



RM OF MARTIN NO 122

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday (May-Aug) 8 am to Noon and 1-4 pm
Monday to Friday (Sept-April) 8 am to Noon and 1-4 pm

WEBSITE: www.rmofmartin.com

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.

ELECTION DAY DIVISIONS 2, 4 & 6 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022

Every two (2) years there are Municipal Elections. The 2022 elections will be for **Councillors of Divisions 2, 4 and 6 on Wednesday, November 9, 2022**. The term of all members of Council is four (4) years. The Nomination Period will begin when the Returning Officer publishes the Call for Nominations in the paper in late August/beginning of September. Nominations may be filed during regular office hours from the time of the Call for Election to the deadline of 4pm on **Nomination Day (Wednesday, October 05th)**. To be eligible to run for Council you must be at least 18 years of age, a Canadian citizen, eligible to vote in the Municipality and a resident of Saskatchewan. You are required to complete a Public Disclosure Statement and it must be submitted with Nomination Paper (instead of after you're elected).

Serving on a Municipal Council can be an eye-opening experience. There are many good reasons for running for Council: you would lead change in the municipality and be actively involved in the decision/policy making of the Municipality, address issues relevant not only to our Municipality but all rural municipalities, contribute your experience and knowledge to the community just to name a few. As an Elected Official you will be entrusted to make decisions that affect the daily lives of the ratepayers of our Municipality. A municipal council makes decisions collectively – Council as a whole (based on a majority vote) makes the decisions after carefully weighing all pieces of information available.

If you are considering running for Council please stop into the RM Office and speak with Cheryl for more information.

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 2021 the RM started accepting **ETRANSFERS**. If you wish to ETransfer for either your taxes or to pay an outstanding bill please use our email address: rm122@sasktel.net as the source of transfer. There is no security question required as it automatically deposits into our bank account. We do however ask that in the Message area you tell us what you are paying!

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 arrangement to pay your taxes **MONTHLY** either by Internet Banking or via Post-Dated Cheques? This option makes budgeting for your tax payment easier! You can also set that up automatically on your own through your financial institution.

Last year an email was sent out advising the RM of Martin's intention of adopting a new Building Bylaw. Bylaw 245 / 22 has passed by Council and has now been approved by the Ministry of Government Relations Building and Technical Standards Branch and became effective June 27, 2022.

As previously mentioned, *The Construction Codes Act* (the CCA) came into force on January 1, 2022 and repealed and replaced *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act* as the legislation that governs construction standards in Saskatchewan. Municipalities have always been responsible for administering and enforcing building and energy codes for buildings in their jurisdiction however under the old Act farm residences were included in the definition of farm buildings and therefore were exempt from these codes. Under the new CCA farm buildings are still exempt but residences are no longer considered a farm building and therefore these standards apply to all new builds and major structural renovations that occur to any farm residence after January 1, 2022.

This means that effective immediately any new construction or structural alteration to houses/residences will require a Building Permit and will be inspected by a Building Official (Building Inspector). The only buildings exempt from this are farm buildings that DO NOT have sleeping quarters (shops, barns, bins etc used only for agricultural purposes). ANY building with sleeping quarters or used for commercial purposes will require a Building Permit and be subject to a building inspection.

ALL DEVELOPMENT requires a Developmental Permit. There is no charge for a Development Permit. A Development Permit is required under the RM of Martin's Zoning Bylaw. A Development Permit outlines what and where you want to develop. Acquiring a Development Permit is the **FIRST STEP** for **ALL** projects that alter or affect your property (not just buildings).

BUILDING PERMIT is a permit required under the RM's Building Bylaw and mandated by the National Building Code of Canada. A building permit ensures that all new buildings, alterations to existing buildings, changes to building use and building demolitions meet national safety standards.

The cost of a Building Permit is \$50 plus the Building Official (inspector) Inspection Fees which are based on the value of construction (VOC). The Inspection Fee is calculated as follows:

- $VOC/\$1,000 \times \$3.55 = \text{Inspection Fee}$ (\$200 minimum)
- VOC is determined by the owner unless it is unreasonable and then the building official will use a spreadsheet with industry rates to determine the value
- Construction CANNOT take place until the permit is approved and the fees are paid

The length of time it will take for your permit to be reviewed and approved will depend on the complexity of your project. To be safe you should apply for your Building Permit as soon as you have all of the information required and you know when you would like your project to begin. The Building Officials recommend submitting your application a minimum of 14 days before construction is scheduled to start, however turn around times can be quicker. Ensuring that your application is completed and includes both building and site drawings will help ensure a quicker approval timeframe.

CIVIC ADDRESSING

You may have heard about Civic Addressing or are starting to see little blue signs in neighbouring RM's. Civic Addressing is a province-wide standardized system of identifying and locating properties by establishing unique access point locations and can be used to assist emergency responders.

The RM has been working on this project for a couple of years and one of the early steps was to review all the road names in the RM. Addresses were verified, deleted and modified based on a list that was generated for the RM by the Civic Addressing Registry (CAR). This required another level of training and access to the CAR website in order to validate the address points.

The addresses were determined by distance/lots and either the east Range Road or south Township Road. For Instance: **132130** Township Road 150 means the Range Road **1321** to the east and **30** means the Lot Number and of course Township Road 150 is the road where the house is located. **15222** Range Road 1335 means the Township Road **152** to the south and **22** means the Lot Number and of course Range Road 1335 is the road where the house is located. If the road has a special name or Grid Road Name then the number means the Lot # (ie 1261 Highway 1 or 7180 Grid Road 703 or 90 Sharpe's Bridge Road).

It is up to each RM to decide how they will handle signage and as there are different options ranging from the RM paying for and installing signs to having ratepayers pay for the signs. There will be more information coming about signage in 2023 so please stay tuned!

You will notice on your Tax Notice your Civic Address – in preparation of the Civic Addressing coming into effect your address is being entered into the Civic Address Database, but currently is not operational.

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 2022. 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 15th to let us know so that we leave you something to cut!

THIS IS THE LAW!

SPEED LIMIT on gravel roads is 80 km/hour

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.

If you smell natural gas, call

1-888-7000-GAS (427)

How do you detect a leak? Follow your senses!

Use your NOSE

SaskEnergy adds an odour to natural gas so you will quickly know if there's a problem. If you smell an odour that is similar to skunk or rotten eggs, there may be a natural gas leak.

Use your EYES

You cannot see natural gas, however if you SEE a vapour, ground frosting, or a significant area of brown vegetation, that could be an indication of a natural gas leak. As well, if you SEE continuous bubbling of wet or flooded areas, or dust blowing from a hole in the ground during drier conditions, there may be a natural gas leak.

Use your EARS

If you HEAR a high-pitched hissing or roaring noise, there may be a natural gas leak.

TAKE ACTION!

If you suspect a leak indoors or outdoors:

- Leave the home or area immediately
- DO NOT use any electrical switches, appliances, telephones, motor vehicles, or any other sources of ignition such as lighters or matches
- Call SaskEnergy's 24-hour emergency line from a safe place **1-888-7000-GAS (427)**
- DO NOT assume that the issue has already been reported or that someone else will call.

How will SaskEnergy respond?

In the event of a natural gas emergency, SaskEnergy and local community response teams will:

- Respond to the suspected site immediately
- Assess the source of the problem and ensure the site is cleared of anyone whose safety may be at risk
- Communicate and advise customers regarding a resolution plan

**The office will be CLOSED
Fridays in May to August**

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

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!

Remember these tips for a safe fire burn



As a farmer, there are times when you have no choice but to start a controlled fire to burn things like windrows, grass, stubble and piles.

Before you burn, please consult your local RM Office to verify no fire ban is in place for your area and call and report your activity to the Control Burn line at 1-866-404-4911. If you plan to burn within 4 km of a provincial forest, please call your local fire base.

Dry grass, grain/hay fields and pastureland

Reducing dry grass, hay and stubble will help prevent a yard fire from spreading, or stop a fire from entering your yard.

Barn barrels and fire pits

Never leave your barn barrel or fire pit unattended when not in use.

Windrows

Avoid building windrows on swamps/bogs and use a brush rake or excavator to reduce the amount of dirt in the rows.

Grass and stubble

Blade or plow down to mineral soil, at least five metres around your burn, to create a guard that keeps the fire from spreading.

Piles

Burn when there is no snow cover and frozen ground, whenever possible — and always re-pile and re-burn, if necessary, until the pile is completely gone.

When to burn

The early mid-morning or late afternoon is your best time to burn.

When not to burn

Do not burn under extremely dry conditions, at the end of the day, or when the forecast calls for high temperatures or windy conditions.

Mow your lawn

Short, green grass can help prevent the spread of grass fires.

saskatchewan.ca/fire



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!
1-866-404-4911

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 may NOT be covered by your insurance and could be liable for any damages that occur as a result of the fire!**

Fire Ban Notice is emailed to ratepayers who have given their EMAIL address, posted on Facebook, posted to the RM of Martin Website and a poster in the Wapella Post Office.

DID YOU KNOW...

The RM of Martin can accept donations for *Earlswood Cemetery* and issue you a tax receipt for the donation?



The RM Office is collecting

**“POP CAN”
TABS**

on behalf of Levi Jamieson

Levi is collecting tabs to donate towards wheelchairs!

Drop your tabs off during office hours.

There is a bin in the entry way for the tabs.

Email the RM of Martin at: rm122@sasktel.net to add your email address to our emailing list for updates on important events that effect ratepayers.



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