Election 2020

and 5 are open for election.

Nomination Period is September 22, 2020 to Wednesday, October 7, 2020 where nominations Remember to vote! It is our civic duty and not advance poll date and time.

municipal office, visit www.sarm.ca, and/or speak municipality thrives now and into the future. our current council to run again could also be an and are addressed. However, if your intention is to option.

To be a councillor, you must be, on the day of election, 18 years of age; and when the nomination paper is submitted, a Canadian citizen; and have resided or owned land in the RM of Hillsdale No. 440 for at least three months and in Saskatchewan for at least six months.

Municipal Election Day is Monday, November 9, To be eligible to vote, you must be, on date of 2020 for municipalities in Saskatchewan. In our election, a Canadian citizen, 18 years of age, RM the Reeve, and Councillors for Divisions 1, 3 resided or owned property in the RM of Hillsdale No. 440 for at least three months, and lived in Saskatchewan for at least six months.

must be in the municipal office by 4:00 this day, everyone in our world is allowed. Your ID will be If an election is required watch for notice of required to place your vote, remember to bring it with you!

If anyone is interested please inquire at the The council works together to ensure our to a current council member. Encouragement to Issues that may have personal nature do come up be elected to council to lower taxes, please discover the facts, it takes dollars to maintain a RM, or even to just sustain it, let alone, take it into the future. However, there could be options to save money that have not been discovered and working together, rather than against each other, could help keep tax increases minimal.

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 again accept cash, cheque or e-transfer.

Please send e-transfers to rm440@sasktel.net.

As always taxes are due December 31, 2020. The best discount period ends July 31, 2020. 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.

2021 is a Revaluation Year

Huh? What? Revaluation? Exactly...

Every four years all properties in Saskatchewan are revalued by the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA).

What does that mean to me?

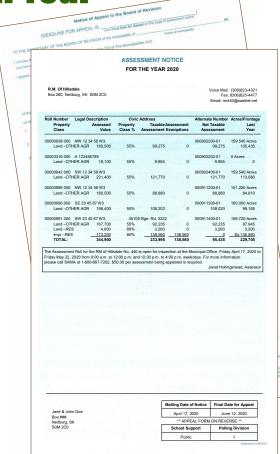
It means that SAMA physically looks at each property throughout the RM of Hillsdale No. 440 and applies calculations of inflation, changes in land values, etc. and determines a new assessed value of your property, land, and buildings. You may look on www.mysama.sk.ca for further information.

Once SAMA assesses properties they send the new values to the municipal office. The values are transferred into our system, printed and then mailed to you in the form of an Assessment Notice. Similar to the one on the right.

Once you receive your notice, review it, if an error has ben made, the assessed value can be appealed. The appeal process is outlined on the back of your notice. There is only 30 days to appeal your values with the Board of Revision, as these numbers directly impact the RM tax calculations.

With SAMA taking care of the assessment, the RM can be sure that all properties are assessed with knowledge of the provinces regulations, fairness and unbiased opinions.

When the assessment is complete and appeals are addressed, tax notices are printed and we begin the process of creating an updated RM map including the new assessment numbers and any changes that have happened over the last 4 years.







www.mysama.sk.ca

Note: SAMA does adjustments and checks on properties that have had changes within the 4 years and municipalities follow the same process. If your assessment has not changed you will not receive an assessment notice. Bylaw 2/2006.

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 NW 24-44-24W3 still remain underwater and the northern most mile of Baldwinton Grid has succumb to high water, please do not enter these spots as we are unsure if the physical road structure is still solid. Please be mindful of our warning flags and take care on all municipal roads.

Construction projects for 2020:

- 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 are working together to construct Twp 460 mile 13.
- ② 1 mile in Division 6 where water threatens to wash it out in 3 spots each year
- 3 1 mile in Division 5, north of the Waseca Bridge is being reconstructed and paved. We are working together with the RM of Eldon No. 471 as they are working on the miles north of us there.
- ④ 1 half mile section in Division 2 was completed in early spring with frozen conditions assisting build the road up through a slough

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.



Burning Bylaw

Burning Permits are required ALL YEAR ROUND. They can be obtained from the Municipal Office. If a burning permit is not acquired you can be 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 for 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 may save you money. If Control Burn Hotline has not been informed of your fire and 911 is called you will be BILLED. However, if your controlled burn does become uncontrolled and you call 911 to have emergency services dispatched your permit does not provide financial protection. Charges from protective or emergency services will be billed as per normal policy.

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, CAO Tracey Zweifel, Finance 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

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



Thank you for having patience with our team as the municipal office was closed to foot traffic during the beginning of the Covid-19 Pandemic.

We have opened our doors and request social distancing be observed.

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.

www.rmofhillsdale.com