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10 Tips on Saving Water at Home

The RM Lagoon is close to reaching capacity, listed are some ways to conserve water:

1. Check faucets and pipes for leaks. A dripping tap can waste 15 litres of water a day, or 5,500 litres a year.
2. Check toilets for leaks.
3. Place a cistern displacement device in you toilet cistern to reduce the volume of water used in each flush.
4. Invest in water efficient goods when replacing household products; such as showerheads, taps, toilets, washing machines and dishwashers.
5. Insulate your water pipes with pre-slit foam pipe insulation. You'll get hot water faster and avoid wasting water.
6. Turn off the tap when you brush your teeth, this can same 6 litres of water per minute.
7. Rinse your razor in the sink. Fill the sink with a few inches of warm water to rinse your razor.
8. Take a shorter shower. Showers can use between 6 and 45 litres per minute.
9. Always use full loads in your washing machine and dishwasher, this cuts out unnecessary washes in between.
10. Store drinking water in the fridge. Running a tap to cool off water is wasteful.

Volunteer's Needed

In case of an emergency, the Village will need people to assist with not only the heavy material and equipment but also drivers, sandwich makers, etc.

Please let the office know if you are available to volunteer your time!

Provincial Education Mill Rate Comparison

	<u>2016</u>		<u>2017</u>
Agriculture	2.67	Agriculture	1.43
Residential	5.03	Residential	4.12
Commercial	8.28	Commercial	6.27
Resource	11.04	Resource	9.68

On-line Banking & e-Transfers

The FS Village office offers ratepayers the option of paying your taxes through on-line banking with the following banks:

- BMO
- CIBC
- CONEXUS – *New*
- CREDIT UNION – Teacher's, Affinity
- SCOTIABANK

The FS office now accept e-transfers through CIBC!

Tax Levy Calculation Example

The Village uses base tax:

- Land \$150.00
- Improvement \$125.00
- Land & Improvement \$275.00
- Mill Rate 2.4

EXAMPLE: Taxable Assessed value \$250,000 residential property multiply by mill rate divided by 1000 = annual tax owing

Municipal tax $\$250,000 \times 2.4 / 1,000 = \600
 Base Tax (land & improvement) = \$275
 School Tax $\$250,000 \times 4.12 / 1,000 = \$1,030$
 Total Tax = \$1,905

*The Provincial Government changed the percentages for assessed property. Residential properties used to be 70% of our full assessment but has been increased to 80%.

Development & Building Permits

Reminder:

- ANY lake front alterations residence need a permit from Water Security Agency at <https://www.wsask.ca/Water-Programs/Aquatic-Habitat-Protection/>
- ANY building along any water areas residence need a 1:500 flood level from Water Security Agency. Contact Water Security Agency Yorkton office 306.786.1490 or rick.jasper@wsask.ca **Development &/or Building Permit from the Village will not be approved without the approval in writing from Water Security Agency. This process can take 2-6 weeks.**
- ANY excavation shall be approved by the RM office. Development permit applications need to be accepted at the office.
- Permit packages will be available for ratepayers at the AGM

Professional Building Inspections Inc. are now the inspectors for the Village for all building permits! Applications must be brought into the Village office and will get forwarded from here.

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Calling Lakes Ecomuseum

We Love our Lakes

The Calling Lakes Ecomuseum (CLEM for short) is very happy to share the work that is being done for the health of our water.

The CLEM was started Dec 2014 in response to the sewage that was entering our Qu'Appelle water system. The CLEM recognizes our water as our precious museum item and we do NOT have a building. Our goals are to collaborate and connect with the best and the brightest, which includes: the United Nations Regional Centre of Expertise on Education, the First Nations Communities, the University of Regina, the University of Saskatchewan, the Calling Lakes District Planning Commission (CLDPC), WSA, the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Stewards, Saskatchewan Provincial Parks, Ag and Ag Food Canada (PFRA) our local MLA Don McMorris and MP Andrew Scheer.

The CLEM would like to take this time to thank the CLDPC for their outstanding work they have done to ensure the health of our water. On Jan 1, 2017 the City of Regina's new sewage treatment plant came on line. This plant, run by EPCOR, will meet and exceed the National standards. Please google EPCOR for more details. This plant was designed without a release valve which is very good news for those of us living downstream. It was the work of the CLDPC that helped the City of Regina understand how very much 'we love our lakes'.

The CLEM would also like to thank the CLDPC for their vision to establish the Branding Committee. Communities such as Canmore and Whistler have a branding that embeds a code of ethic to the tourist. We are very proud of the hard work done by this committee and very much support the branding "Valley of the Festivals" for our communities. Please go to the CLDPC web site for more information.

Lastly, we would very much like to thank Alice Davis of the Lower Qu'Appelle Watershed Stewards for the "Love your Lakes" program at Katepwa. It is a shoreline stewardship program which enabled the District of Katepwa to identify three goals for the water. They are removing the railway ties from the shoreline, making sure their septic tanks work and lastly, planting the Katepwa Poplar to restore the riparian area. (please see the District of Katepwa for more information about our trees).

When the sewage came down the lake, we thought we needed a billion dollars from the Federal government to fix our troubles. Reaching out to the best and the brightest we have learned that if we plant 1000 poplars in the valley, we will clean 32 million gallons of water a year. Who said climate change was hard. Planting one tree, for \$13.99 from U and K Greenhouse, is how very easy it is to care!

We love our lakes.

Aura Lee MacPherson
CLEM Chair

