

Update on Wired DSL High Speed Internet

Good day Pasqua Lake Hamlet! I understand that you have many questions regarding the talk about the Wired DSL High Speed internet that is proposed. More discussion will be at the AGM May 6, 2017, 2:00 @ Camp Lutherland.

The Board hosted a meeting April 1 that SaskTel and Paul McLellan attended to inform us about the project. The cost to Pasqua Lake Hamlet will be \$339,000 which is 34% of the total project, SaskTel is paying for the remaining 66%.

First, I would like to explain RM taxation so that you have a better understanding between RM proper (all ratepayers not in Hamlets) and RM Hamlets.

RM proper uses mill rate factors, RM has 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

$$8 \times .75 = 6 \text{ mills}$$

Agriculture and Commercial

$$8 \times 1.25 = 10 \text{ mills}$$

- 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
- 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
 - Residential 4.12
 - Commercial 6.27
 - Resource 9.68

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

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

Pasqua Lake

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The Board met for a budget meeting to discuss how the SaskTel infrastructure would be paid for. The Hamlet has suggested that a portion of the reserve funds be used to keep the cost lower in the 2018 tax year. Payment of the remainder would be by a base tax on each lot in the Hamlet in the 2018 tax year. Some people have more than one lot and the Hamlet Board felt that the most fair and equitable way to do this base the costs per lot. You need to ask how many assessment notices do I get? That will determine how many lots you have and how many times you will be charged.

The Pasqua Lake Hamlet has (2016) 404 properties that have base tax applied, therefore in 2018 the base tax would increase. For example if the cost of infrastructure per lot is approx. \$468.00 the total base tax of land is \$568.00 and base tax land & improvement is \$718.00.

People have asked if Groom Vista & Lakes End would be contributing and they will not be. The RM Council will not increase their taxes but they will get the benefit. SaskTel will not just stop the line at the Hamlet borders. SaskTel has indicated the cost are the same to the Hamlet whether the line extends to Lakes End and Grooms Vista. The Hamlet is not looking for an official vote but is wanting to get as much feedback from its ratepayers as possible so that it can make an informed decision. While the board is made up of volunteers, it has been voted in by its membership to make decisions similar to the RM Council.

How to tell the board if you are in favour or not? Email rm187admin@saskte.net or come into the office to leave a note or come to the AGM to say if you agree or disagree with the upgrade. The office will NOT take a phone call to say if you disagree or agree.

AGM Agenda

- Opening/Adoption of Minutes
- Minutes of May 7, 2016 AGM
- Business Arising from Minutes
 - Boat launch, High speed internet, Yard debris pick-up, House #'s
- Financial Report
- 2017 Budget Proposal

AGM Agenda Continued...

- 2017 Work Program
 - Zero paving but hiring CF to do more extensive repairs
- Election of Board Members
- DSL Wired High Speed
- New Business
- Adjournment

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Organized Hamlet of Pasqua Lake
Camp Lutherland, 214 Pasqua Lake Road
May 7, 2016**

1. Opening/Adoption of Agenda Carla Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Introductions made:

Carla Taylor - chairperson for AGM and Hamlet Board member
Dan Dukart - Hamlet Board member
Larry Bedel - secretary for AGM and Hamlet Board member
Ken Hutchinson - RM of North Qu'Appelle member
Marcy Johnson - RM Administrator
Samantha Magee - Fort Times reporter (meeting recorded)

Motion to adopt agenda - Paul McLellan/Lyle Smulan. Carried

2. Minutes of May 2, 2015 Annual General meeting Carla Taylor reviewed the minutes. No errors or omissions were noted.

Motion to adopt minutes - Tim Hollerbaum/Bert Barkwell. Carried

3. Business Arising from Minutes

- Paving - 2015 paving project did not occur (first km.). The work will be completed this year.
- Boat Launch - Work was completed at the Lutherland boat launch. Unfortunately, the existing pads were not properly levelled and have shifted more to the west side. Cal Tulik has been contracted to rectify the situation. Three additional pads have been purchased. Work will be completed ASAP but will have to wait until after June 1 (fish spawning). Lyle Smulan expressed his concerns that the ratepayers are having to pay additional costs for work that should have been done properly in the first place.

4. STARS Presentation Raegan provided a great presentation.

5. Financial Report Marcy Johnson reviewed the 2015 financial statements. Due to the paving not being completed the surplus realized was \$116,577.60 and a reserve balance of \$308,986.12 as of December 31, 2015.

Motion to approve the 2015 financial statement - Marcy Johnson/ Rick Minnette. Carried

6. 2016 Budget Proposal Marcy Johnson reviewed the 2016 budget proposal.

Motion to accept the 2016 Budget - Marcy Johnson/Kim Obrigewitsch

7. Election of Board Member No elections required this year

8. New Business

- Marcy Johnson reviewed the yard debris pickup schedule - 3rd Thursday of each month for 4 months (May to August). Marcy also indicated that ratepayers should try to limit the number of bags by mulching and composting as much as possible as we are charged by the bag (truckload). The cost for 2015 was in the \$4,500 range. If your garbage has been not picked up on the regular scheduled day (Wednesday's) please contact Marcy at the RM office. Jim Holmes reported that he is seeing more and more debris (trees and grass clippings) being tossed in the north side of the ditches. We all have a responsibility to police this prohibited practice. Discussion arose as to the number of times that yard debris is being scheduled. Motion by Paul McLellan to increase the number of scheduled pickup for yard debris to twice (2) a month for five (5) months (May to Sept.). Seconded by Debbie Dollard. Carried. Marcy will need to check with the contractor to see if they can handle this additional work and communications via email will be sent out to ratepayers as to a schedule.
- Marcy Johnson indicated that ratepayers need to post house numbers so that they are visible from both the east and west directions. It is also best to use your civic address as Pasqua Lake Road (i.e. #498 Pasqua Lake Road) and not by the subdivision (#498 Bolingbroke Place). This will assist EMS and police to have better understanding of your location should an emergency happen. The provincial government is discussing the need for standard signage throughout the province. Lee Carlson noted that the existing subdivision signage should be removed to help eliminate confusion.
- Paul McLellan gave a comprehensive presentation pertaining to the installation of high speed internet for the Hamlet ratepayers. After some general discussion a motion by Paul McLellan was made that the Hamlet of Pasqua Lake investigate and develop a proposal for the installation of DSL internet services as provided by SaskTel under SaskTel's Community Participation Program. Seconded by Debbie Dollard. Carried.
- Marcy Johnson indicated that the Fort Qu'Appelle Fire Chief is wanting a bylaw from the RM council that will provide the authority to implement a fire ban as required. This request will be going to the next RM meeting. Communications to be circulated through the Administrator's office should a ban be required.
- Ken Hutchinson provided an update of meetings with Yancoal (proposed potash mine scheduled for the Earl Grey area). There are many potential concerns for water quality with such a mine.
- Frank Darke asked Ken Hutchinson for an update as to the RM plans for their new shop. Ken indicated that there is currently a study to be done of the existing property that the RM has in the Fort. The RM is currently at a stage of "considering" the construction of a new building but will not be happening for some time yet.
- Bert Barkwell expressed concerns about levels of the lake. The office has not received any information as what to the future holds. The logs have been placed at the dam in the Fort and water levels have raised somewhat but are below normal for this time of year.
- Bert Barkwell informed that there is a hole in the road in front of #392. The maintenance crew is aware of the problem and repairs will be happening.
- Mike Guay raised a concern about not being allowed to make a walking path to the lake. Carla Taylor informed him that the Hamlet is not wishing to add any additional pathways on RM property.
- Jean Schlecter asked as to the status of the water quality coming from the City of Regina treatment plant. Ken Hutchinson responded that communications continues with our concerns to the city.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:52 p.m. by Clayton Bakke. Carried

R.M. OF NORTH QU'APPELLE NO. 187

2017 Budget for the Organized Hamlet of Pasqua Lake

	2017 budget	2016 Actual	2015 Actual
Hamlet Assessment	106,380,500.00	75,000,000.00	74,899,160.00
Municipal Mill Rate	2.00	2.00	2.75
Municipal Tax Levy	212,761.00	150,000.00	205,973.00
Base Tax	86,750.00	87,250.00	86,500.00
RM Credit for Crew 2016 @ 11 %	4,032.05		
Tax adjustments	(2,000.00)	(2,000.00)	(1,810.00)
Discounts	(29,651.59)	(20,310.11)	(37,500.00)
Current Levy Uncollected			(13,200.00)
Net Levy	271,891.46	214,939.89	239,963.00
Levy Allocation: Hamlet/R.M.		75/25	75/25
R.M. portion of levy administration	71,269.77	53,735.00	59,991.00
Hamlet portion of current levy	200,621.69	161,204.89	179,972.00
REVENUES			
Current Taxes	200,621.69	167,012.08	210,601.08
Revenue Sharing Grants	27,972.80	28,611.00	27,973.00
Transfer from Reserve			
Gas Tax			11,200.00
TOTAL REVENUES	228,594.49	195,623.08	249,774.08
EXPENDITURES			
Board expense		300.88	0.00
Meetings	300.00	0.00	150.00
Special Mailings	250.00	125.00	0.00
Directories	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Legal	1,000.00	138.60	0.00
Contract PL includes Boat Launch	500.00	7,775.76	4,781.12
RM Material stone		1,200.00	8,941.00
R.M. crew & equipment	10,000.00	36,655.00	29,882.00
Kronsberg hill		0.00	10,000.00
center line painting		2,864.95	
culverts/drainage	10,000.00		
Gravel Sand	1,500.00	236.00	1,505.00
Paving Contract	50,000.00	169,000.00	
Street lighting - energy charge	11,000.00	10,670.40	10,701.53
R.M. Share of Road Costs 11% 2017(2016 17.5% of paving)	(7,700.00)	(29,575.00)	(9,554.00)
Garbage collection	24,000.00	23,700.20	21,839.83
Garbage disposal site NVWM	17,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
Sewage Lagoon	22,100.00	24,000.00	23,000.00
Sewage Lagoon Road	2,600.00	1,500.00	
Rexentre grant	1,700.00	1,100.00	1,100.00
Regional Library & F.Q. Library	3,900.00	2,300.00	2,300.00
Fire protection	3,500.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Policing	14,000.00	7,550.00	7,550.00
Elm Tree removal	1,000.00	1,900.00	0.00
Fire Capital	15,000.00	301.73	0.00
SAMA	9,800.00	0.00	0.00
Signage	1,000.00	301.73	0.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	158,650.00	282,743.52	133,196.48
REVENUES MINUS EXPENDITURES	69,944.49	-87,120.44	116,577.60
Reserve Account at year end	291,810.17	221,865.68	308,986.12