



RM OF MARTIN NO 122

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Thursday (April-Sept) 8 am to Noon and 1-4 pm
Monday to Friday (Oct-March) 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.

ELECTION DAY (DIVISIONS 2, 4, & 6) MONDAY, NOVEMBER 09, 2026

Every two (2) years there are Municipal Elections. The 2026 elections will be for **Councillors of Divisions 2, 4 and 6 on Monday, November 09, 2026**. 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 September. Nominations may be filed during regular office hours from the time of the Call for Election to the deadline of 4 pm on **Nomination Day (Wednesday, October 07th)**. 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.

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 Council's main purpose is to provide leadership and make policy. A municipal council makes decisions collectively – Council as a whole (based on a majority vote) make the decisions after carefully weighing all pieces of information available. Decisions/Policies of Council are made by either passing a resolution or enacting a bylaw and then the administrator implements the decisions/policies.

If elected you should plan to attend monthly Council Meetings (generally the 2nd Wednesday of each month), special council meetings as required, committee meetings and possibly conventions, workshops, and training. Councillors receive remuneration (payment) for their attendance.

If you are interested in running for Council, you may wish to check out the following websites:

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/elections/running-for-municipal-council>

<https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/municipal-administration/tools-guides-and-resources/information-for-council-members>



Running for Municipal Council

Consider running for municipal council

Municipalities are the level of government closest to the people, delivering services that residents rely on every day. **Saskatchewan needs citizens to take on leadership roles as council members** to represent their communities and provide direction on policies, programs and services.

Council members are entrusted to make decisions that directly affect the daily lives of residents, families, local business owners and others in the community.

Where to learn more

Learning about your municipality and the roles and responsibilities of a council member will assist you to decide if running for council is the right fit for you.

Scan the QR code or visit saskatchewan.ca for information on running for municipal council, including:

- The purpose of a municipality and role of council
- Information on your municipality and council
- Things to consider before running for council
- Responsibilities and responsible conduct of council members
- How to run for council
- Key documents after you are elected
- Additional municipal election resources

Key standards and values of a council member

- Honesty
- Objectivity
- Respect
- Transparency
- Accountability
- Confidentiality
- Leadership and the Public Interest
- Responsibility



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PAYMENT METHODS FOR TAXES & ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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! 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: admin@rmofmartin.com 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!

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.

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). **Construction CANNOT take place until the permit is approved and the fees are paid**

If you are planning a controlled burn, please call the number below 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 because 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?



Follow us on Facebook at:
RM Martin

Check out our website at:
www.rmofmartin.com

**The office is CLOSED
Fridays from *April 1st*
until the end of
September**

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.

DID YOU KNOW

1. ... that you can find out information about your water well on the Water Security Agency's website? Sometimes you need to find out information about your water well – things like when it was dug, who dug the well, what the rate of flow is etc. If you go the website: <https://wsask.ca/drinking-water-wastewater/groundwater/> and then scroll down to Water Well Information Database. When you click on the Water Well Information Database it will take you to a screen where you can put your land location into the Search Bar (ie. NW-18-14-01-2) and then your information will populate on the left-hand side of the screen. Click on that information and you will see all the information about your water well. You can print this information out and you can also see on the map all the wells that are around you.

2. ... that 75.3% of Property Taxes collect in the RM of Martin come from Commercial Properties. Farmers (farmland) account for 21.7% of our Property Tax income and Residential pay 3.0%. In 2026 the RM of Martin's Tax levy (the amount we will collect from taxes) is \$1,944,383.58. This is broken down as follows:

Non-Arable (pasture)	\$53,958.62
Agriculture	\$365,437.03
Residential	\$51,737.49
Railway	\$160,916.92
Commercial & Industrial	\$72,026.41
Pipeline	\$1,231,907.11
Minimum Tax	\$8,400 (\$1650 Residential, \$6650 Ag & \$100 Commercial)

Total Commercial Taxes were \$1,464,950.44 which equals 75.3%

Total Agriculture Taxes were \$421,045.65 which equals 21.7%

Total Residential Taxes were \$58,387.49 which equals 3.0%

3. ... that there is Radon in our soil? Saskatchewan has some of the highest indoor radon levels in Canada, with up to one in three homes potentially exceeding the Health Canada guideline of 200 Bq/m³. Due to high uranium levels in the soil, testing is essential for all homes. Long-term testing (over 3 months) is recommended, often performed during winter.

Radon Facts in Saskatchewan

- High Risk Area: Radon, a radioactive gas produced by the breakdown of uranium in soil and rock, is the second leading cause of lung cancer.
- Prevalence: While 16% of homes and higher in some regions previously tested over the guideline, recent studies suggest that in some areas over 60% of homes may test above the 200 Bq/m³ limit.
- Entry Points: Radon enters through foundation cracks, sump pits, and floor drains.
- Newer Homes: Tighter, energy-efficient building construction can lead to higher indoor radon levels.

Testing and Mitigation

- Timing: Testing is best done during colder months, as the "thermal stack effect" pulls more gas from the soil.
- Mitigation: If levels exceed 200 Bq/m³, reduction (mitigation) techniques, such as sealing foundation cracks or installing sub-slab depressurization systems, should be implemented.

When was the last time you tested for radon?

Every home in Canada, regardless of age or size should be tested for radon.

1 Test
Order a test kit and follow the set-up instructions to place it in your home.

2 Get Results!
After 91 days, return the test to the lab and get your results.

Reducing the risk of Lung Cancer starts at the ground level.
Radon comes from the soil and enters buildings through contact with the ground. The longer people are exposed to radon, the greater their risk of lung cancer. Testing for radon is the only way to determine radon levels in a building.

If your radon levels are high - they can be lowered by installing a radon mitigation system.

TAKE ACTION ON RADON

Radon Test kits can be ordered at: takeactiononradon.ca

FREE! Radon Testing Kits will be available in the RM Office sometime in late September / early October. Once the test kits arrive in our office we will have a set timeline for pickup. The test kit is then set up in your home for 90+ days after which you return to our office by a set date. We will mail back all the tests to the lab and you will receive your personal test results to your email/mail after the lab has processed the kits.

There are a limited number of kits that will be available so please call the office to get your test kit reserved. We will contact you when the kits are available for pickup.

DID YOU KNOW?

Healthy grass along road edges protects our roads, saves tax dollars, and keeps our rural municipality strong.



GOOD GRASS. STRONG ROADS.

Healthy vegetation along the roadside is one of the simplest and most cost-effective ways to protect our rural roads.

HERE'S WHY IT MATTERS:



PREVENTS EROSION

Grass roots hold soil in place, protecting road edges from wind and water erosion. Without it, gravel washes away.



SUPPORTS THE ROAD EDGE

Vegetation reinforces the shoulder so it doesn't break down when vehicles drive close to the edge.



IMPROVES DRAINAGE

Grass slows runoff and helps water soak in—reducing ditches, washouts and flooding.



REDUCES DUST & MATERIAL LOSS

Vegetation acts as a natural filter and barrier, keeping valuable road materials in place and in our community.



SAVES TAXPAYER DOLLARS

Well-protected roads need less grading, less gravel and less repair—saving money for everyone.



Good grass. Good drainage. Well-maintained roads.

**It all works together.
We all benefit.**



OUR ROADS ARE VALUABLE ASSETS.

Let's protect them—together.

Please help by:

- ✓ Maintaining healthy grass along road edges
- ✓ Avoiding spraying that kills roadside vegetation
- ✓ Leaving a grass buffer—don't farm or disturb right up to the road
- ✓ Thinking long-term—for the good of our community



DID YOU KNOW?

SPRAYING CHEMICALS THAT KILL GRASS AND FARMING RIGHT UP TO THE ROAD EDGE IS HARMFUL TO OUR MUNICIPAL ASSETS.



SPRAYING THAT KILLS GRASS



FARMING TO THE EDGE

THE RESULTS:



Erosion and washouts

Road edges break down and wash away.



More maintenance

More grading, more gravel, more cost.



Safety risks

Soft edges and drop-offs create hazards for drivers.



Higher costs for everyone

Damaged roads mean higher maintenance costs paid by all ratepayers.

Good stewardship today means better roads tomorrow.

Thank you!

Working together for a stronger, safer rural municipality.



PROTECT OUR ROADS. PROTECT OUR INVESTMENT. PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.