

2020

RM of Caledonia No 99.

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Division 5: Ed Schiefner
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2020 BUDGET AND TAX POLICY INFORMATION

The 2020 Operating and Capital Budget was considered and passed by the Council of the RM of Caledonia No 99 on May 5, 2020. The following Tax Policy information was passed and applied to the Total Taxable Assessment for the Town of 110,114,710:

Municipal Mill Rate – 7.415 mills

School Mill Rates:

- Agricultural Class of Property 1.43
- Residential and Seasonal Residential 4.12
- Commercial 6.27 – 9.68 (Changes as the assessment increases)

Applying the above Tax Policy to the Taxable Assessment results in a Municipal Tax Levy of approximately \$788,500. The 2020 Mill rate remains the same as 2019.

Municipal Operating Revenues, excluding any capital grant allocations that may be received, total \$1,072,832; Operating expenses, excluding depreciation of asset calculations and capital purchases total \$1,071,783.

Infrastructure (i.e. Roads, Gravel, Bridges and Culverts): Our RM currently has 30+ bridges, all were constructed 60-100 years ago. Every five years, SARM engages an independent engineer to conduct bridge inspections for each RM in the province. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure safety and to identify any deficiencies, possible problems or potential safety concerns. The last round of inspections identified issues with 3 bridges in our RM. We are currently working with an engineer to develop a strategy to have the repairs necessary on three of these bridges and have the restrictions removed on one of the bridges with the repairs with the rest in the near future. That same engineer is also developing a plan to maintain and repair all of the bridges in the RM

2020 – MUNICIPAL ELECTION YEAR

2020 year is Municipal Election Year with municipal elections Province wide scheduled for October 26, 2020. For information on Municipal Elections candidate and voter eligibility visit: <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections/running-for-municipal-office>.

2021 – ASSESSMENT REVALUATION YEAR

2021 is a reassessment year in Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) will be updating property valuations to reflect a base date of January 1, 2019. The RM of Caledonia No 99 will be provided with preliminary 2021 assessment information in late 2020. Once the information is received it will be reviewed by the Council and information on the impacts of the 2021 Revaluation will be sent out to ratepayers by the end of 2020.

LORAAS WASTE BINS

Please remember that the waste collection bins in Parry and other areas 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. **Loraas Recycle bins:** We have provided Loraas Recycle bins offering recycling services for residents and ratepayers of the RM of Caledonia. The bins are located beside the RM shop and open 24/7. If bins are full or locked please advise the office.

SASK ALERT

Sask Alert is the Government of Saskatchewan's Emergency public alerting program that provides critical information on emergencies in real time, allowing you to protect yourself, your family and your property. You can download the app on your smartphone and it will give you alerts for your area.

Municipal Wells: USERS NON-POTABLE WELL RM 99 Well SW 14-12-20 W2 As per the requirement of the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region and the Water Security Agency, 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.

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.

Controlled Burns: 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.

Payments: Electronic bill payments can be made through most banks. To pay taxes choose: Tax Payments RM of Caledonia No 99.

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. The following discounts for the early payment of taxes in the municipality:

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