.

### **HIGHWAY 55 WASTE** MANAGEMENT has

BLACK DIRT for SALE Call 306-468-3055