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## 2016 Annual Newsletter

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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 set up for most banks to do online payments. 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.

We also offer automated monthly / weekly / bimonthly payments. All we need is a blank VOID check from you and a form filled out with your information and it will be withdrawn on a certain date and amount of your choosing. Please call the office for more information.

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### 2016 – Municipal Election year

Up for election this year are the position of Reeve and Divisions 1, 3 and 5. Please contact the municipal office for a nomination form.

2016 year is Municipal Election Year with municipal elections Province wide scheduled for October 26, 2016. For information on Municipal Elections candidate and voter eligibility visit:  
<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections/election-procedures>.

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### 2017 – Assessment Revaluation Year

2017 is a reassessment year in the province of Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) will be updating property valuations to reflect a base date of January 1, 2015. The RM of Caledonia No 99 will be provided with preliminary 2017 assessment information in late 2016. Any additional information with regards to assessment changes will be available at the Town/RM office.

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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. If the bins require additional dumping please contact the office. Additional garbage left on the ground outside the bins requires the collection company to clean up and is subject to additional costs. If this continues to occur it could lead to a cancellation of this service.

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#### 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 1-866-404-4911 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.

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#### 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.

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#### 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. Currently, we are dealing with a number of bridges that are in need of attention. Rising costs, as well as the age of the infrastructure, and unforeseen 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 available or sufficient to meet costs. 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