

2021

RM of Caledonia No 99.

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2021 BUDGET AND TAX POLICY INFORMATION

The 2021 Operating and Capital Budget was considered and passed by the Council of the RM of Caledonia No 99 on April 6, 2021. The following Tax Policy information was passed and applied to the Total Taxable Assessment for the R.M. of 131,841,301:

Municipal Mill Rate – 6.171 mills

School Mill Rates:

- Agricultural Class of Property 1.36
- Residential and Seasonal Residential 4.46
- Commercial 6.75 – 9.79 (Changes as the assessment increases)

Applying the above Tax Policy to the Taxable Assessment results in a Municipal Tax Levy of approximately \$816,500. The 2021 Mill rate is 6.171 noting this decreased from 7.418 in 2020.

Municipal Operating Revenues, excluding any capital grant allocations that may be received, total \$1,082,128; Operating expenses, excluding depreciation of asset calculations and capital purchases total \$1,080,128.

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 all of our bridges but we have addressed the restriction on two of the three bridges identified. The RM is working on a plan to address all bridge repairs in a fiscally responsible manner. Over the past two years, we have entered into an agreement with neighbouring RMs for a joint project to repair bridges. We are looking at some roadwork in the RM over the next couple of years. We realize that construction may cause a bit of an inconvenience and we appreciate your patience while these repairs take place.

2021 – ASSESSMENT REVALUATION YEAR

2021 is a reassessment year in Saskatchewan. The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) updated property valuations to reflect a base date of January 1, 2019. The RM of Caledonia No 99 provided the 2021 assessment information in March of 2021. Provincial trends reflected a 25% increase Ag Land values and 24% for the RM of Caledonia.

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 in the rural municipality. If you have any questions regarding this matter contact your insurance agent.

Wildfires can start easily from most causes especially unattended campfires, cooking fires, cigarette butts and improper open-air burning practices. Wildfires may become serious and difficult to control if not successfully contained while small. Please be cognizant of the dry conditions and make sure to have a responsible person in attendance to keep fire under control at all times, extinguish before leaving; and have on hand enough water on site to extinguish the fire.

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 monthly/weekly/bimonthly preauthorized payments. All we need is a blank VOID cheque and a form filled out for it will be withdrawn on a certain date and amount of your choosing. Please call the office for more information. The following discounts are 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

The RM of Caledonia No 99 is pleased to announce OptionPay as another form of payment, which allows us to accept payments with select credit cards, and debit cards. Payments for RM of Caledonia including taxes and other payments, permits, etc., may be paid online, over the phone or through the RM Office. Payments using this online service may take a minimum 3 business days to process so please allow plenty of time before the due date to avoid interest fees. OptionPay uses a tiered fee schedule with a minimum fee of \$2.00. Please visit <https://www.optionpay.ca/tiered-rate-table.php> to view the fees associated with these payments. **All fees associated with OptionPay are paid by the cardholder.**