

### 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.

#### **Agriculture Residents**

2018 Garbage Permits  
To be picked up at the  
North Valley Waste  
Management office  
In January 2018!

### RM 187 Taxation Explanation

RM taxation is different between the RM Proper (RM ratepayers not living in an organized Hamlet) and the Organized Hamlets of Pasqua Lake and Taylor Beach.

RM proper uses mill rate factors. In 2016 the RM had a mill rate of 8 and a mill rate factor of 1.25 for agriculture and commercial and mill rate factor of .75 for residential properties. To get each mill rate, multiply the mill rate with the factor and you get the mill rate that you use to multiply to your taxable assessment.

For example:

Residential	8 X .75 = 6 mills
Agriculture and Commercial	8 X 1.25 = 10 mills

- RM residential mill rate was 6 mills (2016) these ratepayers are for example are in the subdivisions of Grooms Vista, Lakes End, Jasmin, Qu'Appelle Park and Kinsley Place to name a few.
- RM agriculture and commercial mill rate is 10 (2016)
- The Organized Hamlet of Pasqua Lake mill rate was 2 for 2016 and as suggested by the board the 2017 mill rate will remain the same.
- The Organized Hamlet of Taylor Beach mill rate was 3.4 (2016) and suggested mill rate for 2017 is 2.98 mills.
- The School mill rate for 2017 are
  - Ag 1.43 (2.67 – 2016)
  - Residential 4.12 (5.03 – 2016)
  - Commercial 6.27 (8.28 – 2016)
  - Resource 9.68 (11.04 – 2016)

The RM uses base tax and it is the same in the RM proper and the Hamlets;

- Land \$100.00 (residential) Land Ag \$150.00
- Improvement \$150.00
- Land & Improvement \$250.00

#### **EXAMPLE:**

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

#### **RM Proper Residential**

Municipal tax \$250,000 X 6 / 1,000 = \$1,500.00  
Base Tax (land & improvement) = \$ 250.00  
School tax \$250,000 X 4.12 / 1,000= \$1,030.00  
RM Total tax = \$2,780.00

#### **RM Proper Agricultural**

Municipal tax \$250,000 X 10 / 1,000 = \$2,500.00  
Base Tax (land & improvement) = \$ 300.00  
School tax \$250,000 X 1.43 / 1,000= \$357.50  
RM Total tax = \$3,157.50

#### **RM Proper Commercial**

Municipal tax \$250,000 X 10 / 1,000 = \$2,500.00  
Base Tax (land & improvement) = \$ 250.00  
School tax \$250,000 X 6.27 / 1,000= \$1,567.50  
RM Total tax = \$4,317.50

#### **Pasqua Lake**

Municipal Tax \$250,000 X 2 / 1,000 = \$ 500.00  
Base tax (land & improvement) = \$ 250.00  
School Tax \$250,000 X 4.12 / 1,000=\$1,030.00  
PL Total Tax=\$1,780.00

#### **Taylor Beach**

Municipal Tax \$250,000 X 2.98 / 1,000 = \$745.00  
Base tax (land & improvement) = \$ 250.00  
School tax \$250,000 X 4.12 / 1,000= \$1,030.00  
TB Total Tax = \$2,025.00

The Provincial Government changed the percentage of values for assessed property. On your assessment notice you will have Assessed Value and then your taxable assessment value, the percentage to find out your taxable assessment has increased.

Residential properties in 2016 was 70% of our full assessment but has been increased to 80%

Agriculture properties non-arable range land was 40% and increased to 45%. No other changes were made.

## Newsletter

### 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

### PARKING REMINDER

*Parking any vehicles, trailers, boats, ice shacks and any other items is NOT permitted on RM property or Public Reserve. Public Reserve property is owned by the RM for public use, we are encouraging our ratepayers to abide by this regulation.*

### On-line Banking & e-Transfers

The RM 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 RM office now accepts e-transfers through CIBC!

#### North Qu'Appelle Group Pipeline Association

subscribers are now able to pay utilities through on-line banking & e-transfers!

### EMAILS NEEDED!

Please forward your email address to [rm187@sasktel.net](mailto:rm187@sasktel.net) we sometimes send out information via email and would like to include you in that list!

Also we are on Facebook and our website has lots of information visit us at [www.rm187.ca](http://www.rm187.ca)

Council meetings are held every second and fourth Tuesday at 9:00 am

### Taylor Beach AGM

May 27, 2017 – 2pm  
Organized Hamlet of Taylor Beach  
#3 Lakeview Crescent  
Bruce Olesen's Garage  
**Hamlet Board**

Ron Palmer  
Dwayne Heimlick  
Jenny Hart  
Ron Palmer – RM Councillor

### Pasqua Lake AGM

May 6, 2017 - 2 pm  
Lutherland  
214 Qu'Appelle Beach  
**Hamlet Board**

Carla Taylor  
Dan Dukart  
Larry Bedel  
Lee Carlson – RM Councillor

## 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 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 ethics 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

