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RM OF Caledonia # 99 - ANNUAL NEWSLETTER
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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, 2014
 - 4 % if paid by October 31, 2014
 - 2 % if paid by November 30, 2014
 - 0 % in December 31, 2014
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MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL MILLRATES

1. Municipal Mill Rate – 12.5 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)
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PAYMENT OF TAX ACCOUNTS

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

We are currently in the process of getting set up for most banks to do online payments. If you want this option please let us know what bank you go through. There is a cost associated with providing this service, so please let us know which banks to set up with so there are no unnecessary charges incurred. We currently are set up through the most financial institutions.

Depending on your financial institution you will have to go into the financial institution and set the R.M. of Caledonia No. 99 up as a bill Payee. The municipality will be using owner numbers which are on the Tax notice (located just above 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.

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.

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WASTE MANAGEMENT BINS

Please remember that the waste collection bins in Parry 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.

Infrastructure(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. The rising costs as well as the age of the infrastructure, these expenses can 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, culvert 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.

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.

Sincerely,

Stephen Schury
Administrator