

R.M. of Hillsdale No. 440

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Ditch Maintenance

The Rural Municipality of Hillsdale No. 440 has been contracted by the Ministry of Highways to mow top cut on Highway 40 and Highway 21 ditches. It will be done this season along with the municipalities network of roads. The purpose for mowing the right of way thought the RM is to maintain the integrity of road ditches to ensure road health. A road needs to 'breathe' to heal from frost boils, soft spots and excess water. It also aids visibility and weed control. To ensure the ease of maintenance we ask that driving not be done in ditches, especially with heavy equipment and in wet weather, as ruts develop and make this

maintenance difficult. Be aware that seeding of crops into the right-of-way is not permitted. Compensation for any right-of-way seeded areas will not be given when maintenance occurs. The RM owns 66 feet to 150 feet of right-of-way throughout the RM, depending on road type.

Please watch for operators and slow down when passing equipment.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Civic Address Signs

The Civic Addresses that were posted at yard sites are for Driveway Identification for Emergency Response. They are to be posted in a location that is not obstructed from sight when viewed from the closest place on the travelled portion of the municipal road or provincial highway, from which the principal building or lot is accessed. Civic Address Signs are to be maintained by the land owner. If a pole or sign replacement is required please contact the municipal office.



For your records, 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 the event of an emergency in addition to your land location. Civic Addresses are still being implemented across Saskatchewan and when calling 911 please give both your land location and civic address. Emergency Response will utilize both to gather the correct information to proceed to your location.

The last step in the process, we are working with the Ministry of Highways and Transportation to inform them of our road network so dispatch has clear information on which roads are drivable year round and which are not. Also a bylaw will be passed to officially adopt the township/range numbering system along with any unique road names necessary.

Municipal Road Construction

This year the spring allowed for a slow melt and the water moved out of most areas nicely. Sadly not all areas were so lucky. Roads around section NW 24-44-24W3 still remain underwater and the northern most mile of Baldwinton Grid has succumb to high water. At this point there is access to alternative routes, and it is a waiting game to see how long it will take for the water to recede.

Construction projects for 2019:

- ① 3 miles in Division 5 along with the addition of 1 mile west into the RM of Manitou Lake No. 442. The two municipalities worked together to construct Twp 460 mile 13.
- ② 5 Miles will be upgraded and paved on Grid Road 675 South to join with RM of Senlac No. 411.

Please be mindful when taking these routes throughout the summer. Remember a single grader is a working construction site. Reduce speed to 60 km/hr when meeting or passing workers.

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

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 all ratepayers pay for a fee they may not use.

This year we will accept cash, cheque or e-transfer. E-transfer is a form of money transfer you can do through on-line banking. Please send e-transfers to 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, 2019. The best discount period ends July 31, 2019. Payment must be received in the office on or before the end of the month to be processed.

We do not process payments based on the post marked date.

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

Burning Bylaw

The Burning Bylaw has been updated. Please see the RM website to read the whole bylaw. Burning Permits are required **ALL YEAR ROUND** and may be obtained from the Municipal Office. If a burning permit is not acquired you are susceptible to charges and/or fines.

You are also required to call the Control Burn Hotline at 1-866-404-4911
or 1-306-953-2411 out of province phones.

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.*

Obtaining a Burning Permit and 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**.

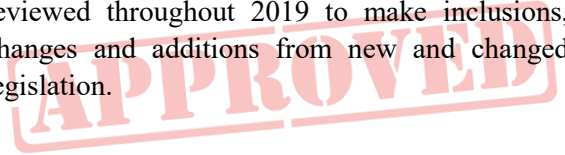
RM Development Permits

Development permits are required throughout the RM for any new development, construction or demolition on new or existing properties. We appreciate ratepayers being diligent and inquiring within the office to ensure rules are being followed for continued growth and development of our area into the future.

We want to remind residents that Development Permits are also required if you are demolishing a building. Doing so will help the RM assess, organize and manage our municipality. If you

have any questions please inquire with the RM in the planning stages of your alteration. This will safeguard your timeline to keep your project on track. Some permits require a Public Hearing, scheduled during RM council meetings and can only occur with proper and timely notification.

The Zoning Bylaw is in the process of being reviewed throughout 2019 to make inclusions, changes and additions from new and changed legislation.



Baldwinton Grid - Mile 10

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Hillsdale No. 440 wishes to inform the ratepayers in the municipality of the future plans for the portion of the Baldwinton Grid which is currently under water. The council at this time has no plans to reconstruct the grid to ensure that the road does not become flooded again. The road will remain closed until the water recedes and the road can be safely used by the travelling public. All ratepayers and producers can access their properties by using other roads to move their products and equipment.

Council has discussed building the road to a higher standard, constructing the road at another location and pumping the water to another location.

Constructing to a higher standard cannot be done overnight as engineering and permits will be required, borrow would need to be located and the costs would be extremely high.

Constructing the road at another location cannot be done easily due to the angle of the highway

and the approach to Highway 40 would need to be at the new higher standards required by Saskatchewan Highways and the loss of farmland to the adjacent landowners would be extremely large.

Pumping the water to another location would be time consuming, expensive and the proper permits and permissions would be required



before it could be done. As well, this could be a short term solution dependent on the weather pattern in future years.

We ask you to be patient as the past has shown us, this water will go away and road may be functional again.

Council & Staff

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.

Janet Hollingshead, Administrator
Tracey Zweifel, Administration Officer
Karrie Blackbeard, Public Works Coordinator

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 Councillor 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 2

Jerry Petovello
306-398-2895

Division 3

Bernadette Poppleton
306-823-4530

Division 4

Vincent Murphy
306-398-2709

Division 5

Floyd Whitney
780-205-1463

Division 6

Chip Chibri
306-823-4228

If you are unsure which councillor you should be talking with please contact the Municipal Office, 306-823-4321, we can help!



RCMP

The RMs of Hillsdale No. 440 and Manitou Lake No. 442 have contracted with the RCMP for Enhanced Policing. This member is based out of the Cut Knife Detachment, and has added a much needed presence in and around our RM's. They will be on our grid roads, in our Villages, responding to reports of crimes or mischievous behavior.

If you suspect or see any suspicious activity please report it! The RCMP want our help, please **REPORT ALL CRIME** at 306-398-3500.

Freemont TRANSFER SITE

Located 5.5 miles East &
1.5 miles South of Neilburg

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

R.M. Maps



Municipal maps
with the 2017
assessment figures
are available for
\$20.00 each plus GST.

RM Website

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

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