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# SAMA Notice of Assessment 2021

2021 is a re-evaluation year for SAMA (Sask. Assessment Management Agency). SAMA's role in determining assessed value for properties is just the first part of a process established by provincial legislation. Changes are based on sales data up to 2019.

Your RM of McKillop taxes are based on SAMA's determination of your property value. You are receiving your property assessment from the RM with this newsletter. When you receive your assessment you have 60 days to appeal the assessment to SAMA.

As a community service to help those property owners who wish to appeal, the RM is providing the links to important information regarding your property assessment and the appeal process below. To access the electronic links go to the RM website and open the McKillop musings.

- 1) How does property assessment work in Saskatchewan? [Click Here](#)
- 2) Answer your SAMA most [FAQ—frequently asked questions.](#)
- 3) SAMAView, a service of MySAMA, provides public access to search, view and compare individual property assessments in all SAMA's client jurisdictions.  
[Click Here to go to SAMAView](#)
- 4) Provincial legislation in Saskatchewan provides a three-level appeal process for property owners who question the assessment value of their property. Your RM of McKillop taxes are based on the assessed value of your property. If your assessed value goes up or down from last year so may your taxes. GET INFORMED!  
[Click Here to review the SAMA Appeals Process.](#)

The RM of McKillop is not involved in the assessment of your property in the RM.

## Absinthe

### Wormwood sage

Is a greenish-grey, multi-stemmed perennial with tap root growth; It can be found in waste areas, yard sites, cropland, roadsides and gravel pits. It has a strong sage-like odour and is an aggressive competitor with other vegetation.



The RM of McKillop's only action to contain and control this noxious weed, which is plentiful in our area, is chemical management. Please do your part to contain the rapid spread of absinthe in our community.

# Trailer Permit Fees Due

**Trailer permit fees were due April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

The RM will begin enforcement in June for all unpaid permits.

One RV trailer can be located on a lot in the RM under the following conditions:

- a principal residence is already situated on the lot, or
- the yearly permit has been issued and paid for.



## RM 220 Experiences Drought Conditions!

“It’s a vast drought and there’s no indication that that’s breaking any time,” said John Pomeroy, Canada Research Chair in water resources and climate change. [Global News](#)

From October to now, he said much of Saskatchewan has gotten only 40 per cent of the precipitation it would normally see. That’s a problem for farmers, but it’s also a concern for firefighters. Dry soil is topped with dry debris, which is prime wildfire fuel.

Fires put property at risk, so loss prevention experts urge people to protect their homes from blowing embers. People should trim nearby trees, clear debris from their eavestroughs and under their decks, and move combustible material like patio furniture inside. Also check your fire coverage on your property insurance policy. Be prepared!

**WE ARE EACH  
ENTITLED TO OUR  
OWN OPINION, BUT  
NO ONE IS ENTITLED  
TO HIS OWN FACTS.**

Patrick Moynihan

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### **Information is power.**

Make sure your information about the RM is based on the correct facts and not gossip.

### **Where do you get the facts?**

The RM website, Council or Staff are good places to start.

And if we have printed inaccurate information on the website please tell us. We’ll investigate and, if necessary, correct the information in a timely fashion.



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*Good Afternoon,*

*Recently Southey and Strasbourg RCMP have received a high volume of complaints concerning ATV and golf cart usage.*

*Common complaints involve underage usage, impaired operation, lack of safety equipment, usage on public streets and roadways, unsafe operation, and noise complaints.*

*Some communities may have Bylaws regarding usage but it appears from the complaints that often the Bylaws are not being followed.*

*The RCMP will be providing increased enforcement regarding ATV and golf cart usage effectively immediately.*

*Any ATV or golf cart that cannot be legally licensed with a plate from SGI cannot be operated on public roadways and streets. As well, anyone operating such conveyances in contradiction to any Bylaws which may be in place will be subject to enforcement action under the Traffic Safety Act and the ATV Act.*

*Please find included an information sheet that we request be circulated to community members to help educate them on safe and proper usage in whatever manner you deem best.*

*We appreciate your attention to this matter and your assistance with this. As always, we are committed to safer homes and communities and education is a key part of our commitment.*

*Please feel free to contact the Detachment with any questions or concerns.*

*Thank you for your cooperation with this.*

*Regards,*

**Cst Jack CLAY**

**Southey RCMP-GRC**



**A little birdie told us that the RCMP  
will be doing spot checks in the RM of  
McKillop this season.**



## ***Organized Hamlets & Tax Levy Accounts: The Legislated Requirement***

Ratepayers in the RM have often wondered about the percentage of municipal taxes set aside into an Organized Hamlet Levy Account. In rural municipalities in Saskatchewan, organized hamlets, by provincial legislation, are mandated to receive between 40% - 75% of their municipal levied taxes into a tax levy account. In the RM of McKillop, 43% of the organized hamlet's ratepayers' municipal levied taxes is allotted to the organized hamlet tax levy accounts. The percentage is determined by a mutual agreement between the organized hamlet and the RM.



The organized hamlet tax levy accounts are managed by the RM and meant for expenditures specifically related to, and within, the organized hamlet. No monies are directed back to individual ratepayers. The percentage only applies to the municipal tax portion, with all the education tax portion going to the provincial government.

From the 43% an organized hamlet is accountable for the following expenditures:

- 1) Roads and road allowance maintenance within the organized hamlet boundaries - This includes grading, graveling, dust control, mowing, weed control, snow removal, culverts, signs, etc. Hamlet roads are owned by the RM as organized hamlets are not allowed to own any property or assets.
- 2) Cost of buildings on municipal lands - such as purchase, construction, maintenance, insurance, power bills, and amortization. All of these structures are the property of the RM.
- 3) Boat launches and docks - purchases and their maintenance, annual installation and removal, lights, amortization, etc. Boat launches and docks within the organized hamlet boundaries are on municipal land and open for public use. Such launches and docks are the property of the RM.
- 4) Water systems - purchases and maintenance such as chemicals, power bills, amortization, etc. All water systems are owned by the RM.
- 5) Equipment - capital cost and repairs, fuel, amortization. All equipment, such as tractors, mowers, wood chippers, etc. that are purchased from the organized hamlet account become the property of the RM.
- 6) Recreation equipment - such as playground equipment, tennis courts, basketball courts, insurance, amortization, etc. that are placed on municipal land. All this equipment purchased from the organized hamlet account becomes the property of the RM.
- 7) Other expenditures from the organized hamlet account include - a calculated percentage of fire and rescue costs, a percentage of bylaw enforcement officer salary, hamlet meeting, hamlet board indemnity costs.

All municipal tax revenues from unorganized hamlets go into the RM general account.



# McKillop Morsels

If you would like to receive RM information and notices, please provide us with your contact information. You can do this by either contacting the RM office by phone (306-725-3230), emailing us [rm220general@rm220.ca](mailto:rm220general@rm220.ca) or using the All-Net Connect portal on our website <https://rmofmckillop220.com>.

Using the All-Net Connect portal saves ratepayers' money.

Check the RM website for the status of the fire ban before starting a fire.

**TOTAL FIRE BAN**



**IN EFFECT**

## Who are WE?

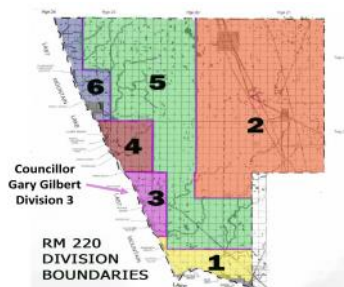
### Gary Gilbert

Gary is the elected Councillor for Division 3. Prior to serving as Councillor Gary was the RM of McKillop Reeve from 2013 to 2016. Gary is a member of the RM's Public Works Committee and represents the RM on the Board of the Living Sky Regional Emergency Measures Organization.

Questions on the RM generally or specifically Division 3? Gary Gilbert can be reached at [div3@rm220.ca](mailto:div3@rm220.ca).

### Travis Herman

Travis is the RM's Public Works Manager and is primarily responsible for road maintenance and construction. He has worked for the RM for 10 years.



Questions on RM roads? Travis can be reached at [travish@rm220.ca](mailto:travish@rm220.ca) or by calling the RM office at 306-725-3230.

**FREE LANDFILL WEEKEND**—Spring cleaning is going to be a little bit easier for RM ratepayers thanks to a FREE weekend at the landfill. Yard waste (e.g., branches, leaves, grass and dry seaweed) can be deposited for FREE on

**Saturday May 29th & Sunday May 30th, 2021**

Anything not yard waste will be assessed at regular Landfill fees. The Landfill only accepts CASH or CHEQUES at this time.