



R.M. OF SHELLBROOK
NO. 493

2025 RATEPAYER NEWSLETTER

2025 Mill Rates

Uniform Mill Rate	5.6 mills.
MRF Commercial	3.10
MRF Residential	1.64
MRF Agriculture	1.09
Min. Tax Land	\$100.00
Min. Tax Improv.	\$100.00
Mill Rate Library	.13 mills.
Special Fire Levy	\$50.00

Crutwell

Uniform Mill Rate	3.8 mills.
Min. Tax Land	\$300.00
Min. Tax Improv.	\$400.00

Holbein

Uniform Mill Rate	4.5 mills.
Min. Tax Land	\$50.00
Min. Tax Improv.	\$350.00
Additional Lots	\$50/Lot
MRF Commercial	200%

Sturgeon Lake Reg. Park

Uniform Mill Rate	6.1 mills.
Lease Fee	\$1000.00

Discounts

Discount periods are offered for early payments in the following months:

August	6%
September	5%
October	4%
November	2%

NOTE: All payments must be received in the office by 4:00pm on the last day of the month to receive that month's discount.



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Property Assessments and Funding

The Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) evaluates all land and buildings within Rural Municipalities. Based on these assessments, the RM council sets the mill rate to ensure sufficient operational and capital funding. This funding is essential for maintaining infrastructure and providing services to RM ratepayers.



www.sama.sk.ca

What Your Municipal Taxes Provide

These Services are funded by your municipal taxes to ensure the community's infrastructure, safety, and well-being are maintained.

Roads and Bridges

- Road Maintenance, grading, graveling
- Road Allowance Mowing

Public Safety Services

- Fire Equipment
- 911 Emergency
- Police Protection

Community Services

- Library (105 Railway Ave. W)
- Doctor Recruitment
- Signs

Environmental Control

- Pest Control
- Gopher Control Program (see RM website)
- Beaver Control Program (see RM website)

New Fire Protection Services Levy

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Shellbrook No. 493 has enacted a bylaw to enhance fire protection services. This bylaw introduces a special tax on all parcels of land used for agricultural, residential, or commercial purposes within the municipality.

What This Means for You:

- **Special Tax:** A \$50 tax per parcel covers up to \$25,000 in firefighting costs; owners pay any excess.
- **Compliance:** Coverage may be denied if fire bans or regulations are not followed.
- **Error Review:** Owners can request a tax review in writing by Sept 1; the Administrator will provide meeting details.
- **Collection:** The tax will be added to the property tax roll and collected with other taxes.

This levy aims to ensure the municipality is adequately prepared for fire emergencies, thereby improving safety for all residents.

For further details or to request a review, please contact the municipal office.

Payment Options

Cheque: Pay in person, by mail, or drop box. Installment and post-dated cheques accepted.

Debit, Cash, E-Transfer, Auto Deposit: Accepted payment methods. **Note:** Credit cards are not accepted.

E-Transfer: rm493@sasktel.net

Water Cards

Reloadable water cards can be purchased at the RM office (71 Main Street). The water crane is located at the RM of Shellbrook Old Shop (619 – 2nd Ave East). The cost is \$2.00 for 100 gallons or 454 litres.

Surface Water

Surface water issues that are not related to roads and ditches fall under the responsibility of the Water Security Agency. Please Call 1-866-727-5420 or visit www.wsask.ca for more information.



Permit to Burn

Before starting a controlled burn, you must contact the RM office at 306-747-2178 and then call the provincial burn line at 1-866-404-4911. Burning permits are required from April 1st to October 31st each year and can be obtained free of charge from the RM office.

If you are burning within 4.5 km of a provincial forest, you must first get a permit from the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency at 306-953-3422 and then call 1-866-404-4911.

Pest Control Officer

Peter Ksnyuk: 306-961-8594.
Please call Peter for pest control products.



IS YOUR
CONTACT
INFORMATION
UP-TO-DATE?



Keeping your contact information current helps us stay connected and ensures you do not miss any vital communications.

Do I Need a Building Permit?

Before you build, renovate, move in or out a building, or demolish one, It is important to check with the RM office to see if a development permit and/or building permit is required. Agriculture exemptions for farm buildings may apply.

Permits Required:

- New building construction
- Structural changes to existing building components
- Change of USE or OCCUPANCY of an existing building
- Additions to existing buildings
- An existing building being relocated to new site or property.
- Accessory buildings (exemption where building is storage only and less than 10m² / 100 ft²)
- Significant interior developments, including basement developments.
- Decks more than 600 mm (24") above grade
- New roofs or canopies over existing decks
- Retaining walls where the structure is part of a building or that are essential to a building structure; retaining walls greater than 600 mm (24") require the design / design review conducted by a structural engineer (stamped plans)

Rural Municipality of Shellbrook Road Allowances

All public roads (including lanes, streets, and original road allowances) are owned by the Crown. Municipalities, except for provincial highways, have the authority to direct, control, and manage all streets and roads within their jurisdiction.

A municipality has discretion over where and when roads may be built, depending on its budget and the RM of Shellbrook's construction and maintenance standards. No law requires a municipality to build any road; each situation is unique and subject to the municipality's discretion.

It is the municipality's policy that all road allowances, except for those that have been sold or leased, are to remain open. Passage through road allowances must be allowed, regardless of whether the road allowance is maintained by the municipality or not. Cropping or fencing of a road allowance may be permitted only in extenuating circumstances, and unauthorized restrictions will be removed by the municipality.

The municipality will maintain a minimum gravel surface on all roads that service a permanently occupied residence, roads designated as school bus routes, and roads with significant traffic counts.

Roads that only provide access to farmland, granaries, or farm sites without a permanently occupied residence will not be graveled at the municipality's expense.

If any individual decides to maintain any municipal road that is not regularly maintained by the municipality, it must be done at their own expense, with the municipality's approval, and at an approved standard.

Supporting Our Agricultural Community's Mental Health

At the RM of Shellbrook, we care about our agricultural community's well-being. We support SaskAgMatters, which connects farmers with affordable mental health resources.

SaskAgMatters offers six free sessions with professionals who understand agricultural health.

Your mental health matters. Visit or call SaskAgMatters for support.
www.saskagmatters.ca 1-866-FARMS-01



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