



Summer Issue 2015

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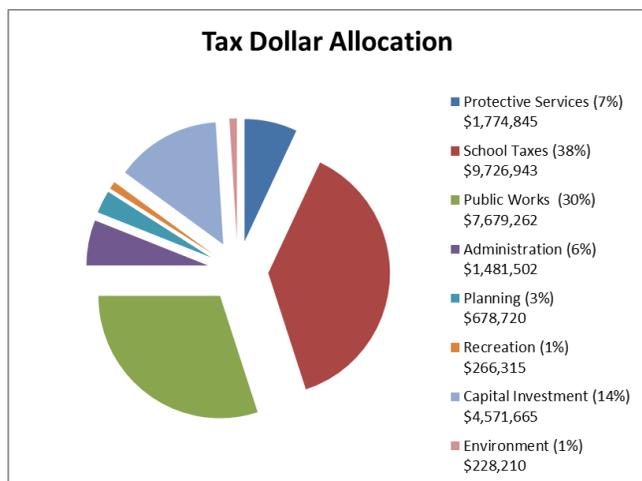
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2015 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Council at their May 19, 2015 meeting set the mill rate for 2015 at 6.60, which results in an additional \$339,000 of revenue to the R.M. over 2014 rates. The following table shows the breakdown of where funds are allocated:



Budget Highlights for 2015 include:

- Capital Budget includes the construction of a new public works shop at a cost of \$1.8 million
- Hard Surface Road Projects will increase to a net cost of \$1,494,470
- Purchase of three new graders at a cost of \$605,000 to replace aging fleet
- Contribution of \$400,000 for the purchase of new fire trucks to be used in the RM of Corman Park and surrounding area
- Gravel supply was increased for roads by \$732,668
- Roadside mowing program has been increased to improve road safety within the RM of Corman Park
- A new grader zone has been added within the RM of Corman Park to increase the level of service provided to ratepayers

2015 PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

The Rural Municipality of Corman Park #344 is required by provincial legislation to collect property taxes on behalf of the school boards and the RM of Corman Park.

2015 Municipal Mill Rate

For 2015 the RM Council approved the 2015 operating and capital budget setting the tax rates in accordance with Council's strategic and long range capital plans. Council set a uniform mill rate of 6.60 with mill rate factors of 0.80, 1.15 and 1.35 for residential, agriculture and commercial property respectively;

Tax Class	Uniform Mill Rate		Mill Rate Factors	=	Effective Mill Rate
Agriculture	6.60	x	1.15	=	7.59
Residential	6.60	x	0.80	=	5.28
Commercial	6.60	x	1.35	=	8.91

The Province of Saskatchewan requires the RM conduct a revaluation of all properties every four years. 2015 assessed values are based on the property value as of January 2, 2011. The RM contracts SAMA (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency) for all property valuations.

Provincial legislation determines the percentage of the assessed value that is taxable. The taxable assessment for residential properties is 70%, for agriculture 55%, non-arable (range) 40% and commercial 100%.

The RM collects education property tax from all property owners – based on tax rates that are set by the Province. The RM collects the education property tax and forwards them to the Prairie Spirit (Public) School Division or the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division.

Local School Division Contact Information:

Prairie Spirit (Public) School Div #206
 121 Klassen Street East
 Box 809 Warman SK S0K 4S0
 Phone: (306) 683-2800 Website: <http://www.spiritsd.ca>

Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools
 St. Paul's R.C.S.S.D. #20
 420 22nd Street E.
 Saskatoon SK S7K 1X3
 Phone: (306) 659-7000 Website: <http://www.gscs.sk.ca>

For 2015, the education property tax mill rates remain unchanged from 2014.

Tax Class	Mill Rate
Agriculture	2.67
Residential	5.03
Commercial	8.28
Resource	11.04

CURRENT TAX PAYMENTS & ARREARS

Current Taxes Payment Due by December 31, 2015

Payment of current taxes is due and required to be received at the RM office no later than the close of business on the 31st of December in the calendar year in which they were imposed.

In any year that December 31st is a non-working date, payment of current taxes is due and required to be made at the RM office no later than the close of the last business day of December.

A payment of taxes is not deemed to have been made until it is received by the RM. Any payments made on-line, mailed or by any method must be received by the RM Treasurer **by 5:00 p.m. of the due date**. Payments in transit will **NOT** be deemed as being received.

Tax Arrears Payment

Outstanding taxes after December 31, 2015 are subject to a 1% per month (12% annually) penalty which will be applied January 1st and each month thereafter. If you are paying after December 31st, call the RM office at 306-242-9303 to confirm your amount due, including penalty.

TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS

Pay your property taxes using any of these payment options: internet or telephone banking through financial institutions, by mail, or in person. The RM office is open Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm. A 24 hour drop-off is located outside the main entrance into the RM office. **Please include your account number when making a payment.**

TIPPS

The RM offers a Tax Installment Payment Plan Service (TIPPS) Program. TIPPS is a monthly automatic withdrawal payment plan, which alleviates the pressure of paying taxes in a lump sum in December or the additional cost of interest, in the case of a late payment. For more information regarding TIPPS, contact the RM office at (306) 242-9303, or visit www.rm.cormanpark.ca.

Reminder to residents currently on TIPPS, the final payment in December may change to ensure your tax account balance is paid in full.

Did you know?

A Zoning Compliance Certificate can be requested for any property in the RM. It outlines the zoning, building information and history of the property. The intent is to convey this information to potential purchasers of the property. Any interested party (i.e. property owner, property purchaser, real estate agent, lawyer or lending institution) can apply for a Zoning Compliance Certificate.

MINISTRY OF HIGHWAYS & INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

The Ministry of Highways & Infrastructure (MHI) has a number of important projects ongoing over the summer that may interest RM residents.

- **Highway 11 at Warman & Highway 12 at Martensville - Proposed Overpasses**

In the 2015-16 Provincial budget monies were allocated to start work on new overpasses on Highway 11 at Warman and Highway 12 at Martensville.

Public open houses to discuss the planned future overpasses were initially held May 11 & 12, 2015 to present the different options for each location.

On June 23 & 24, 2015 a second round of open houses was held to provide an opportunity for the public to view the recommended option at each location and provide input, ideas and suggestions.

The visual boards presented at the Open Houses, a comment sheet to provide feedback and some interesting 3D videos of the overpass recommendations can be viewed at:

http://www.highways.gov.sk.ca/Hwy11_12overpasses.

- **South Perimeter Highway (Freeway) General Location Study**

In 2014, MHI, the RM and City of Saskatoon undertook a Validation Study for the current route of the Perimeter Highway to confirm its location. While the northern route alignment was validated it was determined that the

southeast quadrant of the alignment needed to be revisited (generally Highway No. 5 to Highway No. 11).

A future high-speed freeway around Saskatoon would improve traffic flow, alleviate congestion and improve safety. The planning for this project is a priority for MHI and monies were allocated to begin the South General Location Study.

The study is overseen by a steering committee that includes representation from MHI, the RM, the City, the Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce and the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority.

Stakeholder and public input is critical to the planning process. One-on-one meetings with key stakeholders and public open houses are being held to provide information about the project, to present and gather feedback on the options for the future highway.

A public open house to discuss the Study Area and the proposed route options was held on June 25, 2015. Additional open houses are anticipated in August 2015 so please stay tuned for more information via the RM or MHI websites, or in the local newspapers.

No timeline or project cost has been established for construction of the Saskatoon Perimeter Highway.

For more information visit:

http://www.highways.gov.sk.ca/Saskatoon_Freeway

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION GRANT

The RM of Corman Park Council approved Policy # FI-007, a policy that provides for the allocation of funding to registered, non-profit organizations situated within the jurisdiction of the RM. The funding assistance is intended for registered, non-profit organizations to assist them in delivering their services in an efficient and effective manner.

The grant is intended to encourage and support culture, recreation and social services growth within the RM and is not intended for individuals.

This grant is intended to offset a portion of the municipal property tax burden, to a maximum of \$5,000.00 annually, for organizations that support culture, recreation and social services growth within the jurisdiction that are assessed with a commercial property classification.

The policy and application are available on the RM website or at the RM office located at 111 Pinehouse Drive, Saskatoon.

Applications must be received in the RM office on or before August 1st to be applicable to the current year.

2015 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Rural Municipality of Corman Park No. 344 has implemented a Citizen of the Year Award. The Award will be presented at the Annual General Meeting held in October of each year.

The Citizen of the Year Award recognizes outstanding dedication and contribution, past or present, to the community. This individual shows leadership and commitment beyond what are considered normal duties.

Nomination forms are available at the RM office and on the R.M. website and are to be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., September 18, 2015.

Did you know?

That there are bylaws for:
 -Discharging Firearms
 -Parking on Municipal Roads
 -Traffic - Speed limit is 80km/hr unless otherwise posted
 -Dogs Running at Large
 -Noise
 Find these Bylaws on our website at:
<http://rmcormanpark.ca/page/bylaws>

2015 PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council Meetings are held at 111 Pinehouse Drive, Saskatoon and begin at 9:00 am, unless otherwise stated. Meeting agendas, past meeting minutes and recorded meeting audio can be found online at www.rmcormanpark.ca.

JULY 20, 2015	NOVEMBER 2, 2015
AUGUST 17, 2015	NOVEMBER 16, 2015
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015	DECEMBER 7, 2015
OCTOBER 5, 2015	DECEMBER 21, 2015
OCTOBER 19, 2015	

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Did you know?

When the RM has a fire ban in effect, ALL open flames are banned, including fire pits and burning barrels.

FIRE SUPPRESSION

The RM has seen firefighting invoices in excess of **\$25,000.00** so please ensure you have adequate fire-fighting insurance. Coverage should include cost of suppressing the fire (trucks, labour, etc.) as well as loss of property. The current hourly rate for each responding department is \$873.00 per hour for a productive call and \$524.00 per hour for a non-productive call. The cost of firefighting is the liability of the property owner so talk to your insurance broker to ensure sufficient coverage.

Important! Do not burn in very windy or dry weather and always provide extensive fire guarding before proceeding with a controlled burn. Failure to do so is a contravention of *The Prairie and Forest Fires Act*. If you will be conducting a controlled burn, please contact the **Controlled Burn Line** at **1-866-822-8522**.

WATER STATION LOCATIONS

The RM operates three coin operated, potable water, tank fill stations. Cost for filling is an estimated 92 Gallons for \$1.00.

Locations are:

Clarence Avenue Fill Station	SW 10-36-5-W3 (located next to SaskWater Facility at the Clarence Ave S & Cartwright St. intersection)
33 rd Street Shop Fill Station	SE 10-37-6-W3 (located ½ mile north of 33 rd Street West on the Dalmeny Grid Road at Battleford Trail)
North Tank Fill Station	NE 34-38-5-W3 (located 1 mile west of Warman on Township Road 390 at Range Road 3052)

PEST CONTROL

Prevention and Control of West Nile:

- Limit your time outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
- Weather permitting wear light colored long sleeves, long pants, and socks when outdoors.
- Use insect repellants when you go outdoors, read and follow manufacturer's instructions.
- Install or repair screens on windows and doors to keep mosquitoes outside.
- Reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home by emptying standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pool covers, pet water dishes, discarded tires, and birdbaths on a regular basis.

Anyone who is exposed to mosquitoes in an area where West Nile has been detected is at some degree of risk for infection. When infection does cause illness, symptoms generally appear within two to 15 days. In mild cases, people may have flu-like symptoms, including fever, headaches, and body aches. Some may also develop a mild rash, or swollen lymph glands.

Some individuals, including older people, have weaker immune systems. This puts them at greater risk for serious health effects, such as meningitis and encephalitis. In these cases symptoms could include the rapid onset of severe headache, high fever, stiff neck, vomiting, drowsiness, confusion, loss of consciousness, muscle weakness, and paralysis. Severe cases can be fatal. Anyone who experiences the sudden onset of these symptoms should seek immediate medical attention.

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS):

In western North America, deer mice are the primary carriers of the particular strain of Hantavirus that causes respiratory illness in people.

Hantavirus infection is a rare but serious illness. Symptoms can occur any time between 3 days to 6 weeks after exposure. Early symptoms include fatigue, fever, and muscle aches, especially in large muscle groups – thighs, hips, back, and sometimes shoulders. There may also be headaches, dizziness, chills, and abdominal pain. Four to ten days after initial phase of illness, late symptoms appear. These include coughing and shortness of breath.

Prevention: Controlling rodents such as mice, cleaning out buildings before use and minimizing the exposure to mice and their droppings by;

- Keeping them out of buildings, trailers, and equipment, and eliminating food sources and hiding places.
- Properly cleaning and disinfecting rodent-infested cabins and other enclosed buildings before use.
- Minimizing the exposure to sources of infection by wearing personal protective equipment or avoiding coming into contact with mice, their nests or harbourage areas and damping area with a 10% solution of bleach in water.

REPORT A MISSING OR DAMAGED SIGN

Missing or damaged signs can now be reported ONLINE by visiting the "Contact Us" section of the RM website and clicking on "REPORT A SIGN ISSUE".

SASKPOWER SHAND GREENHOUSE SEEDLING PROGRAM

SaskPower provides a selection of tree and shrub seedlings free of charge to Saskatchewan not-for-profit agencies, service clubs, conservation agencies and individual landowners for shelterbelts, wildlife habitat and reclamation projects. The number one requirement is a shared commitment to preserve and enhance Saskatchewan's natural landscape.

Applications are accepted July 1, 2015 – March 15, 2016 and seedlings will be provided upon review of each application and processed on a first-come, first served basis.

More information and applications can be found at: <http://www.saskpower.com/accounts-and-services/service-requests/apply-for-free-seedlings/>



APAS is Saskatchewan's general farm organization, formed to provide farmers and ranchers with a democratically elected, grassroots, non-partisan, producer-run organization based on rural municipal boundaries. Membership in the Canadian Federation of Agriculture provides APAS with a national voice. As the united voice of thousands of agricultural producers in Saskatchewan, APAS strives to represent the views of a wide variety of agricultural stakeholders in order to form comprehensive provincial and national policies that can benefit all sectors of society. For additional information please view www.apas.ca.

As a member of the organization APAS is pleased to provide **membership cards** to all members for the very first time this year. Please feel free to add your name (ratepayer) if you wish or use the card just as is. This card provides important information about our newly revised website, our agricultural policy work and details about member benefits on the opposite side of the card. All ratepayer family members are able to take advantage of APAS Member Rewards. More information about the Membership Cards can be obtained from APAS office (info@apas.ca or 306-789-7774).

Did you know?

That Bylaw #12/15 states no person shall discharge any firearm within a Country Residential Subdivision or Commercial Subdivision or within 500 metres of such of subdivision.

Did you know?

That the removal or demolition of any structure 100 square feet or larger, including agricultural buildings, requires a Demolition Permit. A Demolition Permit costs \$10 and requires a deposit that will be returned upon site inspection.

RM OF CORMAN PARK OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

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