



RM OF MARTIN NO 122

## JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER

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### PUBLIC WORKS INFORMATION:

Foreman Darcy Jamieson  
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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](http://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.

### 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](mailto: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.

### I NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

There are many instances when the RM Office needs to contact our Ratepayers – road construction, to share important information, disaster notification to name just a few. Therefore, we ask that you ***please provide the office with your Email and Cell Phone Numbers***. We will not share this information with anyone else. Please email the office at [rm122@sasktel.net](mailto:rm122@sasktel.net) with your contact information. Thank you in advance for providing your updated information!

**The office is CLOSED  
Fridays from May until  
after the long-weekend  
in September**

## **CIVIC ADDRESSING**

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. You will begin to see the Civic Addressing Signs installed in front of your property later this year. You will also notice the last few years that your Tax Notice has your Civic Address on it! Currently your civic address will not show up on Google Maps etc because those systems have not been updated.

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).*



### **Did you know you're an APAS Member?**

**What is APAS?** The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) has been the voice of Saskatchewan's farmers and ranchers since 2000. APAS is Saskatchewan's only democratically elected, producer-run, non-partisan, general farm organization.

#### **Our Recent Work:**

- Right to Repair
- Farm Input Inflation Advocacy
- Fertilizer Emissions Research
- Livestock Summit
- Farmers' Share of the Food Dollar
- Surface Rights Regulations Advocacy

#### **APAS Member Benefits:**

APAS partners with a wide variety of businesses and service providers to offer special pricing and discounts to all ratepayers in participating RMs. Some of the rewards include discounts on vehicles, merchandise, insurance and much more!

#### **APAS Young Leaders (AYL) presented by FCC:**

APAS Young Leaders lets young farmers and ranchers from ages 18-40 learn about the creation and implementation of agricultural policy from the local to national level in a fun and supporting environment. To apply, visit [apas.ca](http://apas.ca).

#### **Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice:**

Saskatchewan Farmers' Voice magazine is published three times per year and delivered free to every farm mailbox in the province. It features stories about producers, important agricultural issues, rural life, farm business and APAS policy and advocacy work. Every issue reaches more than 31,000 producers.

#### **Important Meetings:**

APAS has recently met with numerous important politicians and key leaders in the agricultural industry. Some of those meetings include:

- Hon. Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada
- Hon. John Barlow, Federal Agriculture Critic
- Hon. Kody Blois, Chair of House of Commons' Standing Committee on Agriculture
- Hon. Dan Mazier, Federal Rural Economic Development and Connectivity Critic
- Premier Scott Moe
- Hon. David Marit, Provincial Agriculture Minister
- Justine Hendricks, President and CEO, FCC

To learn more about APAS's policy and advocacy work, visit [apas.ca](http://apas.ca)

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.

### **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.**

### **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](mailto:rm122@sasktel.net)

to add your email address to our emailing list for updates on important events that effect ratepayers.



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**RM Martin**

Check out our website at:

[www.rmofmartin.com](http://www.rmofmartin.com)



### **MOWING REQUEST**

Mowing will soon be underway for 2023. 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!**

### **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.

In 2021 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.

*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.