ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

RESORT VILLAGE OF SHIELDS

Our village has once again, along with every other urban or rural municipality in Saskatchewan been reassessed to bring assessment values more in line with the market value. Property sales have been quite high over the past few years which has once again caused our assessment values to increase. Most of you will note significant increases in your land valuations. The overall increase for the village is 130%.

Your assessment notice is enclosed.

What your new assessment will mean in terms of tax dollars is not known at this time. The 2013 municipal budget and mill rate have not been established yet, in 2012, we had a base tax of \$650 for each residential or seasonal property in the village. A mill rate of 2 was applied to all assessed values. This will be reviewed at budget time. It has been suggested that the province will be lowering the uniform school mill rate.

Please check your enclosed ASSESSMENT NOTICE. When you look at the new assessment value, it should be a conservative estimate of what the fair market value of your property was as of January 1, 2011. The assessment roll is "open" for a 60 day period (please check the dates on your notice) during which time you may compare your property to like properties within our municipality. This has been facilitated by SAMA View - please see the attached info sheet. If you find discrepancies, you may file an appeal. To make an appointment to view the roll please contact Jessie at 492-2259.

There will be an Assessment Open House on Saturday, March 2, 2013 from 1 to 4 pm. You may attend at the Shields Community Centre to discuss your assessment with representatives from SAMA.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call:

Jessie at 492-2259 SAMA Office 1-800-667-7262

Property owners who feel that the new assessment is incorrect must file their appeal within 60 days of the date of mailing the notices. There is an appeal fee of \$25.00 which will be refunded if the appeal is successful in whole or in part. Please send in your appeal early so that it can be reviewed and any omissions amended prior to the deadline. Late or incomplete appeals will not be heard.