



### Council

Reeve - Mark Beck

Division 1 - Chris Williams    Division 2: Aaron Davidson    Division 3 - Shoat Brice  
Division 4 - Chad Nicholas    Division 5 - Bill Strickland    Division 6 - Carla Thue

**Administration Staff:** Stephen Schury and Leah Ward

**Public Works Staff:** Rob Reeves, Ash Patton, and Doug Gilchrist



### 2024 Budget and Tax Policy Information:

The Council passed the Budget on April 2, 2024. The following Tax Policy was applied to the Total Taxable Assessment for the R.M., which amounts to \$131,861,126:

Municipal Mill Rate - 7.70 mills

School Mill Rates - No change from 2023:

- Agricultural Class Property - 1.42
- Residential and Seasonal Residential - 4.54
- Commercial 6.86 - 9.88 (varies per assessment)

The 2024 Mill rate has been set at 7.70 mills, an increase of 0.50 mills from the 2023 rate of 7.20 mills. This adjustment results in a Municipal Tax Levy of approximately \$1,015,487.

Municipal Operating Revenues, excluding any capital grant allocations that may be received, total \$1,297,120; Operating Expenses, excluding depreciation of asset calculations and capital purchases, total \$1,295, 945.

### 2023 Financial Statements:

Enclosed is a Summary Statement of the RM of Caledonia Audited Financial Statements. A complete Statement is available online at our Website (<https://milestonesk.ca/rm-99-caledonia/>), Click Administration, then Financial Statements. Hard Copies are also available at the office.

### Loraas Bins:

Please remember that the waste collection bins in Parry and other areas are for **bagged household garbage** only. Your cooperation in ensuring that tires, furniture, building materials, etc., ARE NOT deposited in the bins is appreciated. Garbage left on the ground outside the bins will not be cleaned up and collected. If this continues, the service will be cancelled. If the bins require additional dumping, please contact the office.

Loraas Recycle bins for the residents and ratepayers of the RM of Caledonia are located beside the RM shop. If the bins are full or locked, please advise the office.



### Bridge Inspection and Repair Update:

Our RM currently maintains over 25 bridges, constructed between 60 and 100 years ago. Every five years, SARM engages an independent engineer to inspect bridges in each RM across the province. These inspections aim to ensure safety and identify any deficiencies, potential problems, or safety concerns.

The most recent inspections identified issues with three bridges in our RM. We are collaborating with an engineer to develop a comprehensive strategy for necessary repairs on all our bridges. We have already addressed restrictions on two of the three bridges and committed to addressing all bridge repairs in a fiscally responsible manner.

In 2024, we removed the Concrete Arch Bridge and wooden bridge located at NE 11-12-20 W2. After extensive review with our engineers, it was determined that the most fiscally responsible approach was to replace both bridges with a new, longer bridge. The estimated cost for this project is approximately \$1,600,000. The RM has secured \$500,000 in Provincial and Federal funding for this project. However, rising construction and material costs have influenced budget discussions.

### Municipal Wells - SW 14-12-20 W2:

As required by the Saskatchewan Health Authority and the Water Security Agency, the R.M. must inform all users about the non-potable status of the public water supply. There have been no changes to the water supply itself, but a change in health district requirements.

***DO NOT USE this water for drinking, cooking, food preparation, or oral hygiene purposes. This water is not treated or tested and is considered unsafe for these uses.***

### Pest Control Officer and Weed Inspector:

The RM provides rat poison free of charge to its ratepayers. If needed, we can send our Pest Control Officer (PCO) to your location.

Additionally, the RM has a weed inspector available to spray noxious weeds. Please report any locations of concern to your councillor or the office.

### Municipal elections

Province-wide Municipal Elections are on November 13, 2024, for Reeve and Divisions 1, 3 and 5. For more information on Municipal Elections visit: [www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections/running-for-municipal-office](http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections/running-for-municipal-office).

### RM Ratepayer Supper

The RM Council will be holding a rate payer supper in late October (tentatively Oct 23). This will give rate payers of the Municipality the opportunity to discuss budget increases, Infrastructure projects and other questions that may arise. Our intention is to have our engineer in attendance. Please watch for future details.

### Assessment Revaluation

Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) updated property valuations to reflect a base date of January 1, 2023. The RM of Caledonia provided the 2024 assessment information in March of 2021. Provincial trends reflected a 40% increase in Ag Land values and 39% for the RM of Caledonia.