



CANADA 150

# R.M. of Hillsdale No. 440

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## Civic Addresses

In 2007 the RM began naming and signing municipal roads. Signage aids in giving easier directions to yard sites and oil leases for emergent and non-emergent times. As a part of our Capital Tangible Assets inventory, the road numbers give us a way to class and add value to each mile of road. This year we hope to complete this signage.

The next process is adding Civic Addresses to all the active farm sites in the RM of Hillsdale. The Government of Saskatchewan, Ministry of Government Relations, Civic Address Registry (CAR) has been working with our office to ensure addresses given are correct. SARM (Sask. Association of Rural Municipalities) adopted a policy to standardize the signing across the province. A driving force behind Civic Addressing was the 911 systems. This Civic Addressing Registry will give emergency dispatch a simple and concise location of where the incident is taking place.

Your address has been determined by a few factors. What road you live on, which side of the road your driveway is and how far your driveway is from the south or east intersection.

For example, if you live on a Township Road the first 4 numbers represent the Range Road to the east of your property. The next two is where

your driveway is located, calculated by CAR. Underneath is the Township road you live on.

There are a few addresses that will have the additional two numbers with a dash at the beginning indicating there are more than one home in the yard.

Your civic address is located on your tax notice under the legal land description of your home quarter or acreage subdivision. Make this address accessible to whomever may be calling 911 in an emergency, just like your land location.

The RM has ordered the signs and hope to have them installed before winter of this year. We will be working with landowners for placement of these signs.

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# Tax Notices and Assessment

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 RECEIVED 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 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

Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) assesses property changes for each year for municipalities and every 4 years a total municipal revaluation is done. This year, 2017, is a revaluation year. 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 Owing

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.

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# Municipal Roads Construction

This year the RM of Hillsdale No. 440 Council had made the decision to construct a road through the Gregoire Slough, near Baldwinton, as it has been under water for a couple years and it is a road that allows access for many people. However, with the continued water run off, the slough has risen significantly and has made this project unattainable. Exhausting all options available, council has decided to tender for construction, a road around the slough and upgrade two miles north on Range Road 3235 from Township Road 442 to Township Road 444.

The RM Road Maintenance Staff have been trying to keep up with all the road imperfections that have occurred this spring. Excess water runoff and spring rains have been an issue in a lot of areas. Your patience is appreciated.

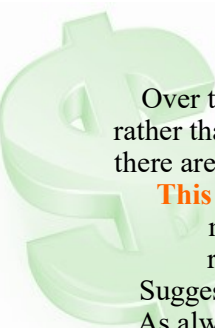
**Keep in mind a single grader is a working construction site.  
Reduce speed when meeting or passing workers.**

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.**

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# Tax Payment Options



Over the years we have had many requests to be able to pay with debit card or credit card rather than cash or cheque. The reason debit cards and credit cards are not accepted is because there are fees involved and it is not fair to make our ratepayers pay for a fee they may not use.

**This year we will accept cash, cheque and/or e-transfer.** E-transfer is a new form of money transfer you can do through on-line banking. Please send e-transfers to [rm440@sasktel.net](mailto:rm440@sasktel.net) and give us a call with the answer to the security question.

Suggestions for questions are: What division is my home in? What road do I live on?, etc. As always taxes are due December 31, 2017. The best discount period ends July 31, 2017.

Money must be received in the office on or before the end of the month to be processed.

**We do not accept payment based on the post marked date.**

Once tax payments are processed a receipt will be mailed to you for your records.

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# Control Burns

Burning Permits are required **all year round** and may be obtained from the Municipal Office.

**You are also 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. If you do not report a controlled burn and the fire has not been informed of your fire and 911 is called you will be BILLED.

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# 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](mailto:rm440@sasktel.net) at anytime.

## Reeve

Glenn Goodfellow  
306-823-4560

### Division 1

Trevor McCrea  
306-398-2912

### Division 2

Jerry Petovello  
306-398-2895

### Division 3

Bernadette Poppleton  
306-823-4530

### Division 4

Vincent Murphy  
306-398-2709

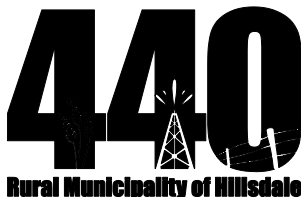
### Division 5

Floyd Whitney  
306-823-4742

### 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!



## 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](http://www.rmofhillsdale.com)

## R.M. Maps



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

New maps with the new assessment figures will be available early 2018.