

JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER



DISCOUNT RATES

6% if paid by August 31

5% if paid by September 30

4% if paid by October 31

2% if paid by November 30

No discount is offered for payments made in December.

0.75% penalty per month will be charged for any unpaid taxes after year end.

TAX NOTICES

Please find enclosed your 2023 tax notice(s). The mill rate remains at 11.0 (same as 2022) with a mill rate factor of 0.6 for residential properties.

For more information on Tax Tools, please visit our website.

← Discounts for early payment of taxes are being offered again for 2023

ROAD SIGNS & CIVIC ADDRESS REGISTRY

Rural Road and Township road signs were installed off of Highways #23 and #335 in 2022. This was done as a first step to help provide quicker and more accurate directions for emergency services.

Currently, the office staff are working on completing training in Civic Address Registry. This provincial-wide standardized system will provide precise location-based addresses for emergency services. The last step in this process will be to install Civic Address signs within the next few years (see example) at all residential and business locations.



PEST CONTROL

The municipal office has bags of WeatherBlok and Ratak available at no cost for R.M. ratepayers. These are to be used for residential property or vacant buildings. If you need rodenticide in bulk for farm or business (bee huts), cases are available at cost.

The office also has bait stations for sale at cost. There are 3 different types of stations that can hold WeatherBlok or mouse traps for your yard. The stations are tamper-resistant and lock with a plastic key to prevent children and pets from possibly ingesting the poison. Call the office for more information and prices.

RECEIPTS

The office will no longer mail out receipts for A/R invoices, unless requested. This includes receipts for custom work invoices, waste bin invoices, etc. Receipts for tax payments will be mailed as usual.

MAPS

Maps in the office are up-to-date as of January 2023. Any changes after January will be included in next year's map order.

Maps can be purchased at the office with cash, cheque or e-transfer. Maps can also be mailed upon payment with a \$3 shipping fee.

Digital Maps are a non-printable PDF document for your phone or home computer that will be emailed upon payment.

Prices remain at:

Small (2' x 2')

Ratepayer \$10.00

Non-Ratepayer \$15.00

Large (2.5' x 2.5')

& Digital PDF Ratepayer \$15.00

Non-Ratepayer \$20.00

FIRE & CONTROLLED BURNS

All burns need to provide notification to the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (SPSA) by calling **1-866-404-4911**. This helps prevent costly fire call fees and false alarms to our volunteer fire departments.

If you plan to burn in or within 4.5km of the Provincial Forest during wildfire season (Apr 1 – Oct 31) and your fire is larger than 1 metre in diameter, you are required to get a burn notification number from SPSA by calling **1-800-667-9660**.

Fire bans for the Municipality are enacted in consultation with the Arborfield Fire Department. Bans may be enacted and rescinded with little notice based on current and forecasted weather conditions. Fire bans within the municipality include Pasquia Regional Park, but does not include the Town of Arborfield.

Follow the R.M. Facebook page for the most current information, or call the office.

2022 AUDIT

The 2022 Audited Financial Statement for the R.M. of Arborfield No. 456 was completed.

Copies are available at the office, or on our website.



As a ratepayer, you are also an APAS member!

APAS Discounts

APAS partners with a wide variety of businesses and service providers to offer special pricing and discounts to all ratepayers in participating municipalities. Some of the rewards include discounts on vehicles with Chrysler/Jeep/Dodge, Co-operators Insurance, Grainger Canada, and a 10% discount at Mark's. To utilize these benefits, present the included APAS membership card to the providers mentioned

APAS Young Leaders (AYL) presented by FCC:

AYL lets young farmers and ranchers from ages 18-40 learn about the creation and implementation of agricultural policy from the local to national level in a fun and supporting environment. To apply, visit apas.ca

BEE HUTS

In the winter, please store bee huts away from municipal roads and ditches to allow for proper snow clearing.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Rural Municipality of Arborfield No. 456

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 8am – 12pm; 1pm – 4pm

Friday: 8am – 12pm; 1pm – 3pm

Closed on Weekends and Public Holidays

Follow our Facebook page for information on office closures

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Reeve – Don Underhill

Division 2/Deputy Reeve – Alois Bronner

Division 3 – Bernie Carpentier

Division 4 – Willie Schmitt

Division 5 – Pat Lussier

Division 6 – Dillon Gray

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am at the Municipal Office.

Meeting dates are subject to change periodically, notice will be given on our website.

If you would like to attend a meeting as a delegate, please contact the Administrator 3 days prior to the next scheduled meeting.