



RM OF MARTIN NO 122

## JULY 2024 NEWSLETTER

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Foreman James Greening  
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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*

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 1, 3, 5 & REEVE) WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024

Every two (2) years there are Municipal Elections. The 2024 elections will be for **Councillors of Divisions 1, 3 and 5 and Reeve on Wednesday, November 13, 2024**. 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 4 pm on **Nomination Day (Wednesday, October 09<sup>th</sup>)**. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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-office>

<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](http://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




## 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! 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](mailto: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!

In 2024 we've added another way to pay! You can now use . You use PaySimply from your own computer to pay via credit card, debit, ETransfer, in-person at a post office using cash or debit and PayPal. This service is being offered through PaySimply.ca (a secure third-party Canadian payment provider). All fees are paid to Pay Simply and the RM of Martin does **not** retain any portion of the additional fee. You will be notified of the fee amount prior to the payment being processed. You will also receive an email confirmation of your transaction including fees paid. In your web browser type: <http://paysrc.ca/rmmartin>

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 [admin@rmofmartin.com](mailto:admin@rmofmartin.com) with your contact information. Thank you in advance for providing your updated information!

## 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).

**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:

- $VOC/\$1,000 \times \$3.55 =$  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

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.**



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**RM Martin**

Check out our website at:  
[www.rmofmartin.com](http://www.rmofmartin.com)

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



## **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.