



## 2024 SPRING NEWSLETTER

# VILLAGE OF DRAKE

### TAX NOTICES

**CURRENT TAXES ARE DUE DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>, IN THE YEAR THEY ARE LEVIED.**

Please find enclosed the 2024 tax notices. A discount for early payment of taxes is being offered. Discount rates are as follows: 5% paid by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 3% paid by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2.5% paid by August, 2% paid by Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>, 1.5% paid by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>, & 1% paid by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. No discount is offered for payments made in December. A 10% per annum, added on January 1st applied to the total taxes that remain unpaid as of January 1 of the year in which the penalty is being applied. **This discount does not apply to education tax.**

If making payment by mail and to receive full discount offered for the month in which the payment is intended, please ensure that your envelope is **post marked** in the month for which you are making a payment. The books will be closed following the last day of the month and no late payments will be accepted under any circumstances. Post marked payments will be processed for the month of the post marked date. The method of payment is by cash or cheque or e-transfer payment to [villageofdrake@sasktel.net](mailto:villageofdrake@sasktel.net) or through the Conexus Credit Union EFT. Post-dated cheques and/or monthly payments are also accepted.

Classification	Mill Rate	Mill Rate Factor
Other Agricultural	19.5	1.2
Residential	19.5	1.2
Commercial & Industrial	19.5	1.35
Property Class	Land	Minimum Tax
Other Agriculture	250/fixed	1000.00
Residential	250/fixed	1000.00
Commercial & Industrial	250/fixed	1000.00

### What Does the Village Do with Your Tax Dollars?

Tax revenue is *crucial* to the operation of the Village. Listed below are some of the areas where municipal tax dollars are spent, highlighting the areas that have seen a cost increase in 2024.

- **Police & Protective Services** – fees increased in 2024.
- **Garbage & Recycling** – Village moving to curbside pickup in 2024.
- **Insurance** – fees increased 2024.
- **Planning & Development** – the Village is to acquire the land for Well No. 4, estimated at approximately \$15,000.
- **Equipment Maintenance** – the Village’s grader and 4-Ton Truck require substantial repairs and/or replacement.
- **Employees** – New Public Works Foreman Certification training
- **Snow Removal** – cost increased as the village needed to hire extra equipment and operators to keep up with heavy snowfall in March.
- **Water services**- Capital cost of new Reverse Osmosis. Increase to the cost of repairing water line breaks.
- **Due to the Re-evaluation completed in 2023, many properties taxable assessment decreased, therefore reducing the Village's tax revenue.**

**Notice to Landlords:**

Please read Bylaw 2023-08 Water & Sewer Management Policy section 5.3 Landlord-Tenant, subsection 1 a)-d).

If you rent out property, you will receive a copy of your tenant's utility bill. Unpaid utility bills may be added to the tax roll of the property owner after Dec. 31.

Please sign and return the Landlord Agreement Schedule "C".

All Bylaws are available to view on the Village webpage.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

All dogs and cats within the Village are required to be licensed? Pet Licenses can be purchased at the Village Office. In exchange for the licensing fee, we provide you with a pet tag and take a description of your pet to keep on file, along with your contact information.

Should your cat or dog ever become loose within the Village, this information will help us get them home to you!



RATES

Neutered Male:	\$10.00
Spayed Female:	\$10.00
Unneutered Male:	\$30.00
Unspayed Female:	\$30.00
Dangerous Dog:	\$50.00

The Village of Drake is moving to curbside pickup!! REACT tags will no longer be required for garbage pickup. Expect your new REACT curbside bin to arrive in June/July 2024.

Grass clippings and garden refuse will be collected from back alleys every Monday morning from April 15th until November 4th. Grass clippings and leaves MUST be in CLEAR bags or should be in an open container which can be loaded onto the truck and returned to the owner once emptied. Bags/containers must not weigh more than 44 pounds (20 kg). Pick up includes small piles of tree branches, corn stalks etc., (less than a ½ ton truckload) and should be laid in the same direction,

The 2024 Audited Financial Statements, the 2023 Drinking Water Compliance report and the 2023 Water Financial reports are all available for viewing on the website, Facebook page or at the Village Office upon request.



**Please be advised that the posted speed limit on ALL village streets is 40 km/h. Please obey the law.**

