

2014 – This year brought a change in Administrators. Elaine Olsen retired in June 2014 after a 29 year career and over 400 council meetings. She was replaced by Chief Administrative Officer Cheryl Barrett. July also brought another record rainfall and flooding with a state of emergency being called because of the amount of water.

2015 – The Lake Road received a sand seal upgrade. A new joint gravel hauler was hired as the former gravel hauler, Wally Kerley, became an equipment operator for the Municipality. This year also saw 17 surrounding municipalities join together to purchase the doctor's clinic and form the Southeast Municipal Healthcare Corporation.

2016 – The 709 Bridge was replaced with a 2-span precast concrete and steel structure at a cost of \$787,000. The RM was able to access funding from the provincial government for 75% of the cost to replace it. The RM's share of the bridge was \$158,407. The RM secured a loan for \$750,000 to cover the cost of this bridge construction and the construction of a new shop.

2017 – For the first time ever ratepayers were able to pay for taxes with a credit card or debit card. Construction began on replacement of the Lake Bridge with funding of 80% coming from the province. This bridge was replaced with a 3 span precast concrete and steel structure at a cost of \$1.34M. The RM's share of this bridge was \$603,000 with funding coming from reserves and general operating. 2017 also found the South St Andrews bridge being converted to culverts. Construction also started on a new shop in Wapella. The Wapella Bypass road was also completed this year which allows heavy traffic to go around the town instead of through it.

2018 – The shop was completed in early 2018 at a total cost of \$980,000. Loan proceeds of \$592,000 was used as well as reserves of \$204,000 and general operating used to pay for the construction. The Grid 703 from the RM of Moosomin border to 4 miles west was upgraded this year at a cost of \$475,000. Also this year the RM office in Moosomin was renovated with the RM of Martin contributing \$17,000 to the \$60,000 cost of renovations.

2019 – A ¼ mile of the Hazlecliff Road at the end of the RM had a soft spot dug out and repaired. Hopper's Hill (Range Road 1335.11) road was a project that had been on the radar for a number of years. Weather was a factor in this job with the rain starting and causing some issues with the clay. The job ended up being a bigger fix than originally expected and was over our estimated budget. Total repairs for Hopper's Hill came in at \$169,000.

2020 – Four miles of the Correction Line were recapped from the pipeline crossing to almost the east side of the RM. There was also work on Broadway road from the St Andrews road east fixing a bad soft spot. Lastly the McEachern bridge, which was removed a couple years ago due to its dilapidated state, was replaced with a low-level crossing. 2020 was the year of Covid and I'm sure more than a few of us were fed up with even hearing the words Covid, Masks, Social Distancing and Zoom! The RM of Martin adapted with the public health measures by putting up a plexiglass barrier, wearing masks in the office, more cleaning, and even holding meetings in the shop in Wapella where we could be more social distanced. During most of the winter the majority of our meetings were via ZOOM and therefore virtual meetings. Although having meetings

virtually worked it was not the best scenario for meetings and starting in April we began meeting in person in the RM of Martin Shop. Chief Administrative Officer Barrett was elected to the Rural Municipal Administrator Association Board in May representing Division 1 Administrators. 2020 also saw elections for Reeve and Divisions 1, 3 & 5 Councillors. Peter Currie (Division 3) and Ray Donald (Division 5) were both acclaimed back to their positions on Council. Wayne Beckett did not wish to run again in Division 1 and Chris Leeds stepped up and became Division 1 Councillor by acclamation. Thank you to Wayne for 8 years of service to the RM of Martin as Councillor for Division 1. Something that hadn't happened for a while in the RM of Martin an election! There was an election for Reeve between Gerald Flaman and Garry Bonkowski with Gerald losing his position and Garry becoming the new Reeve. Thank you to Gerald Flaman for over 15 years of service with the RM of Martin both as Division 4 and Division 6 Councillor and Reeve.