

Newsletter

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Assessment Revaluation

Property assessment is the process of determining a property's assessed value as of a specific date for property tax purposes. Property assessment is not the same as property tax. Local governments use property assessments as a basis for the distribution of the property tax levy among property owners. Property assessments are prepared by Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA).

2013 is an assessment

revaluation year in Saskatchewan. All property values have been reassessed throughout the province, representing market value updates from June 30, 2006, to January 1, 2011.

SAMA conducts revaluations based on a four year cycle that is established by provincial legislation. The last revaluation occurred in 2009.

If you have questions about your assessment, contact the Town Office for SAMA's

contact information.

You can appeal an assessment based on the valuation of the property (land and/or improvements), the classification, the contents of the assessment roll, or the assessment notice.

You cannot appeal based on the fact that you think your taxes are too high.

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Emergency Response

9-1-1 is the universal number for emergency response by ambulance, police and fire services and is available in the province of Saskatchewan 24 hours a day.

Examples of when you should use 9-1-1 include a fire, a crime in progress, or a medical emergency.

If your complaint is not an emergency, or not an immediate threat to life or property, such as a parking

complaint, a noisy party, or lost and found articles, call the non-emergency number for the police.

Teach your children about 9-1-1!

Do your children know how to get help in an emergency?

--Teach your children their address and telephone number as soon as they are able to learn. Keep the address and telephone

number posted by all phones in case they are unsure.

--Tell your children to answer all of the emergency operator's questions and to stay on the phone until they are told to hang up.

--Teach your children about the dangers of making prank 9-1-1 calls.



Tips for using 9-1-1

- Remain calm and speak clearly. Identify which emergency service you require and be prepared to provide the following information:
- What is happening?
- What is the location?
- What is your name, address and telephone number?
- **Remain on the line to provide additional information if requested.**
- Do not hang up until the operator advises you to do so.

Seniors Home Security Program

The Seniors Home Security Program is a safety program implemented by the Government of Saskatchewan. The program supports low-income seniors and seniors who have been the victim of a break and enter or home invasion. The program provides free safety assessments to seniors and free installation of home safety improvements, to increase the safety of their homes. Security equipment is provided and installed at no charge.

Both seniors who own their own home and seniors who are renters are able to apply to the program.

You are eligible for home security improvements under the Seniors Home Security Program if you are a home owner or renter age 65+ and:

- Your annual household net income is \$35,000 or less.
- You've been a victim of a break and enter or home invasion.

For more information, call toll free 1-855-524-6034 or email senior.security@gov.sk.ca
Or write:
Senior Home Security Program
100, 1855
Victoria Avenue
Regina, SK
S4P 3T2

Floods

"Each of us has a responsibility to protect our homes and families to the greatest extent possible."

Though governments at every level work to reduce the risk of floods, the first line of defence always rests with the individual. Each of us has a responsibility to protect our homes and families to the greatest extent possible. By planning ahead and taking sensible precautions, you can do your part to minimize flood damage.

Before the flood:

- When there is immediate danger of flooding, shut off all power in your home.
- Special precautions should be taken to safeguard, or minimize damage to, electrical, natural gas or propane heating equipment.
- Ensure that you have a battery-powered radio in working order, with

spare batteries, to listen to instructions from your local station.

- Prepare an emergency survival kit that includes food, water and medical supplies in an easy-to carry container. In addition to the battery powered radio, and spare batteries, it should contain at least the following items:
 - Flashlight with spare batteries;
 - Warm clothing, including waterproof outer garments and footwear;
 - Blankets;
 - All necessary medication;
 - Personal toiletries;
 - Identification for each member of your household, and any important personal and family documents.

Remove such as pesticides and insecticides from the immediate area to prevent pollution.

- Move furniture, electrical appliances, and other belongings to floors above ground level.

After the flood:

The Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation has prepared the following checklist to help you organize your clean-up; however, this information is provided as self-help advice only.

- Exercise caution when re-entering your home. Avoid electrical shock by wearing rubber boots in an area flooded with more than five centimeters (two inches) of standing water.
 - Keep extension cords out of the water. If the power is on in the flooded area, shut it off immediately at the breaker box.
 - Make sure the building is structurally safe. Look for buckled walls or floors. Watch for holes in the floor, broken glass and other potentially dangerous debris.
 - Assemble equipment and supplies, which should include:
 - Gloves, masks, and other protective gear;
 - Pails, mops, plastic garbage bags;
 - Chlorine bleach and non-ammonia dishwashing detergent (**never mix bleach with ammonia - the fumes produced are toxic**).

Get Prepared – Basic Emergency Kit

You may have some of these basic emergency kit items already, such as a flashlight, battery-operated radio, food, water and blankets. The key is to make sure they are organized, easy to find and easy to carry (in a suitcase with wheels or in a backpack), in case you need to evacuate your home. Whatever you do, don't wait for a disaster to happen!

- Think of ways that you can pack your emergency kit so that you and those on your emergency plan can easily take the items with you, if necessary.
- Two litres of water per person per day are required. Include small bottles that can be carried easily in case of an evacuation order.
- Food that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (remember to replace the food and water once a year).
- Manual can opener.
- Flashlight and batteries.
- Battery-operated or wind-up radio
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Special needs items – prescription medications, infant formula, equipment for people with disabilities
- Extra keys for your car and house
- Cash – include smaller bills, such as \$10 and change
- Emergency plan – include a copy of it and ensure it contains in-town and out-of-town contact information.

Town Beautification Committee

Some time ago, a committee was formed to look at walking paths. Council has decided that it is time to resurrect this committee, but to expand its mandate to include trees, flowers, parks, and Main Street beautification, as well as the walking paths.

Alderman Jenn Sedor has agreed to chair this committee, and Alderman Roy Olmstead has agreed to assist, but Council needs volunteers – for ideas, planning, and implementation of the plan.

If you are interested in assisting with the Town Beautification project, please contact the Town

Office with your name and contact information. If you had originally volunteered to serve on this committee, you are still very welcome to continue.



We need you!

Check your Fire Insurance Coverage!

The Carlyle & RM #63 Fire Protection Board has established a policy to deal with the increasing number of false alarm calls. There will still be no charge for the first false alarm, but for any subsequent false alarms

in a 12 month period, a fee of \$250.00 will be charged to the property owner if no equipment leaves the fire hall.

The Fire Protection Board, at its January meeting, also increased rates for fire calls to \$1,400 for the first hour. After the first

hour, additional rates take effect.

Property owners are responsible for paying for fire calls. Check with your insurance agent to make sure that you have sufficient coverage.

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After this long winter, I think we are ready to move into the spring season. We would like to remind everyone that the water this spring will be deep and dangerous, particularly for small children. The earth and snow banks around the water can be very unstable and the current can quickly undermine your footing. You should use caution and maintain a safe distance.

It might be a good idea to make sure your sump pump is in working order, and snow is moved away from your basement walls. Sump pumps should not empty into the domestic sewer, but rather, be pumped outside. Last year, the Town added several cement swales across some avenues to allow the spring melt to flow more efficiently. The streets are designed to move storm water to the south through a series of catch basins and underground piping. The Town also added an additional sewer main to handle the excess water that finds its way into the domestic sewer system. The construction of a new cell for waste water treatment is well under way, with completion planned for later this summer.

This year the Town plans to plant trees on the boulevards in front of some of the newer residential lots. If you see a marker in the boulevard in front of your home, it means a tree will soon appear. If the location of the marker doesn't suit, please notify the office as soon as possible so that we can plan a more suitable location.

Thanks to everyone who completed their community survey. The comments from the survey will be used in our Strategic Plan, which is intended to guide our long term planning for the community.

Have a great spring and enjoy your summer, and don't forget to get your history submitted for the new history book!

Council has declared May 29th as the “**Day of the Honey Bee**” to bring awareness of the decline in honey bees and the drastic effect that this has on food production, sustainable agriculture, and the environment.

Check out the Town of Carlyle's new webpage at www.townofcarlyle.com. We're trying to continue improving our communication with the residents of our community by posting regular updates to the webpage as well as the Town's facebook page. If you have any suggestions as to how we can better inform you, please let us know.

Thank you to all who cooperated with the Town's snow removal this winter by moving their vehicles and garbage/recycle containers off the streets! You helped our crew help you!

Thank you to all who participated in this past year's Donor's Choice. We distributed \$8,785.78 to various charitable organizations in Carlyle, as well as provincially and nationally.

Cornerstone Family & Youth is a non-profit, charitable organization offering positive educational and recreational programs and activities for children, youth, young adults and families within the community of Carlyle and surrounding area.

For information on children, family and youth programming in the Carlyle area, please contact Cornerstone Family & Youth, 306-453-2666, cornerstoneprograms@sasktel.net, www.cfyprograms.com