



RM OF MARTIN NO 122

## JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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### COUNCIL:

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Division 4 Hal Garrett (306-435-7757)  
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### PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION:

Foreman Darcy Jamieson  
Maintenance Operator James Greening  
Maintenance Operator Dave Osborne  
Maintenance Operator Leo Beier

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday 8 am to Noon and 1-4 pm

Council meetings are generally held the **second Wednesday of each month at 8:00 am** in the Municipal Office located in Moosomin. If you would like the opportunity to speak to Council, please make an appointment by contacting the office at least one week before the date of the meeting.

### PAYMENT METHODS FOR TAXES & ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

In 2014 the RM implemented **On-Line Banking** through the Royal Bank and Conexus Credit Union. On-Line Banking name is: **Martin No 122 (RM)**. Please use your 4-digit account number found on your tax notice (add zeros in front to make it 4-digit).

In 2017 the RM started accepting **DEBIT CARD, MASTERCARD, and VISA**. We still accept cheques or cash!

Did you know that you may also make arrangements to pay your taxes **MONTHLY** either by Internet Banking or via Post-Dated Cheques? This option makes budgeting for your tax payment easier! Please do not hesitate to contact Cheryl to discuss.

### THIS IS THE LAW!

Section 203 (1)(c) of the *Traffic Safety Act* states: "No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway at a speed greater than 60 kilometres per hour when passing... (c) any highway equipment on a highway that has ministry issued warning lights in operation, whether in motion or not." This means gravel road and municipal equipment with flashing lights!

PLEASE SLOW DOWN TO 60KM/HR when passing and meeting RM Graders and workers.



**1-866-404-4911**

If you are planning a controlled burn please call the number above so you are not billed for a fire call. The number is answered 24/7 – 365 days a year!

If there is a FIRE BAN issued by the Municipality and you burn you will be charged with a fire call (if fire department is called out) as well as a fine. **Most importantly DID YOU KNOW ..... you are NOT covered by your insurance and could be liable for any damages that occur as a result of the fire!**

Fire Ban Notice is POSTED to ratepayers who have given their EMAIL address, posted on Facebook and poster in the Wapella Post Office.

### REMINDER OF YEARLY NOTIFICATION FOR USERS OF NON-POTABLE WELLS

Please be advised that the water from the Jacobi/Gillich Well (NE 01-13-33-W1); Correction Line Well (SW 02-15-33-W1) and Red Jacket Well (SE 33-14-32-W1) that is available to the public is not potable (the water is not safe for human consumption). The water from these wells is **NOT TREATED or TESTED** and is considered unsafe for human consumption. **DO NOT USE** this water for drinking, cooking, food preparation and/or oral hygiene purposes.



## MOWING REQUEST

Mowing will soon be underway for 2019. Please remember **not to drop gates in the ditch area!** Please put the gates along the inside of your fence so they are visible to the mower operator – your gates will inevitably last longer!

**NOTE FOR NEXT YEAR** – if you wish to cut ditch hay please contact the office before June 15<sup>th</sup> to let us know so that we leave you something to cut!

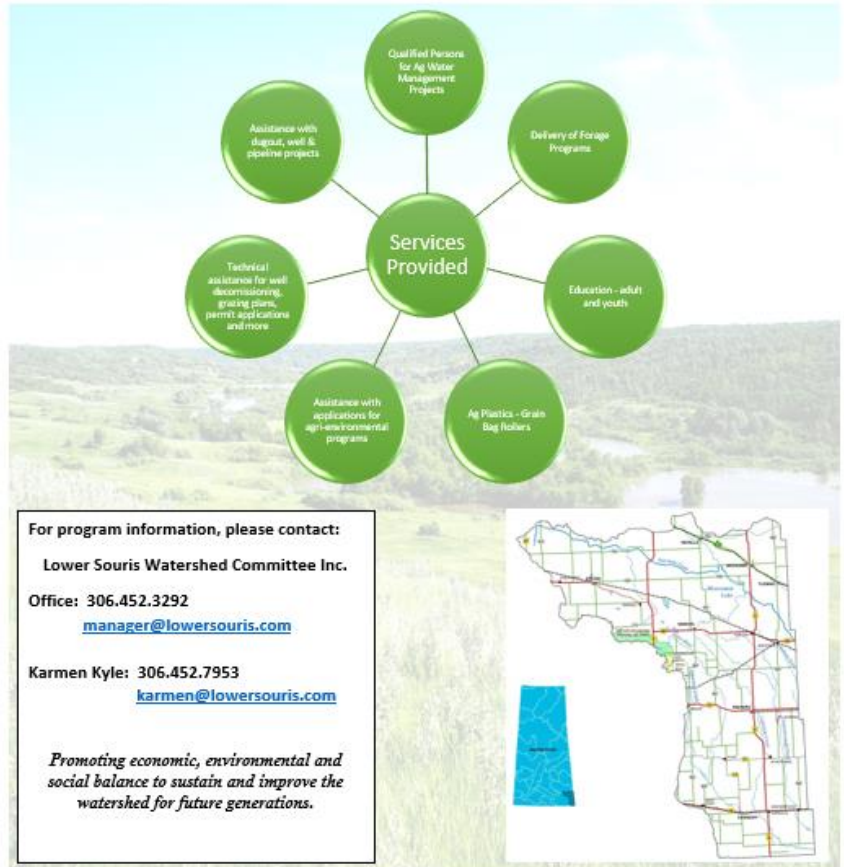
## DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

***ALL RATEPAYERS*** must contact the Administrator for a ***DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATION*** for any and all development(s) on their property. ***Development must not proceed until the Administrator has issued a Development Permit.*** The reason for the issuance of a Development Permit is to ensure that all development meets the Zoning Bylaw requirements and most importantly that the Ratepayer (you!) have not developed on a road allowance, too close to the road or property line, on environmentally sensitive land, etc. ***This is for your protection!***

RCMP Non-Emergency Line  
310-RCMP (310-7267)

The RM Office will be closed Friday, July 12, 19 & 26. As well, the office will be closed for the Administrator's vacation from July 30 to August 2.

# Lower Souris watershed committee



## GRAIN BAG BURNING ..... THAT'S A BIG NO NO!!!!

***It is illegal to burn grain bags*** on public OR private property. Fines for burning grain bags range from \$0 to \$1 Million based on the severity of the offense. The most relevant restrictions related to grain bag burning can be found in *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2002* under Section 4(1) and *The Clean Air Regulations* under Section 11.

## DID YOU KNOW.....?

RM of Martin Minutes, APAS information and other interesting RM information can be found at:  
[www.myrm.info/122](http://www.myrm.info/122)

You can even find similar information for other RM's by changing the RM number!

The roller will be located at the RM of Walpole. Stop and will be available 7 days a week. Call to schedule.

Plastics to be dropped off at Wawota by appointment.

**We are excited to announce...**  
that the Lower Souris Watershed Committee has recently acquired a Grain Bag Roller for residents of the watershed to use on their farms free of charge!

Recycle with ease  
Simply contact us to schedule a date to use the roller on your farm. Roll your plastic bags. Leave rolled bags on the trailer and they can then be returned with the roller once you've finished with it.

**Other Ag Plastics Collected:**

- Grain Bags / Silage Plastic
- Tarp
- Netwrap\*

\*Collecting netwrap for a recycling pilot program. Contact for more info.

**Why use the roller?**

- Clean plastic from your farm
- Save plastics from landfill or burning
- Avoid fines
- Improve transportation efficiency

To book the roller or for more information contact:  
**Tyler Fewings, Watershed Manager** at (306)452-3292.

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**Lower Souris Watershed Committee**

## WHAT HAS THE RM OF MARTIN BEEN UP TO THIS PAST YEAR?

We only had one major project in 2018 and that was the clay capping of the Old #1 / Grid 703.

### **Old #1 / Grid 703 (Township Road 152) from Moosomin Border (4 miles)**

The Grid 703 (Township Road 152.1 to 152.2) was 90% completed in 2018. The final work finished up this spring. Four miles of road were clay capped along with new culverts installed. There are still some miscellaneous 2019 expenses to account for but we anticipate that we will still be under budget once those numbers are figured out.

Old #1 Construction:

Construction (Budget \$400,000)	\$356,326.72
Engineering (Budget \$30,000)	\$ 38,658.97
Clay Crop Damage (Budget \$60,000)	\$ 31,289.06
Miscellaneous (Culverts, Gravel, RM Labour)	\$ 48,821.61
<b>GRAND TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST</b>	<b>\$ 475,096.36</b> <i>(this amount includes PST)</i>
Budget \$490,000 therefore came in <u>under budget</u> \$14,903.64	

The RM of Martin contributed \$17,000 towards the Municipal Office Renovations. The total renovations were a little over \$60,000 to complete a full main floor renovation.

## SO..... WHAT'S UP FOR 2019?

- \$5,000 into Fire Reserve (Moosomin Fire Department is purchasing a used platform truck)
- \$5,000 into Health Reserves
- \$100,000 into Special Savings Reserve
- \$150,000 into Capital Equipment Reserve
- Committed \$50,000 for the proposed Moosomin Airport Expansion. The money for this will come from our health reserve.
- Increasing the Wapella Fire Department's Grant by \$3000 to help with general equipment needs
- Repair of Grid 601 south of Wapella at Hopper's Hill fixing the soft spot by digging out and replacing clay
- Repair Grid 709 (Moosomin Kipling Road) at the beginning of our sand seal. Dug out the bad spot and replaced with clay.
- Repair Grid 601 north of Wapella soft spots by digging them out and replacing with clay.
- McEchern Bridge was removed last year and this year we are planning on replacing it with a low-level crossing later this fall as we just received approval from Department of Fisheries & Oceans and Water Security Agency.
- Creating a dugout well in the Old #1 Burrow Pit that was created during last year's road construction

## HOW ARE WE GOING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS?

As you can see from your Tax Notice there is no tax increase this year – Mill Rate remains the same! The Mill Rate is 10.25 Mills. The RM has approved a budget of \$2,048,300 in expenses and \$2,072,590 in revenue for 2019. Going forward in the next few years you can expect more road upgrading, culvert replacement and on-going bridges maintenance to extend the bridges lives.