

Summer 2021

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Name Change

Did you do some estate planning? Did a loved one pass away? Can my tax notice come in a different name? If you have any of these questions we have your answer.

The RM of Hillsdale No. 440 tax documents reflect the information we receive from SAMA, the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency. When you make a legal change with Information Services Corporation of Saskatchewan (ISC - formerly Land Titles), we receive notification from SAMA as a *Change of Ownership*. Once we receive this we can make the change in our system. This means in order for us to adjust names on property we require you to make the change first with ISC. If you need assistance please call or visit their website

Information Services
Corporation of Saskatchewan
www.isc.ca • 1-866-275-4721



The RM of Hillsdale No. 440

Council and Staff

want to express

our condolences

to all families and friends

whom have lost loved ones

because of and during

the Covid-19 Pandemic.

May time heal your heart.

Surface Rights

With the changing of the economy, oil and gas companies have been shirking on their responsibilities in our area.

We have heard from land owners that a reduction in surface lease payments are being offered, or in some cases, no payment at all. Unfortunately, taxes of some oil companies have not been paid to the RM in several years either. Municipalities are beginning to lobby the government to enforce tax payments, there is 'noise' being made to help you too.

The Surface Rights Acquisition and Compensation Act has provisions for the landowner and energy companies to work together. Linda, at the Surface Rights Board of Arbitration, 1-306-463-5448 is

available if you have any questions.

Saskatchewan Municipalities along with Agriculture Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) are encouraging land owners to report their unpaid leases to the **Government of Saskatchewan, Oil & Gas Licensing and Operations Field ER Service Desk at 1-855-219-9373**. This will help compile a list of delinquent oil companies to educate the Ministry on what is happening in our 'backyard'.



Tax Payment Options

Options for paying your taxes are:

1. In person with **cash** or **cheque**
2. Mailing a **cheque**, ensuring we receive it before the end of the month, to receive your wanted discount.
3. Through your bank via **e-transfer**. This may require the payment to be broken up depending on the limit per transaction set by your financial institution. Please include, your land location in the notes so the payment is applied to the correct property.

Send e-transfers to rm440@sasktel.net.

As always taxes are due December 31, 2021.

The best discount period ends July 31, 2021.

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.

Note: The reason credit cards or debit cards are not accepted is due to the exorbitant fees involved and Council does not feel the added expense is warranted at this time.

GO SLOW in the ORANGE ZONE

There are many construction projects throughout Saskatchewan this year, please take care when heading out this summer.

Did you know the RM of Hillsdale has 296.5 miles of road that we maintain? We do not have any engineered projects this year, however, our employees are going to be working on many small projects throughout the municipality during the summer season. Please be mindful when driving in the area and reduce your speed to 60 km/hr or less when meeting or passing workers.



Remember, a single grader is a working construction zone and we want to keep everyone safe!

Please SLOW DOWN in the Orange Zone. Look for the amber flashing lights and reduce your speed.

As a reminder to anyone mending fences, please remove wire, posts, tools, etc. from the municipal ditches. Municipal equipment can be and has been damaged by items left behind. If we all watch out for each other maybe we can avoid certain repair bills.

With the reduction of oilfield traffic in the municipality the level of service on some back roads may lessen. Upkeep of these roads, to the previous level, is not feasible with the number of miles of higher standard roads used by our farmers, ranchers and acreage owners. Please use caution when using backroads and trails and stick to the main roads for equipment and large vehicles.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

If you haven't filled out your Emergency Preparedness Safety Alert information please do so. It will help us contact you in the event of an emergency.

Download a form from, www.rmofhillsdale.com or send your first name, last name, mailing address, email, land line phone number, mobile phone number and indicate which one is best to reach you to pwc.rm440@sasktel.net or pop into the office and fill in a form!

We are requesting everyone over the age of 18 residing or owning property in the Village of Neilburg or RM of Hillsdale No. 440 provide us with their information.

All contact data is considered highly confidential and not be shared

Civic Addresses

We are happy our ratepayers are starting to use and recognize civic addresses. However, because the system is still being compiled across Saskatchewan we want homeowners to remember to list all three critical information pieces for emergencies when contacting 911.

1. Civic Address
2. Land Location
3. Land/Home Owner Name

This will ensure emergency vehicles efficiently find your location.

Remember to inform any security companies you may use as well!



Burning Permit Required

Burning Permits are required **ALL YEAR ROUND** and can 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
- Location Details
- How long the burn is going to last
- *You will also need to call back when the burn is completed.*
- RM Number
- Fire Service Provider
- Your name and contact number

Obtaining a Burning Permit and Reporting your controlled burn may save you money. If the 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.

Fire Departments

There are four fire departments that serve the Rural Municipality of Hillsdale No. 440. Maidstone/Waseca Fire Department covers north of the Battle River, Cut Knife & District Fire and Rescue in the east and the Neilburg Fire Department central, west and the Village of Neilburg. These departments respond to fire calls within their respective areas as well as provide coverage for rescue calls with the exception of the Neilburg Fire Department area, Manitou Fire and Rescue covers this area for rescue. All four departments work together for mutual aid assistance.

These departments are run by volunteers. There is some compensation for time spent training and active duty. Regular meetings are held to keep everyone knowledgeable and connected. The departments are always looking for new members. Want to get involved? Call 306-823-4321, we will direct you to the Fire Chief in your area.



Remember, in the event of an emergency, call 911.

Cemeteries

Did you realize the RM of Hillsdale No. 440 has five cemeteries?

Neilburg, East Manitou - Woodlawn,
Baldwinton, Carruthers - Hillcrest
and Carruthers Catholic.

The Municipal Office is the record keeper for all five cemeteries. We strive to keep the most current and accurate records possible. Generally the funeral home will provide the municipal office with all the relevant information pertaining to the deceased. On the occasion that families intern a loved one's ashes, it is critical that the office be notified. Future genealogical searches depend upon the accuracy of the records we keep now.

The RM of Hillsdale No. 440 holds the bylaw for East Manitou - Woodlawn, Baldwinton, Carruthers - Hillcrest and Carruthers Catholic cemeteries. The Village of Neilburg governs the bylaw for the Neilburg Cemetery.

Each year, councils appoint cemetery managers whom assist the municipal office with records and internments.

Costs for a cemetery plot is \$200.00. \$50.00 of this cost is for the plot and \$150.00 is held in trust with the municipality for perpetual care for the respective cemetery.

The Cemetery grounds are mostly taken care of on a volunteer basis, a couple cemeteries are able to hire people to do so.

The funds for each cemetery differs as they rely solely on donations and the perpetual care. If you wish to contribute, please make your donation to the RM of Hillsdale No. 440, noting which cemetery you are supporting.

East Manitou - Woodlawn,
Baldwinton, Carruthers - Hillcrest
or Carruthers Catholic

Neilburg Cemetery donations are to be made out to the Village of Neilburg.

Once your generosity is received the municipal office will issue a charitable tax receipt. Thank you for your cooperation preserving our cemeteries for the future.

RM Haying

The RM of Hillsdale No. 440 allows hay to be cut along municipal road allowances. However, there are a few 'strings attached' to keep in mind.

- Adjacent landowners or lessee's have the first option until July 8
- July 9 any person may salvage hay without permission.
- Right-of-way must be left neat
- Bales must be at least 25 feet from the shoulder of the roadway.
- Bales must be removed within 1 month of being baled.
- Hay cannot be cut 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset.
- Operations cannot obstruct travel on the road.
- The RM may begin top cut at any time if conditions warrant.

For further information please consult Bylaw 5/2015 on the website.



RM Facts

- The RM is 1,028.75 sq. km, with 11 townships.
 - Our total assessment in 1924 was \$2,423,861.00 (*including Neilburg as a Hamlet*)
 - in 2021 our total assessment is \$333,793,400.00 (*without Neilburg*)
 - RM Council Meetings are on the first Thursday after the first Tuesday of each month. Council meetings are open to the public.
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Council & Staff

Municipal Staff are available during the week from Monday to Friday during regular business hours and are happy to help with questions and concerns.

Please do not contact them at their homes.

Municipal Staff

Janet Hollingshead, CAO

Kathleen McGladdery,
CAO in Training

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 or Councillors 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.



Re-Opening Roadmap



A three-step plan to gradually lift the current public health orders as Saskatchewan reaches significant vaccination levels.



STEP 1
Sunday, May 30th

40 AND OLDER TARGET 70% VACCINATED

- Restaurants and bars open, maximum six at a table
- 30% capacity or 150 people (whichever is less) at places of worship
- Group fitness classes can resume, with three metres between participants
- Limit of 10 people at private indoor, outdoor and household gatherings
- Limit 30 people at public indoor gatherings
- Limit 150 people at public outdoor gatherings
- Measures for youth and adult outdoor sports will be lifted
- All long-term care and personal care home residents may welcome 2 visitors at a time indoors and 4 visitors at a time outdoors



STEP 2
Sunday, June 20th

30 AND OLDER TARGET 70% VACCINATED

- No capacity thresholds on retail and personal care services, must maintain physical distancing
- No table capacity for restaurants and bars, must maintain physical distancing or barriers between tables
- 150 person maximum capacity at event facilities, casinos, bingo halls, theatres, libraries and recreational facilities
- Limit of 15 people at private indoor gatherings and household gatherings
- Measures for youth and adult indoor sports will be lifted
- All long-term care and personal care home residents may welcome 4 visitors at a time indoors and 9 visitors at a time outdoors



STEP 3
Sunday, July 11th

18 AND OLDER TARGET 70% VACCINATED

- Most remaining restrictions will be lifted
- Public health orders from Step Two on event & gathering sizes and indoor masking will remain in place until target below is achieved

NEW Three weeks after 70% of people 12+ have received their first dose, and three weeks since beginning Step 2

12 AND OLDER TARGET 70% VACCINATED

- Restrictions on event & gathering sizes and indoor masking order removed



StickItToCOVID.ca

Saskatchewan

RM 440 Maps

2017 Municipal Maps are \$20.00 each plus GST.

Digital copies are available through iHunter.

New maps are in progress!

Freemont Transfer Station

Located 5.5 miles East & 1.5 miles South of Neilburg

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

www.rmofhillsdale.com

The municipal website for current minutes, bylaws, transfer station hours of operation, notices or other information you may be seeking.