



Show your Viking Pride.  
Get your Naicam gear!

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March 2017

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GET YOUR NAICAM GEAR AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE! **LIMITED QUANTITIES**



Community Volunteer  
Income Tax Program



Need a hand to prepare your tax return?

Volunteers can help you prepare your income tax and benefit return if you have modest income and a simple tax situation.

Volunteers are not employees or volunteers of the Canada Revenue Agency. Remember to bring all your tax slips and forms with you.

**FREE Income Tax Preparation**

For modest incomes with simple returns

March 20: 1 pm – 7 pm

March 21: 10 am – 4 pm

Naicam Municipal Office – Green Room  
208 1<sup>st</sup> Ave N - South Side Door

[www.cra.gc.ca/volunteer](http://www.cra.gc.ca/volunteer)  
1-800-959-8281

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PET LICENCES ARE NOW DUE!

**Naicam is Hockeyville!**

**GET READY NAICAM!** Finalists for Kraft Hockeyville will be announced March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If we are successful in becoming a finalist, there are two rounds of voting for Kraft Hockeyville 2017. On March 12, you can vote for Naicam to get into the Top 2 and on March 19 you can vote for the winner of Kraft Hockeyville 2017! Thank you for the fantastic support!

Watch our Facebook page for updates!  
[@townofnaicam](https://www.facebook.com/townofnaicam)

Be Smart. Stay Safe. **Be part of the solution, not part of the problem.**

<p><b>LOCK</b> Your Car</p>	<p><b>TAKE</b> Your Keys</p>	<p><b>HIDE</b> Your Stuff</p>	<p><b>REPORT</b> Suspicious 911 Activity</p>
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## Understand Your Assessment

*It's a reassessment year province-wide and you might have questions on what this means for you. Assessment notices will be arriving in property owner's mailboxes within the next few weeks.*

Property taxes are based on your property's assessed value. Your assessment is determined by the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) following provincial legislation.

### Reassessment 2017

A reassessment is required by provincial legislation to occur every four years. This means in 2017 all properties in the province will have the assessment values updated.

The reassessment will update the assessments to reflect the *general property values* as of **January 1, 2015**, from the current base date of January 1, 2011. Please note that the assessed value of your property and its fair market value are *not* the same thing. SAMA uses a long list of factors to determine your assessed property value. For details on exactly how they arrive at this number, please contact SAMA directly.

While all property values have risen - what determines a change in taxes due to reassessment for an individual property is how it changed in comparison to the overall average change in the tax class group.

Properties that are increasing in value faster than the average change in the tax class group will see increases and properties that increased in value below the average change will see decreases.

**This may not mean an increase in the *municipal* portion of your taxes.**

Increases in total taxes only occur through the budget processes of Council and the mill rate is set to achieve the revenue the town requires from taxes to fund the approved budget. The Municipality will often adjust mill rate factors in a reassessment year to compensate for the mass changes in assessment value, to reduce the financial impact *municipal* taxes will have on ratepayers while still allowing appropriate revenue for the budget.

The province sets province wide mill rates for *education* taxes. The municipality has no control over the education mill rate. The education mill rates for 2017 have not yet been set.

Tax policy decisions and the budget are often not finalized until May of each year.

### Contact Info

To learn more about assessment, you can contact **SAMA ([www.sama.sk.ca](http://www.sama.sk.ca)) at 800-667-7262** or visit the Queen's Printer at the Province of Saskatchewan ([www.qp.gov.sk.ca](http://www.qp.gov.sk.ca)) to access all online publications of all provincial regulations and documents including assessment.

**YOUR FIELD SHEET IS AVAILABLE!** Questions about your assessment? You can access a copy of your property's field sheet at the municipal office. What is a field sheet? A field sheet is a sheet containing details on your property's re-assessment. These are especially useful if your property was re-evaluated due to property improvements such as additions, garages, decks or other improvements.

**APPEALS:** For information on appealing your assessment, see the information listed on your assessment notice, contact the Municipal Office, or visit [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca) for more information.



**View your assessment or the assessment for any property online at [sama.sk.ca](http://sama.sk.ca).**