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RM OF Caledonia # 99 - 2013 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Dear Ratepayer:

The RM of Caledonia #99 is pleased to again offer the following discounts for the early payment of taxes in the municipality:

- 5 % if paid by September 30, 2013
- 4 % if paid by October 31, 2013
- 2 % if paid by November 30, 2013
- 0 % in December 31, 2013

PAYMENT OF TAX ACCOUNTS

Payment of your tax account may be made at the municipal office, by mail or electronically.

The RM of Caledonia is in the process of setting up on-line payments for taxes. We are currently enrolled with the Credit Union and can receive payments through CU online. Due to costs associated with some institutions, not all financial institutions have been enrolled. If this is a service that is of interest to you, please contact the municipal office to indicate what financial institution you would like use or check with your financial institution to see if this option is available to you.

The municipality will be using owner numbers which are on the Tax notice (located just behind the name on the Tax notice). The R.M. of Caledonia No. 99 owner numbers are from 1 to 999. Please note a receipt will be issued after the amount is deposited into the R.M. Account. Please contact the municipal office if you have any questions.

MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL MILLRATES

School mill rates, which are now established by the Provincial Government, have been amended for 2013. Listed below are the following mill rates for municipal and school tax levying:

1. Municipal Mill Rate – 12.0 mills
2. School Mill Rates:
 - Agricultural Class of Property 2.67
 - Residential and Seasonal Residential 5.03
 - Commercial 8.28 – 11.04 (Changes as the assessment increases)

RAT CONTROL

The R.M. of Caledonia No. 99 is making every effort to eradicate rats in the municipality. Ray Beck, the municipality's pest control officer (PCO) checks for pests and provides the necessary bait at sites where an infestation of rats is evident. Many of these sites are abandoned grain storage facilities, abandoned farm yards with old buildings, granaries, etc. These sites should be cleaned up and most of, if not all, the old buildings, abandoned granaries etc. demolished, removed or disposed of in other ways. This would eliminate those sites as a harbourage for rats. Council is respectfully requesting your voluntary cooperation in cleaning up these abandoned properties and buildings. The municipality will assist in any way it can in the cleanup of these properties

With everyone's cooperation this municipality can be "RAT FREE". Please contact the RM office, any member of council, or Ray Beck for more information regarding this initiative.

WASTE MANAGEMENT BINS COLLECTION

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Waste Management bins are located in Parry and at other locations in the RM for residents and ratepayers of the RM of Caledonia No 99. These bins are for bagged household garbage only. Your co-operation to ensure tires, furniture, building materials etc. **ARE NOT** deposited in the bins is appreciated.

RURAL FIRE CALLS

A reminder to all rural ratepayers to check their insurance policies to ensure there is coverage for charges relating to fire calls attended by the volunteer fire department. The Town of Milestone / RM of Caledonia No. 99 Volunteer Fire Department charges property owners for calls attended to in the rural municipality. If you have any questions regarding this matter contact your insurance agent.

For those ratepayers wishing to have controlled burns on their lands, please remember to contact 310-5000 to advise of a time and land location so that in the event a fire call is reported to 911 you will not be charged for a call out. Otherwise, if you do have a controlled burn, and the fire department responds to a 911 call, you will be charged accordingly for said call out.

USERS NON-POTABLE WELL RM 99 Well SW 14-12-20 W2

As per the requirement of the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, the RM is required to advise all users regarding the non-potable public water supply. There have been no changes to this water supply but rather a change in the health district requirements.

Please be advised that the water from RM 99 well SW 14-12 20 W2 water supply that is available to the public is not potable (unsafe for human consumption).

DO NOT USE this water for drinking, cooking, food preparation and oral hygiene purposes.

The water from this well is not treated, tested and is considered to be unsafe for drinking, cooking, and oral hygiene purposes.

Parry water is NON POTABLE ***** email Greg Holovach a copy and delete this greg.holovach@wsask.ca*****

Roads & Gravel

The Council would like to thank its ratepayers for their support over the years. This year has been a challenging year in terms of the weather. The additional rain has identified some areas that require additional attention (i.e. Roads, Gravel, Bridges and Culverts). In an effort to keep the mill rate lower, these items must be addressed in a fiscally responsible manner. However, as mentioned previously, extraordinary circumstances can create unforeseen expenses and strain the budget to the point where steps must be taken. Be assured that the council and staff will search for alternatives to fund these projects (bridge and road repair) in the form of Grants and government transfers but they are not always sufficient to meet costs or may not qualify for funding. In that case, shortfalls will have to be covered from general operating revenues, of which a large portion is comprised of the municipal tax levy. While there are no plans for future increases to the mill rate, council would like to make you aware that this is a reality we may have to face.

The Council would like to extend their appreciation to all ratepayers for their patience and co-operation as development opportunities continue in the municipality. The Council is extremely excited about the future of the municipality and continues to work diligently on your behalf.