

RM of Caledonia No 99. - 2022

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2022 BUDGET AND TAX POLICY INFORMATION

2022 Operating and Capital Budget was considered and passed by the Council of the R.M. of Caledonia No 99 on April 12, 2022. The following Tax Policy information was passed and applied to the Total Taxable Assessment for the R.M. of 131,475,221:

Municipal Mill Rate – 6.171 mills

School Mill Rates:

- Agricultural Class of Property 1.42 (1.36 in 2021)
- Residential and Seasonal Residential 4.54 (4.46 in 2021)
- Commercial 6.86 – 9.88 (6.75 – 9.79 in 2021 (varies per assessment))

We are applying the above Tax Policy to the Taxable Assessment resulting in a Municipal Tax Levy of approximately \$811,334. The 2022 Mill rate is 6.171 noting there is no increase from 2021.

Municipal Operating Revenues, excluding any capital grant allocations that may be received, total \$1,058,310; Operating expenses, excluding depreciation of asset calculations and capital purchases, total \$1,057,284.

2022 – MUNICIPAL ELECTION YEAR

The 2022 year is Municipal Election Year, with municipal elections Province-wide scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2022, to elect Councillors in even-numbered Divisions. For information on Municipal Elections candidates and voter eligibility, visit <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections/running-for-municipal-office>.

BUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT = YOUR PROJECT – YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

***On January 1, 2022, The Construction Codes Act came into force to replace the Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act (UBAS). The R.M. of Caledonia will review the current bylaws to ensure compliance with National codes. The most significant change is that Farm Buildings with a residential occupancy will be subject to the construction standards found in the CC Act. Additionally, ALL residential buildings have Fire and Carbon Monoxide detectors.

All municipalities in Saskatchewan are responsible for orderly and regulated development within their municipal boundaries. Within today's mortgage requirements, insurance requirements, and an onus on ALL municipalities to ensure residential and commercial buildings are constructed to a minimum standard, it is only appropriate to advise and re-enforce the R.M. of Caledonia Building Development procedures and policies.

Plans for new construction and major renovations are subject to the Development Permit Application process. The Development Permit Application and construction details must be submitted to the R.M. for review for municipal approval. **NO WORK MAY COMMENCE UNTIL THE DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND BUILDING PERMIT HAVE BEEN ISSUED.**

IT IS the responsibility of the owner and contractor to follow the proper building and development codes.

Not all types of development require Development Permits. Please inquire with the R.M. office to determine if your project requires a permit. These steps ensure that your building, whether residential or commercial, may be constructed per national, provincial, and local regulations and assist the R.M. in tracking Development within the R.M. The R.M. will be revising and adopting a Building Bylaw as per legislated requirements. Application and permit requirements will change upon the adoption of these bylaws.

Municipal Wells: USERS NON-POTABLE WELL RM 99 Well S.W. 14-12-20 W2

As per the requirement of the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Water Security Agency, the R.M. 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 S.W. 14-12 20 W2 water supply that is available to the public is not potable (unsafe for human consumption).

At the April meeting, Council increased the rate \$1 to \$5/1000 gals to assist with the rising costs of maintenance and repairs. Additionally, billing for this well is on the honour system, please remember to write down your name and amounts.

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

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

RURAL FIRE CALLS:

Reminder for all rural ratepayers to check their insurance policies to make sure it has appropriate coverage relating to fire calls attended by the volunteer fire department. The Town of Milestone/R.M. of Caledonia No. 99 Volunteer Fire Department charges property owners for calls 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 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.

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 to receive alerts for areas of your choosing.

Payments:

The payments for taxes and utilities can be made online through most financial institutions and pre-authorized payment programs. Don't hesitate to contact the Town Office if you are interested in setting up pre-authorized payments or if you have any questions about online payments.

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

E-mail Receipts:

If you want receipts for payments e-mailed instead of mailed, please complete the included form and send it back to the office.