

History of the Rural Municipality of Martin 1913-2013

1913 - February 8-names for RM 122 were requested and submitted to the Municipal Affairs for Rural Municipalities. The selections were: FIELD McDONALD MARTIN GEDGE GEORGE FAIRBAIRN BLYTH. The yearly fee submitted was \$15. \$6275 was budgeted for expenses but there are no account books to see where this money was planned.

April 14-Wild oats, Canada Thistle and stinkweed were the most troublesome weeds listed. Permission was given to Ivanhoe Telephone Co. to start putting in poles. Wolf bounty was set at \$1.

Rural telephone clause—the council wants exemption for any members of the rural telephone company for telephone taxes.(anyone with less than 640 acres) Special note***the land owners were taxed on telephone poles along each quarter. Each circuit had 10 users on each side, there were 2 sides. Someone could be paying telephone taxes and not have a telephone. If that person applied to get service and both sides of the circuit for that area were full the current telephone patrons had to vote to allow any more services.

May 17-Money paid out of School Trust Fund: Kendalton \$2390 Coverdale \$933 Edengrove \$1645 Red Jacket \$3315 Fairmede \$2710 Iona \$983.

June 14-A letter to Wapella Council asked that they fence Nuisance Grounds and stop scavengers from depositing garbage on the road allowance. Later that year Council ordered the town to stop using the RM for dumping.

Council unanimously protests against Telephone Act to the Telephone Department.

A culvert purchased for \$19.00. Sec/Treas. Salary--\$132.50 for second quarter. RM looked for different approaches to assessment and taxation. Valley Telephone Co. allowed to erect poles for lines. Councillors paid \$368.20 for supervision of roads in 1913.

Because of the problems associated with the patchwork development of telephone service and how it was funded the 1913 council called on the provincial government to form a Provincial Telephone Company.

1914 - Reeve paid \$4 per day and Councillors \$3 plus 10 cents a mile both ways for council meetings. A legal line fence described as 5 strands woven #9 wire 42" high, posts not more than 33' apart with 4" tops. There were two weed inspectors: \$3.50 per day; 9 days summer/6 days fall for 3 divisions each. Payment of \$125 offered to Moosomin Union Hospital for 1914.

1915 - Borrowing costs were 8% and some land listed to be sold for taxes. A Municipal Hail Bylaw came into effect. Red Jacket Telephone Co. and Great West Telephone Co. were permitted to install poles. A typewriter was purchased for \$65. Canada Thistle and sow thistle on railway tracks needed to be cut and roots dug out. Anthrax was reported in RM of Maryfield and those animals were quarantined.