

A photograph of three red foxes on a gravel path. One fox is in the foreground, looking down. Two other foxes are in the background, one sitting and one standing. The path is made of light-colored gravel and there are some green plants at the bottom.

McKillop's. musings

SAMA Property Assessments
in the RM

RM Municipal Tax Collected
2016-2021

McKillop Emergency Contact
List

July 14, 2021

McKillop's Musings

103 Ashley Street
Bulyea, SK S0G 0L0
306-725-3230

rm220general@rm220.ca

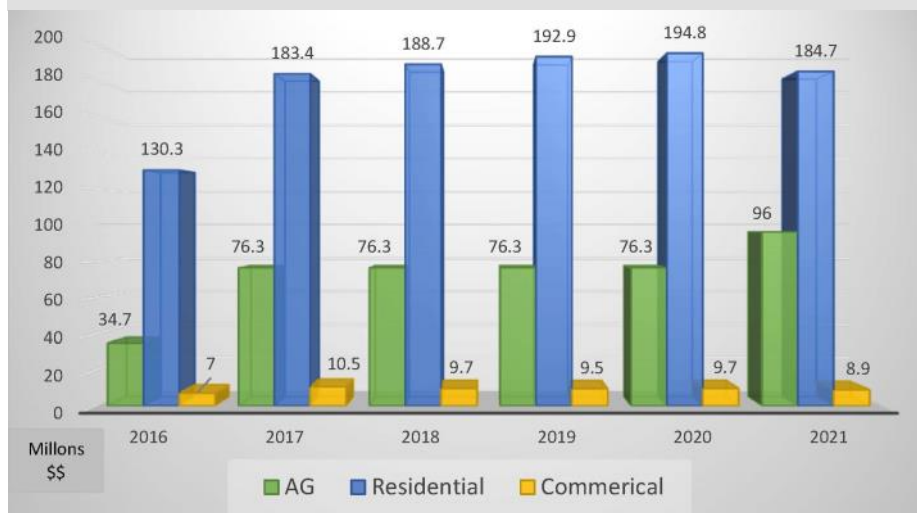
www.rmofmckillop220.com

SAMA Municipal Taxable Assessments RM of McKillop Properties 2016-2021

2021 was a revaluation year for SAMA (Sask. Assessment Management Agency). SAMA's role in determining assessed value for properties is the first part of a process established by provincial legislation. Changes in property value are based on sales data up to 2019. The RM of McKillop Council is not involved in the individual assessment of your property in the RM.

However your RM municipal taxes are based on the assessed value of your property.

Municipal Taxable Assessments of RM of McKillop Properties 2016-2021



Dashboard Notes on RM Property Assessments

- 1) Residential properties (with a dwelling and other buildings) total as the highest assessed properties in the RM, and when RM taxes are determined, contribute the most to RM revenues.
- 2) The greatest increase in assessed property values in McKillop over the 6-year period shown in the graph are from development (e.g., new buildings, renovations and upgrades to older buildings).
- 3) SAMA revaluations occur every 4 years (...2017 and this year). This year, SAMA assessments of AG land went up on average about 25.8% in valuation, and residential land and improvements went down on average about 5% in valuation. During the years between SAMA revaluations, the assessment of a property does not change unless there has been additional development. As shown by the graph, AG land remained stable from 2017 to 2020.
- 4) The RM of McKillop has very little commercial or industrial business.
- 5) The assessments of property along with mill rates determine the RM municipal tax and education tax. While the RM of McKillop Council sets the municipal property tax mill rates and the provincial government sets the education property tax mill rates, the RM sends out the tax notices for both taxes. Upon payment of both municipal and education taxes to the RM of McKillop, the RM transfers the education tax to the provincial government, which then determines what funding the local Horizon School Division receives.

RM 2021 Taxes



The Good News—The RM Council worked diligently to keep the increase to the 2021 budget minimal (approximately \$27,153) while dealing with increased costs, aging infrastructure and a few financial skeletons in our closet. Due to some fluctuation in SAMA's assessed values of property in the RM of McKillop, some ratepayers in the RM of McKillop will see a change in the RM municipal taxes owed. The largest anticipated new capital expenditures over the next couple of years will be the new shop at an est. \$450,000, a new road grader valued at \$350,000, and road construction at \$350,000. We will try to utilize grants where available.

The Challenges Ahead—Costs are not decreasing, and restoring depleted capital reserve accounts may be difficult. The RM still owes approximately \$1.2 million for a 2016 fifteen-year fixed loan of \$1,400,000 (\$1,780,000 with interest) on the sewage lagoon. Most of the long standing reserve accounts were depleted or not fully cash funded. Council is working on a comprehensive financial plan to put the RM on a stable path required for long term success. And while ratepayers are anxious about keeping taxes collected neutral, there is at the same time some resistance to further economic development. A favourable median must be achieved.

Your elected RM Council and the staff thank ratepayers for all their kind words and emails of support as we move our community forward during these challenging times.

Municipal Taxes Collected in RM of McKillop 2016-2020



* Special Note on RM of McKillop Tax Revenues in 2018

Presented for information purposes only, the original 2018 tax notices mailed to ratepayers on August 13th, 2018 proposed a 176% increase to RM tax revenues. A replacement 2018 tax notice was mailed on December 13, 2018 reducing those amounts considerably.

McKillop Emergency Contact List

During the recent heat dome over the prairies the provincial government issued a province-wide fire ban. The RM Council apologizes for not using Connect by All-Net to notify ratepayers regarding the local fire ban. The fire ban notice was placed on our website immediately, but unfortunately, due to an administrative hiccup accessing our new communication system remotely, it was not sent out. Council will be setting a policy to ensure ratepayer communications are prioritized according to emergency level. Sorry for any inconvenience that this caused.



FIRE BAN:
Check Before Burning

Connect By all-net

The RM is still missing many ratepayer contacts for our communication system. Please provide your contact information so that messages can be sent directly to you. You can be added to the All-Net Connect system by either contacting the RM office by phone (306-725-3230), emailing us rm220general@rm220.ca or using the All-Net Connect portal on our website <https://rmofmckillop220.com>.

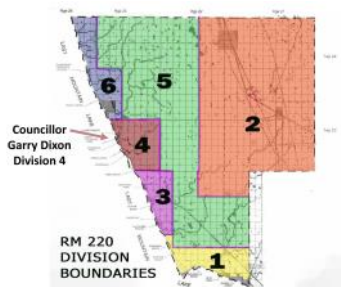
Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Who are WE?

Garry Dixon

Garry is the elected Councillor for Division 4. He is Deputy Reeve and has served on the RM of McKillop Council for over 5 years. Garry is Chair of the RM Hamlet Committee and member of the Planning & Economic Development Committee.

Questions on the RM generally or specifically Division 4? Garry Dixon can be reached at div4@rm220.ca



Camille Box

Camille is the Assistant Administrator in the RM office primarily responsible for supporting the Chief Administrative Officer and reviewing and revising bylaws /policies, and writing grant applications as directed by the RM Council.

Questions about the RM? Camille can be reached at adminassist@rm220.ca or by phone at 306-725-3233.

FREE LANDFILL WEEKEND—Ratepayers in the RM deposited over 16 metric tonnes at the Last Mountain Regional Landfill (LMRL) on the free yard waste weekend of May 29th & 30th. RM Council representatives will continue to work with the regional utility board to ensure appropriate disposal of recyclable and waste materials in the future.