

Summer 2024

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Rural Municipality of Hillsdale

## Road Safety

There are 315 miles of municipal road in the RM of Hillsdale No. 440. We all love to move around the area easily and carefree. Here are a couple reminders to keep everyone safe on our roadways.



**Speed** All the municipal roads are to be traveled at 80 km/hr unless otherwise posted. Where a grader, mower or other equipment is working it is considered a construction site and a reduction of speed is requested. Any construction sites should be travelled at 60km/hr or less.

**Stunting** Risky activity on municipal roads is prohibited by law. Spinning donuts at intersections, excessive speed, stealing signs are all examples of chargeable offences. Please educate new drivers and remind them of the time and costs of repairing roads and sign replacement. Destruction of Public Property can cost all of us greatly.

**Signage** All signs placed along municipal roads are to control traffic and are there for a reason. Please take heed and abide by what is stated. If a sign is missing please report it to the municipal office.

## Synopsis

If you are looking for your Financial Synopsis, that is normally included with your tax notice, it is now published on our website to decrease mailing costs.

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

Locate the Administration Tab and you will find the Synopsis under Annual Financials.

*Note: Paper copies are available by request. A copy may be emailed, mailed, or picked up at the municipal office.*

## It's Election Year

Ever wonder how the municipality is run? Curious how decisions are made? What policies guide the municipality? How Saskatchewan legislation provides regulations for fairness to all ratepayers? Talk to your Division Councillor, the Reeve, or attend a monthly council meeting to observe from the gallery.

Municipal councils thrive on history, diversity, forethought, and democracy. Council discussion during meetings allow for all sides to be voiced and best decisions to be made. Questions are always welcome and answered,

### Your Current Council

**Reeve**  
Glenn Goodfellow  
306-823-4560

**Division 1**  
Trevor McCrea  
306-3968-2912

**Division 2**  
Tannis Chibri  
780-870-8238

**Division 3**  
Bernadette Poppleton  
306-823-4530

**Division 4**  
Darren Tyler  
306-398-7554

Disclosure Statement must accompany the Nomination Form along with the Candidate's Acceptance. The forms will be available at the RM Office, on our website or through the Saskatchewan Government.

Once these forms are filed with the RM Office the candidate is officially nominated for the 2024 election.

**Final day for nominations to be received is October 9, 2024 at 4:00 pm.**

For more information visit our website or stop in the municipal office.

# You've Got Mail

As a gentle reminder when you receive mail from the RM, please take a moment to read it.

We only mail out information we want you to know, something that might effect your property, or that we need you to respond to. Unfortunately, one of these will be your tax notice once a year, however in the past, people have missed deadlines because addressed mail was laid aside and forgotten about.

*We do not send out ad mail or junk.*

Paper mail is still the way to best reach all of our rate payers as our municipality is covered by four postal districts and not all owners live in those, some live elsewhere.

Please check it out, it may be something significant!

## RM440 Freemont Transfer Station

Located 5.5 miles East & 1 miles South of Neilburg

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

Bagged household garbage is \$1.00.

Other refuse can be disposed of according to our fee schedule. Clean lumber, trees, leaves, etc. are allowable to dump free of charge.

The transfer station is no longer able to recycle electronics with WYWRA. Remember, paint is not accepted either. Please arrange to take to SARCAN.

# Cemetery

When needing to utilize one of the RM maintained cemeteries, please ensure you contact the Municipal Office to locate the correct information for burials. We strive to keep immaculate records for historical purposes. If a burial takes place without our knowledge and it happens to be incorrect it can be challenging to resolve.

When a planning a burial, please notify the Municipal Office and provide the following details:

- Date of Birth
- Date of Death,
- Marriage Date & Spouse
- Children
- *A funeral card, if possible*

For Carruthers - Hillcrest, Carruthers - Catholic, Baldwinton, and East Manitou - Woodlawn Cemeteries plots are \$50 with an additional \$150 perpetual care fee. Once fees are paid, a Deed will be issued. Ensure the Deed is kept safely and relatives know where to find it.

In the past our cemeteries were maintained by volunteers at no charge. Because, cemetery volunteers have declined, the RM now contracts out the mowing of grass and minor maintenance to ensure it remains pleasant for years to come.

That being said, these funds come out of your tax dollars. If awareness can be raised that the cemeteries need financial assistance it may take the burden off you. Contributions can be made through the RM Office towards any cemetery at any time of the year. Funds are directly allocated to those particular cemeteries with charitable donation receipts available. ***Please make cheques payable to the RM of Hillsdale No. 440 with the cemetery noted on the note line.*** Note: East Manitou - Woodlawn does their own bookkeeping, please send donations to Box 141, Neilburg, SK S0M 2C0.

Schedule of Council Remuneration  
As at December 31, 2023  
(Unaudited)

Schedule 10

Position	Name	Remuneration	Reimbursed Costs	Total
Reeve	Glenn Goodfellow	\$ 8,500	\$ 1,043	\$ 9,543
Councillor	Trevor McCrea	6,000	1,071	7,071
Councillor	Tannis Chibri	6,500	501	7,001
Councillor	Bernadette Poppleton	6,125	642	6,767
Councillor	Darren Tyler	5,125	867	5,992
Councillor	Floyd Whitney	5,875	540	6,415
Councillor	Dale (Chip) Chibri	5,125	568	5,693
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$ 43,250</b>	<b>\$ 5,232</b>	<b>\$ 48,482</b>

# Payment Options

We have **FIVE** different ways to make tax payments.

**IN PERSON** Cash or Cheque is accepted at 39 Centre Street, Neilburg, SK during regular business hours.

**BY MAIL** Sending a Cheque to Box 280, Neilburg, SK S0M 2C0. *Ensure to give it plenty of time to arrive prior to month end to avoid penalty charges (Do not send cash through the mail)*

**CREDIT CARD** Visa or Mastercard is accepted through Option Pay. You may access this online through our website, [www.rmofhillsdale.com](http://www.rmofhillsdale.com) or at the municipal office. *Fees are charged to you for this service at time of payment.*

**E-TRANSFER** Electronically through your banking institution using our email [rm440@sasktel.net](mailto:rm440@sasktel.net). (Passwords are not necessary as it is set up to directly deposit.) *You may need to divide payments depending on your daily limit.* Be sure to add your customer number in the notes, it is helpful for processing. Also indicate which what locations you are paying when making a tax payment.

**CREDIT UNION PAYEE** The Rural Municipality of Hillsdale No. 440 is available as a payee (bill payment) through your Credit Union. *You will require your customer number from your tax notice which is displayed behind your name in brackets under the mailing date on the top righthand side.*

If you have any questions regarding payment methods call the Municipal Office at 306-823-4321.

**Timely Tax Payments Avoid Penalty** Property Tax installments are accepted anytime throughout the year.

Taxes are due December 31 of each calendar year. Council sets the budget and levies taxes mid year. Tax notices

are mailed shortly after. If you misplaced your copy, simply contact the Municipal Office and we can send you a copy by mail or e-mail.

Please remember when making payments electronically or by mail, please include good notes. Listing the account or roll number is very helpful, especially if your cheque does not have the same name as the account. For example, at times, we receive payment with only the amount, this is not enough information to easily guess correctly, please help us place your dollars correctly.

# Pest Control

The RM of Hillsdale No. 440 pest control officer is

**Rob Knoll • 780-999-4833**

Rob will be visiting yards, bin yards and vacant sites to ensure our rat population stays in control.

Strychnine is no longer available for purchase or use. The RM of Hillsdale No. 440 has chosen not to supply control measures for gophers as there are several different choices. The only recommendation we have is to treat as early as possible.

G.D. Extermination, Unity, SK is a suggestion where to obtain information and rodenticides for gophers.

## Pest Biosecurity Program Gopher Control Program Claim Deadline is July 31, 2024



### Producers, RMs and First Nations

are eligible to claim through the cost-share rebate program to control ground squirrel (Richardson's, Franklin's, thirteen-lined and northern pocket gopher) populations in Saskatchewan.

Scan the QR code or visit the **SARM website** at the link below for the GCP Program Guidelines and Claim Form.

[sarm.ca/programs/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership/gopher-control-program/](http://sarm.ca/programs/sustainable-canadian-agricultural-partnership/gopher-control-program/)



## Pest Biosecurity Program Invasive Plant Control Program Claim Deadline is October 31, 2024



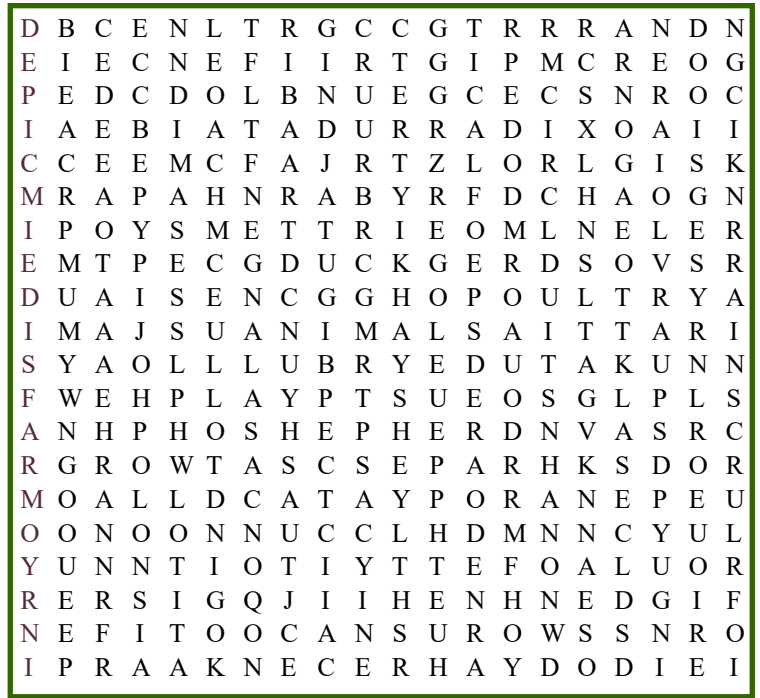
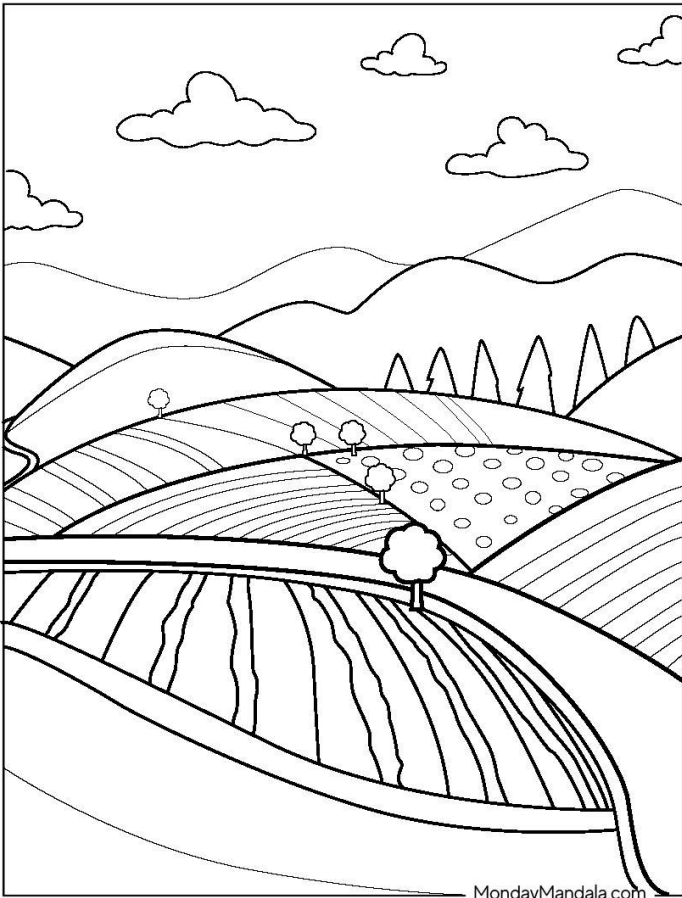
### Producers, RMs and First Nations

are eligible to claim through the cost-share rebate program to assist with costs to control prohibited weeds and specific noxious weeds in Saskatchewan.

Scan the QR code or visit the **SARM website** at the link below for the IPCP Program Guidelines, Claim Forms and required supporting documents.

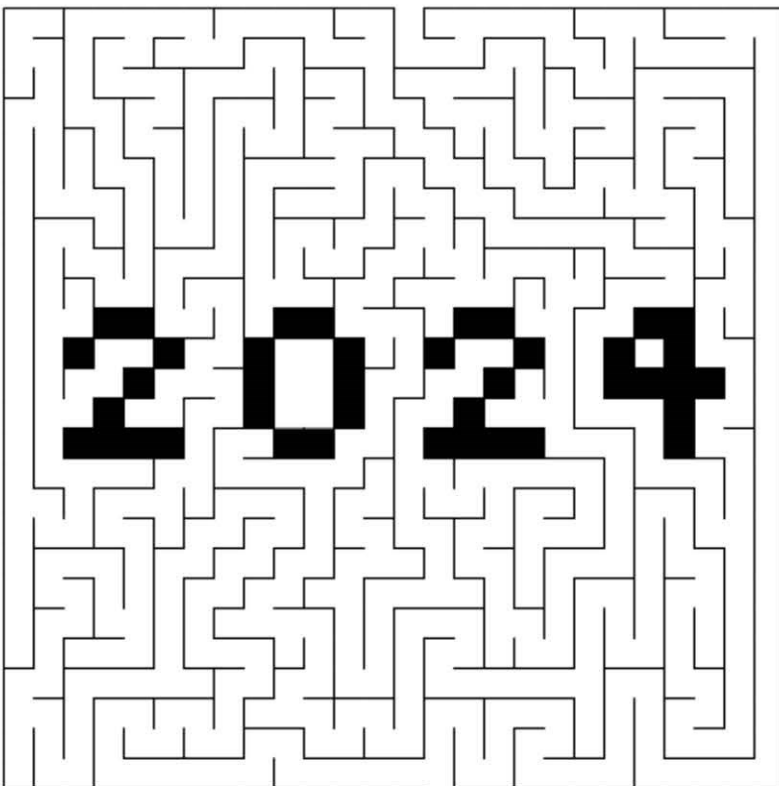
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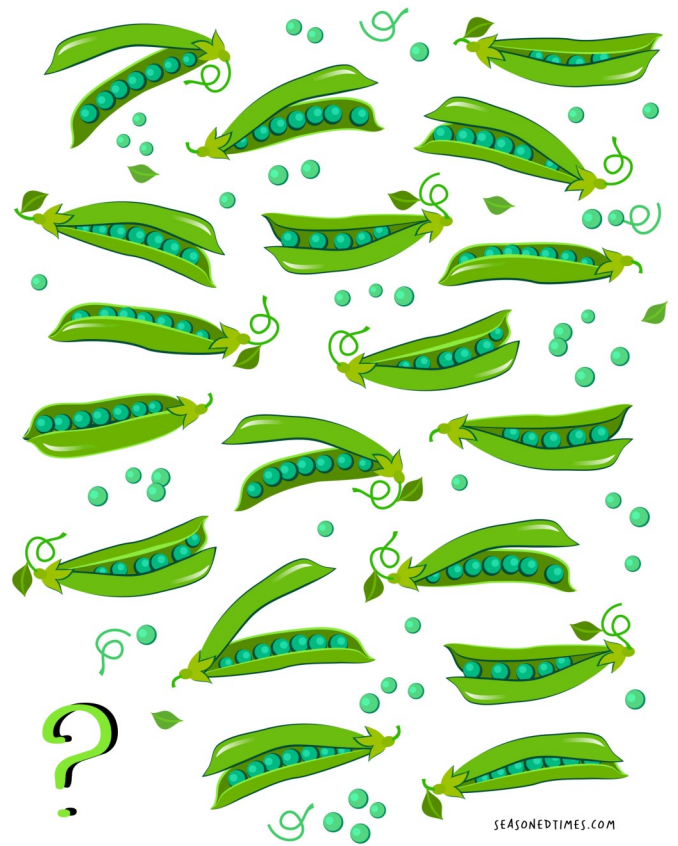


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| CAT     | DUCK   | HAY   | SHEPHERD |



FIND THE MATCHING PAIR



Enjoy your Summer!