

Council & Staff

May we ask anyone needing to contact Municipal Staff and Council to abide by the following courtesies.

Municipal Staff is available during the week from Monday to Friday during regular business hours to answer questions and concerns. Please do not contact them at their homes.

Some of our councillors have employment or businesses they run on a day-to-day basis. These are not places they are prepared to give you their full attention. Please contact the Reeve and Councilor by phoning their listed number and leave a message with your topic, your contact information and a time to get hold of you. They will return your call as soon as possible. If you prefer to email please send it to rm440@sasktel.net at anytime.

Reeve

Glenn Goodfellow
306-823-4560

Division 1

Trevor McCrea
306-398-2912

Division 3

Bernadette Poppleton
306-823-4530

Division 5

Floyd Whitney
306-823-4742

Division 2

Jerry Petovello
306-398-2895

Division 4

Vincent Murphy
306-398-2709

Division 6

Chip Chibri
306-823-4228

If you are unsure which councillor you should be talking with please contact the Municipal Office, we can help!

This year is an election year for Reeve, Divisions 1, 3 and 5. Nomination day is September 21, 2016. Election day is October 26, 2016. The Poll will be in Neilburg if needed.

Freemont TRANSFER SITE

Located 5.5 miles East and
1.5 miles South of Neilburg

Summer Hours begin the
First Wednesday after May 1.

Wednesdays • 11am to 7pm
Saturdays • 9am to 1pm

Winter Hours begin on the
September Long Weekend.

Wednesdays • 9am to 5pm
Saturdays • 9am to 1pm

Please Note

Receipts are issued at the beginning of the month for the previous months tipping through the Municipal Office. Due to administration costs receipts will not be issued for fees less than \$10.00.

Website

Don't forget to check out the municipal website for current minutes, transfer station times, notices or other information you may be seeking.

www.rmofhillsdale.com

R.M. Maps



Municipal maps are available with the 2013 assessment figures. Maps are \$15.00 each plus GST.



Tax Notices

Your tax notice can look like a whole bunch of numbers all mixed up and mean nothing to you. But if you take a minute and see what the information on the notice is, it can be very helpful.

We will start with the **Discounts and Penalties** box. Here you will see the discounted amount of your taxes if you pay early. All taxes are due on December 31, however, you will see that paying by or on July 31 you receive the most money off your total which is set at 5% this year. *Remember payment must be IN the office on or before the last day of the month to receive the discount.*

The following box is the **Tax Rates**. Here you find the totals of your taxable assessment categorized by the taxing authorities. MUN stands for municipal taxes, #202 or #203 stand for the School Division your property belongs to. HAIL stands for Municipal Hail Insurance. The totals are multiplied by the tax rates to calculate the current levy, which is your current year taxes owing.

The top portion of your notice you will find two rows of titles. Following these two rows is a list of the property you own by a roll number (this number is given to each piece of land for administrative purposes). Your land description and the acres assessed are listed in bold and represent the following information. Do not be alarmed if the acres are incorrect.

Property Class

Properties are classified by the goings on at a particular

ROLL NUMBER		LEGAL DESCRIPTION	ACRES	TAX LIEN	Doe, John & Doe, Jane (#99) - Page 1	
PROPERTY CLASS	MILL RATE FACTOR	TAXABLE ASSESSMENT	CURRENT YEAR TAXES	TAX ENFORCEMENT	CREDIT/ AMOUNTS	TOTAL TAXES OWING
999 000	NE 25 44 25 W3	159.00				
AGRICULTURE	44.000	100 - MUN	370.04			
		201 - #202	117.48			
RESIDENTIAL	1.200	100 - MUN	100.00 (Minimum Tax - Land)			
		201 - #202	6.34			
Total:			593.86	0.00	0.00	593.86

TAXING AUTHORITY		PROPERTY CLASS	TAXABLE ASSESSMENT	TAX RATE	CURRENT LEVY	CREDIT/ AMOUNTS	TOTAL TAXES OWING
100 - MUN	AGRICULTURAL	44.000	8.400	370.04			470.04
201 - #202	RESIDENTIAL	1.200	5.600	100.00			100.00
	AGRICULTURAL	44.000	2.6700	117.48			117.48
	RESIDENTIAL	1.200	5.0300	6.34			6.34
Total:					593.86	0.00	593.86

DISCOUNTS AND PENALTIES		AMOUNT
If Paid By Jul 31st		570.36
If Paid By Aug 31st		572.71
If Paid By Sep 30th		575.06
If Paid By Oct 31st		585.76
If Paid By Nov 30th		584.48
If Paid By Dec 31st		593.86

SCHOOL SUPPORT		VOTING DIVISION
Public		1

MORTGAGE INFORMATION		DO NOT PAY
Taxes are paid by the mortgage company.		

site. The Municipality has Agriculture, Residential, or Commercial classes.

Mill Rate Factor

A mill rate factor, also known as a tax rate, is a tax policy tool used to redistribute the amount of total taxes paid by each property class and subclass. The rate is expressed in "mills", where one mill is one-tenth of a cent (\$0.001).

Taxable Assessment

SAMA (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency) assesses property changes for each year for municipalities

Tax Notices continued...

and every 4 years a total municipal revaluation is done. This assessment amount is multiplied by the mill rates and/or mill rate factors that council sets by bylaw in the beginning part of each calendar year.

Current Year Taxes

Under this heading is your calculated totals and a grand total for each assessed property.

Tax Enforcement

In this column it will show if there is any enforcement in progress with your owned land or property.

Credits/Arrears

You will find any monies that need to be applied to your total payment in this column. If you pay ahead of time your credit will show.

Total Taxes Owning

This column has the list of totals for each categorized parcel of land or property. The Total Taxes, if you have more than one piece in your name, will be shown in bold with a double line.

School Support

Near the bottom of the notice shows which type of school your property supports. In the RM of Hillsdale it will be Public.

Voting Division

The second box near the bottom is your Voting Division. *Legislation has changed please note this as this is an election year.* If you live in the RM of Hillsdale you will vote for the Division in which you live. If you do not live within the RM you will vote for the division in which you have the highest assessment of land.

Are You Prepared?

Public Safety Canada has a guide to follow so you can prepare for emergencies and risks you, your family and pets encounter. It is a good rule of thumb to have a kit ready and check it periodically to ensure you have the essentials for a disaster.

Know the Risks. In your area think about what may happen like here in Saskatchewan we may not have to prepare for an avalanche, but we certainly need to know what to do incase of a power outage, grass fire or severe wind storm.

Make a Plan. Take 20 minutes and design exit plans from your home, office or work area. Include contact numbers, meeting places and special health needs.

Make an Emergency Kit. Once assembled, make sure kit is easy to carry, stored near an exit and ensure that everyone knows. Items to include are two litres of water per person, food that will not spoil, can-opener, crank or battery powered flashlight and radio, extra batteries, first aid kit, extra keys for car and house, small amount of cash and a copy of your plan.

The Saskatchewan Government has been working on a system to alert people when emergencies arise. Please have a look at www.SaskAlert.ca, download the app and receive alerts as they arise.



Municipal Roads

Did you know, we have 296.5 miles of road the RM of Hillsdale maintains? Some roads need more care than others because of traffic, weather and heavy vehicle use. Our employees do their best to keep road conditions to council's standard throughout the year.

21 of these miles are surfaced with pavement and 275.5 miles are gravel.

To compare each Division has a varying amount of miles to be graded.

Division 1	71 miles	Division 2	41.5 miles
Division 3	36 miles	Division 4	44 miles
Division 5	57 miles	Division 6	26 miles

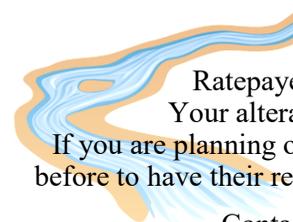
This year we have a contractor working on building up 2.5 miles of the Freemont Road. We have already completed work on some new culverts and construction on the road East of Jeff Watson's. The RM Council is talking with our engineer in regards of how to fix the Gregoire Road on Township Road 442. This road has been flooded for two years and this access is critical for the area. In 2017 we should have a plan in place for reconstruction The estimated cost to fix this road is \$1.3 Million to \$1.8 million.

Keep in mind a single grader is a work site. Reduce speed when meeting or passing workers.

For the safety of our workers remember the speed limit for passing workers is 60 km/hr.

Please SLOW DOWN in the Orange Zone. Look for the amber flashing lights.

Drainage Concerns



Ratepayers whom are conducting work within their properties be aware! Your alterations of sloughs, drainage, and water runs may effect other lands. If you are planning on doing ANY work involving ground water contact Water Security Agency before to have their representative check the surrounding areas and ensure permits are not required.

Contact Water Security Agency at 306-446-7450 or www.wsask.ca

Control Burns

From April 1 to October 31 every year Burning Permits are required and may be obtained from the Municipal Office.

ALL YEAR ROUND you are required to call the Control Burn Hotline at 1-866-404-4911.

You will be asked the following questions:

- Land Location
- RM Number
- Location Details
- Fire Service Provider
- How long the burn is going to last
- Your name and contact number
- You will also need to call back when the burn is completed.

Reporting your controlled burn will save you money, because if Control Burn has not been informed of your fire and 911 is called you will be BILLED.

