



R.M. of Pleasant Valley No. 288 Annual Ratepayers Newsletter

August 2023

2023 RM Council Members

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PLEASANT VALLEY CONNECT

Pleasant Valley Connect has been operational for just over two years. This method of communication has proven to be very helpful in notifying ratepayers of upcoming deadlines and ensuring that our ratepayers are receiving important notifications, such as fire ban implementation and removal.

Registration forms can be accessed on the Municipal Website or by visiting or calling the Municipal Office. Pleasant Valley Connect provides the option for everyone to select their preferred method of communication either via e-mail or text message.

If you have previously registered but would like to opt out of receiving notifications, please contact the municipal office.

2023 Mill Rate & Budget

Council has completed the annual task of adopting the 2023 Municipal Operating Budget, and setting the 2023 municipal mill rate(s) accordingly. The Mill Rate will remain the same in 2023 as it was in 2022.

Ag. – 6.5 Mills – Mill Rate Factor: 1 - Agriculture Mill Rate: 6.5 Mills
Res – 6.5 Mills - Mill Rate Factor: 2 - Residential Mill Rate: 13 Mills
Com – 6.5 Mills - Mill Rate Factor: 2.6 - Commercial Mill Rate: 16.9 Mills

2023 Property Tax Discounts

The following discounts will be provided for the municipal portion of your property tax payments in 2023:

If payment received before the end of Sept.: **5%**
If payment received before the end of Oct.: **4%**
If payment received before the end of Nov.: **2%**

Payments received in December are not subject to an early payment discount. There is no discount on school tax.

Taxes for the current year become arrears as of January 1, 2024.

Office/Shop Information

Street Address: 207 Highway 4 North

Mailing Address: Box 2080, Rosetown, SK S0L 2V0

Email Address: rm317@sasktel.net

Phone: 306-882-4030 **Fax:** 306-882-4401

Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00am–12:00pm 1:00pm-5:00pm

Administrator: Samantha Herring

Assistant Administrator: Sheila Cole

Foreman: Laren Valen

Shop Phone: 306 882-3306

Website: www.rm288-317.ca

2022 Financial Statements

The Financial Statement can be viewed in the municipal office or in the following location on the Municipal Website: <https://www.rm288-317.ca/rm-of-marriott/government-admin/financial-statements/>

New Shared Administration Office

We are pleased to work alongside the RM of Marriott No. 317 to officially provide a home for both municipalities. Construction of the new office is well underway. We are scheduled to be in the new office by October of this year.

The two municipalities will be hosting an open house in the spring of 2024. Watch for updates and notification for the date of the open house.

Dogs at Large in the Hamlet of Fiske

No dogs are permitted to run at large in the Hamlet of Fiske. A dog shall be deemed running at large when it is beyond the land occupied by the owner or harbourer of the said dog, and when it is not under control by being;

- in direct and continuous control of a person competent to control it; or
- securely confined within an enclosure; or
- securely fastened so it cannot roam at will.

The management of pets are the responsibility of its owner. We hope that all residents of the Hamlet take priority in ensuring the safety of your pets and all community members.

If a dog is reported running at large the dog will be obtained and taken to the nearest pound. Any fees to retrieve the animal from the pound will be the responsibility of the owner or the individual retrieving the animal.

Waste Collection Station

The RM of Pleasant Valley Transfer Station is open Wednesdays from 1:00 pm - 7:00pm (April 1 to October 31), and 11:00 am to 5:00 pm (November 1 to March 31) excluding statutory holidays and weather permitting.

Waste Collection Reminders:

- All household garbage must be bagged or it cannot be accepted.
- A large bin is on site for larger household items such as chairs, larger furniture and waste that will not fit in the smaller bins.
- A clean wood and tree product pile is provided on a trial basis. ONLY clean wood and tree/shrub products will be permitted. NO wood that has been treated, painted, stained, or preserved in any way will be permitted. If abused this service will be removed.

****SCRAP METAL is currently accepted at the landfill, but Ratepayers are encouraged to Check with the Landfill Attendant prior to Hauling Scrap Metal****

PROHIBITED MATERIALS:

- Hot coals, and ashes are not allowed, dead animals, tires, and all hazardous materials (oils, chemicals, asbestos) are also prohibited and WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- Construction material and demolition debris (including, concrete, bricks, shingles, and large amounts of drywall, will not be accepted. As the station is designed to only accept HOUSEHOLD garbage.
- Individuals or businesses needing to deal with large amounts of construction material are encouraged to contact Emterra at (306) 775-9999, or another waste management company and obtain their own bins for these materials.

For complete information regarding collection station rules and regulations please contact the municipal office.

Pest Control

Foreman Valen continues to look after the Pest Control Officer duties for the RM. Bait is available free of charge in limited quantities at the municipal office, or by contacting Laren.

Bait stations are available for sale at the RM Office for a total cost of \$30.75 each.

Gopher Control

The Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership Gopher Control Program, managed by SARM, offers a 50% rebate to ratepayers upon completion of the required claim form.

The municipality will distribute gopher control products at a cost of \$180.00 per 20kg bag. Please note it is the ratepayer's responsibility to attend the office to complete the required claim form in order to receive the rebate.

Controlled Burning

1 866-404-4911

All controlled burns must be reported to the Saskatchewan Controlled Burn Centre. In a situation where Fire Services are called to a controlled burn, and the burn has not been reported, the land owner is responsible for all costs associated with the fire call.

Rosetown Fire Department Service Call Rates:
\$550.00/Hour as well as \$33.00/Hour per Firefighter on Scene.

It is highly recommended that you contact your insurance provider to ensure that you have adequate fire insurance protection in the event of an incident.

Fire Bans

The municipality has been working alongside the community fire chief to ensure that a Fire Ban and Restrictions are implemented at appropriate times to ensure the safety of our and surrounding municipalities. Upon implementation of the fire ban open fires are not permitted. No person shall light, or start or allow or cause to be lighted, ignited or started as fire of any kind whatsoever in the open air, this includes the lighting or discharge of fireworks.

Municipal Building Permit/Code Inquiries

The RM of Pleasant Valley No. 288 has adopted a building bylaw requiring permits for all new construction or renovation projects. Building Permit applications can be obtained from the municipal website or by contacting the municipal office.

For all building code questions and inquiries, we ask that ratepayers contact MuniCode Services Ltd. at (306)955-6355.

Harvest 2023

With Harvest 2023 underway we want to again remind our ratepayers to slow down and use extreme caution when transporting equipment on public roads, and ensure all warning lights are working.

As a reminder, **NO Grain Bags or Bale Wrap** can be disposed of at the RM Transfer Station. It is also illegal to burn grain bags and those caught doing so will be prosecuted.

The RM requests that grain bags are cleaned up and disposed of immediately at designated collection sites **The nearest grain bag recycling facility is the RM of Mildren shop located in Mildren. Properly rolled up and secured grain bags are accepted from 8:00am-4:00pm on the last Friday of every month.**

Additionally, **please refrain from farming (seeding, spraying, or cultivating) the road allowance ditches on ALL DEVELOPED Road Allowances.**

Failure to do so will result in being charged for the reseeding of damaged ditches within the municipal right of way.

On behalf of the RM Council and staff we wish you all a safe harvest season!