



SUMMER/FALL ISSUE 2014

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2014 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.

2014 Municipal Mill Rate

For 2014 the RM Council approved the 2014 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 6.30 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	6.30	x	1.15	=	7.25
Residential	6.30	x	0.80	=	5.04
Commercial	6.30	x	1.35	=	8.51
Resource	6.30	x	1.35	=	8.51

The Province of Saskatchewan requires the RM conduct a revaluation of all properties every four years. 2014 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 taxes and forwards them to the Prairie Spirit (Public) School Division or the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Division.

For 2014, the education tax mill rates remain unchanged from the previous year.

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, 2014

Payment of current taxes is due and required to be made by every taxpayer at the office of the RM Treasurer no later than the close of business on the 31st date of December in the Calendar year in which they were imposed.

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

Tax Arrears Payment

Outstanding taxes after December 31, 2014 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 31, call our office at 306-242-9303 to confirm your amount due, including penalty.

TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS

Pay your 2014 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.

The RM is also set up to receive online payments through your bank, using your client number or utility number as your account number. This will work for all of your Property Tax, Utilities and Accounts Receivable payments.

For further property tax information please visit

www.rmcormanpark.ca/page/taxes_assessment

TIPPS

The RM now offers a Tax Installment Payment Plan Service (TIPPS) Program. TIPPS is a monthly automatic withdrawal payment plan, which will alleviate the pressure of paying taxes in a lump sum in December or the additional cost of interest, in the case of a late payment.

Application forms for TIPPS can be found on our homepage at www.rmcormanpark.ca. If you have any questions or need more information regarding online payments or TIPPS, call the RM office at (306) 242-9303 or email rm344@rmcormanpark.ca.

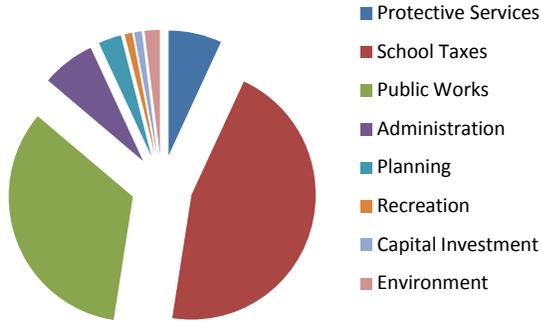
2014 PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council Meetings are held at 111 Pinehouse Drive, Saskatoon and begin at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise stated. The remaining meetings for 2014 are:

August 18, 2014	November 3, 2014
September 15, 2014	November 17, 2014
October 6, 2014	December 1, 2014
October 20, 2014	December 15, 2014

2014 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Tax Dollar Allocation



Budget Highlights for 2014 include:

- Road construction budget includes one major road construction project at a net cost of \$460,000 to the RM of Corman Park.
- Budgeted 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 for RM of Corman Park roads was increased by \$1,300,000.
- Budgeted purchase of two new graders \$540,000 to replace aging fleet.
- All other programs have status quo service levels and budgets.

The 2014 budget includes:

Total Expenses	\$12,440,265
Less Total Grant & Service Revenue	\$ 2,855,079
Total (Balance to be covered by property tax levies)	\$ 9,585,186

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ratepayers Annual General Meeting

7:00 PM on
Wednesday, October 8, 2014
St. Anne's Parish Hall, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon

The purpose of the meeting is for discussion of municipal affairs and any matters relating thereto.

2014 Municipal Elections

Preparation for the potential 2014 RM of Corman Park Municipal Elections has begun and dates have been determined for the Call for Nominations advertisement and the Notice of Vote once the Nomination Period has expired.

Nominations for even numbered Divisions will be received for the 2014 potential Election.

Important Nomination & Election Dates

August 29	Nominations Open
September 17	Nominations Close at 4:00 pm
September 18	Nomination Withdrawal Deadline at 4:00 pm
October 17	Advance Poll
October 22	Election Day

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GARBAGE & DUMPING/LITTERING

Increasingly, there are more and more complaints regarding dumping of garbage along roadways and in ditches throughout the R.M. Residents are asked to report any such activity to the Corman Park Police Service at (306) 242-8808. The Corman Park Police Service will investigate garbage complaints to ascertain if any charges can be laid and have been successful in laying such charges in the past. Fines can amount to as much as \$2,000 plus cleanup costs.

FIRE SUPPRESSION

Effective January 1, 2014 SGI provided the following Fire Suppression and Vehicle Extrication rate increase. The rate increase is based on the 2013 Consumer Price Index for Saskatchewan of 1.5%. The current hourly rates are as follows:

PRODUCTIVE CALL	\$800.00
NON-PRODUCTIVE CALL	\$511.00

Landowners are reminded to ensure they have obtained adequate fire-fighting insurance. Coverage should include cost of suppressing the fire (cost of trucks, labour, etc.) as well as loss of property.

Landowners are also reminded not to burn in very windy, dry weather and to 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**.

HAYING & DITCH MOWING

The Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure has sent notice reminding producers that hay is available for salvage at **no cost** in provincial highway ditches. The Ministry is planning an early mowing program between June 7 and July 15 along heavily travelled roads.

Before July 8, hay can be cut and baled in ditches by the adjacent landowner. After July 8, this hay can be recovered by anyone without the permission of the adjacent landowner, provided salvage operations haven't begun.