

R.M. OF CANWOOD NO. 494

Tax Notice Newsletter 2023

The 2022 Audited Financial Statements are enclosed and available on our website.

What is the mill rate?

Municipal governments calculate taxes by applying the **mill rate** to a percentage of assessed value of property (*taxable assessment*).

$$\frac{\text{Taxable Assessment}}{1,000} \times \text{Uniform Mill Rate} \times \text{Mill Rate Factor} = \text{Taxes}$$

Uniform Mill Rate – 8.75 mills

Mill Rate Factors:

Residential – 1.0

Agricultural – 0.9

Commercial – 1.25

Minimum Taxes:

Agricultural Land – \$250

Residential Land – \$700

Commercial Land – \$1,600

When are taxes due? December 31, 2023.

Is there a discount for early payment of taxes? Yes. July 6% August 6% September 5%
October 4% November 2%

What methods of payment do you accept?

- **Online Banking** - We are listed as **Canwood No 494 (RM) Taxes** with some financial institutions. When adding us as a payee, you will be asked to add an account number with a minimum of 5 digits. This account number is the number in brackets beside your name on your tax notice as you will see in the example below. If you have fewer than 5 digits, just add zeros.

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- **E-Transfer** - Send payment to rm494finance@sasktel.net. It is important to identify the property you are paying in the memo (eg. Name, Legal Land Description, Customer Number).
- **Credit Card** - OptionPay is the payment card system for online credit card transactions. You can find out more information about OptionPay by visiting the optionpay.ca website. There is also a link on the rmofcanwood.ca website.
- **Cheque** - Pay by mail with a cheque. If you need to make installments, post-dated cheques can be kept on file.
- **Pre-Authorized Debit** - 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.
- **Debit or Cash** - These types of payment can be made at our office.

MUNICIPAL ELECTED OFFICIALS

Reeve Lyndon Pease	(306) 468-2126
Councillors:	
Division 1 Ralph Korody	(306) 747-3611
Division 2 Gerald Muller	(306) 427-0033
Division 3 Gordon Andrews	(306) 468-2984
Division 4 Mario Boisvert	(403) 312-5338
Division 5 Kevin Olson	(306) 468-2769
Division 6 Cody Lockhart	(306) 930-6151

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What do I get for my municipal taxes? Your municipal taxes pay for the following (among other things):

Roads and Bridges	Poundkeeper
Maintenance Grading/Gravelling/Snowplowing/Mowing	Libraries
9-1-1 Emergency	Weed Inspector
RCMP Policing	Rat and Pest Control
Fire Services	Municipal Cemetery Record Retention
Regional Parks	Regional Waste Management Facility
Road and Rural Address Signs	Waste Disposal and Recycling
Recreational Facilities	Street Lighting
Liaison with regional partners and First Nations	Doctor Incentive and Recruitment
Local voice in regional matters	

** Please keep in mind that services vary by Division

RURAL ADDRESSING SIGNS

Civic (Rural) Addressing is a province-wide standardized system of identifying and locating properties, by establishing unique access point locations. This system is used to assist emergency responders such as police, fire and ambulance in finding homes and businesses quickly in the event of an emergency.

The first question the Sask911 Dispatcher will ask is, "Where is your emergency?" Civic addressing is used in conjunction with the traditional methods such as landmarks or legal land description to efficiently pinpoint the location of an emergency using geographic coordinates.

If you have not already done so, please stop by the Municipal Office, located at 641 Main Street, Canwood to pick up your sign. A 7-foot post is included. Please be advised this applies to occupied dwellings.

Exploration for Gravel

The R.M. is actively looking for gravel sources. Please contact your division councilor for more information.

Snow Plowing

Snow from private driveways SHALL NOT be placed on the municipal roadways. It is not acceptable or a safe practice to push snow from driveways onto or across municipal roads. Anyone found pushing snow or who has plowed snow onto the municipal right-of-way will receive an invoice(s) for municipal time spent removing it from where it was deposited.

Clubroot

Clubroot is a soil-borne disease caused by a microorganism, *Plasmaodiophora brassicae*. Clubroot affects the roots of host plants, which include cruciferous field crops such as canola and mustard as well as several cruciferous vegetables. Clubroot infection is easily identified by plant roots with a swollen or club-like appearance. These swollen and deformed roots have a reduced ability to absorb water and nutrients. Infected roots will eventually disintegrate, releasing resting spores into the soil, which may then be transported in any way that soil can be moved. For more information check out <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/crops> or <https://www.rmofcanwood.ca> for links to several information sources.