



5 PER ¼ OR 3 PER 80 ACRE BYLAWS

On July 21, 2014 RM Council gave Third Reading to Bylaws 25/14 and 26/14, which were the revised 5 per ¼ or 3 per 80 acre residential bylaw amendments and severed parcels policy. RM Administration submitted a bylaw package for the Community Planning Branch with the Ministry of Government Relations to consider. Community Planning gave Ministerial approval to the Bylaws on March 20, 2015. The following briefly outlines the various policies that are now in effect.

The purpose of proposed Bylaw 25/14 to amend the RM of Corman Park Official Community Plan (Development Plan) was to:

- On quarter sections, to allow up to four small residential building sites (maximum total area of 20 acres) plus a residential building site on the balance of the quarter;
- On 80-acre parcels, to allow up to two small residential building sites (maximum total area of 10 acres) plus a residential building site on the balance of the parcel;
- Identify a 5 per ¼ Constraints Overlay area that restricts the single parcel country residential policy amendments in this Overlay area due to proposed highway corridors, flood-prone lands and urban municipalities growth plans;
- Add a severed parcels policy that allows for potential subdivision to create a separate and independent land title on parcels severed as a result of a natural or man-made feature such as a river or permanent water body, railway or roadway;
- Require a Basic Development Review (BDR) be completed for subdivision and rezoning;
- Amend the setback distances for Intensive Livestock Operations (ILO) to be measured from the property boundary of the land being utilized instead of the area of confinement for animals;
- Require development to maintain a separation distance from existing ILO's that is one level of intensity higher than the current number of animal units permitted; and
- Requiring executed co-existence agreements to be registered on the land titles.

The purpose of Bylaw 26/14 to amend the RM of Corman Park Zoning Bylaw was to:

- Add a definition for a Basic Development Review (BDR) and its components. The BDR will assist Council in assessing subdivision and rezoning proposals by providing information on land use, servicing, hazard lands, infrastructure requirements and adjacent land uses; and
- Add standards for development for an Intensive Livestock Operation (ILO) that outlines the information required to be submitted for an ILO development permit application.

The ability to further develop, rezone or subdivide your land is determined by your land location and existence of any current development or subdivisions on that land. You are encouraged to contact the Planning Department with your legal land location to discuss your specific circumstances at

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(306) 242-9303 or planning@rmcormanpark.ca. Due to the amount of inquiries we are expecting as we roll out this policy change please be patient in receiving a response!

You may also visit our subdivision information website at www.rmcormanpark.ca/page/subdivision for more information on the 5 per ¼ or 3 per 80 acre bylaws, the 5 per ¼ Constraints Overlay map, the Basic Development Review Checklist, Intensive Livestock Operations Setback map, Subdivision Application Forms and more.

SASKATOON NORTH PARTNERSHIP FOR GROWTH (P4G) REGIONAL PLAN

The Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) is a collaborative that was formalized in 2014 and includes political and administrative representation from the partnering municipalities of the RM, cities of Saskatoon, Warman and Martensville, the town of Osler and the Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority (SREDA) in an advisory role. The P4G communities have come together to develop a Regional Plan that will provide a long term view and plan for land use and servicing that is regional in scope. The P4G has hired the consulting firm, O2 Planning + Design Inc., to develop the Regional Plan.

Stakeholder and community engagement will be a key part of the P4G Regional Plan process. Open Houses will be held in the RM at Lakeview Church on June 2 and in Warman at the Legends Center on June 3. Both Open Houses will be 'Come & Go' format from 4-8 pm. Online engagement tools will also be utilized.

For more information on the Regional Plan and for more information on upcoming engagement opportunities please visit www.partnershipforgrowth.ca.

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 1 to be applicable to the current year.

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 and past meeting Minutes can be found online at www.rm-cormanpark.ca.

MAY 4, 2015	OCTOBER 5, 2015
MAY 19, 2015	OCTOBER 19, 2015
JUNE 15, 2015	NOVEMBER 2, 2015
JULY 20, 2015	NOVEMBER 16, 2015
AUGUST 17, 2015	DECEMBER 7, 2015
SEPTEMBER 21, 2015	DECEMBER 21, 2015

FIRE SUPPRESSION

The RM has seen firefighting invoices in excess of \$20,000.00 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**.

GRADER ZONES

In an effort to better serve the RM with road maintenance coverage the RM Council has approved the addition of a grader to the fleet, increasing the number of zones within the RM road network from 9 to 10 zones resulting in quicker maintenance turnaround time.

BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

The RM supports a diverse array of agricultural, industrial, commercial, residential and recreational land use options, with regulations in place to ensure ratepayers are able to enjoy the rural quality of life. There are a number of permits and approvals required for placement of fill on your property, development of a residence or outbuildings, constructing a commercial or industrial building, renovations to existing buildings, operating a home based business or running an intensive agricultural operation.

Council has recently provided support to make a concerted effort to enforce bylaw infractions within the RM through enforcement of our Official Community Plans, Zoning Bylaws, Nuisance Abatement Bylaws and other RM bylaws. This will include enforcement of businesses operating without approval and developments and/or buildings that have gone up without RM approval.

If you are unsure if a development, use or building has RM approval, please contact the office at (306) 242-9303 or planning@rm-cormanpark.ca for a search of our records. For a listing of our bylaws, application forms and relevant rules or regulations to bring your property into compliance please visit www.rm-cormanpark.ca.

NOXIOUS WEEDS

In Saskatchewan there are over 40 classified Noxious Weeds and several have been identified within the RM infesting hundreds of acres. Early detection and eradication measures

are necessary in order to control these persistent and problematic invasive plants. **It is the responsibility of every property owner to control noxious weeds on their land.**

The Weed Control Act is provincial legislation that empowers municipalities to enforce control of *Prohibited, Noxious, and Nuisance Weeds* on land within the RM. Corman Park has appointed a weed inspector to enforce *The Weed Control Act*. It is the duty of the weed inspector to monitor the RM for *Prohibited and Noxious Weeds*, to detect new occurrences of those weeds in a timely manner and also respond to complaints from residents of the municipality.

In the RM *Leafy Spurge* infestation alone has affected nearly 700 acres, mainly within Division #4 (the south west quadrant of the RM) but it has also been found in Division #7 near the North Saskatchewan River and west of Saskatoon in Division #8. Another weed that is growing more prevalent throughout the RM is known as *Common Tansy* and has been found predominantly from the south edge of Casa Rio south to Twp Rd 350. Other noxious weeds that have been identified and are established throughout the RM are *Absinthe, Toadflax, Field Bindweed and Russian Knapweed*. The provincially funded Invasive Plant Control Program provides for a rebate of up to 50% of approved herbicide costs applied on private lands by landowners for Leafy Spurge, Absinthe, Toadflax, Field Bindweed and Russian Knapweed.

A complete weed list can be found under legislation at www.agriculture.gov.sk.ca with further information regarding control being found under crops, crop protection, weeds and weed identification guide. For more information regarding custom spraying of noxious weeds and the Invasive Plant Control Program contact the RM Weed Inspector at lwade@rm-cormanpark.ca or call (306) 975-0208 OR cell (306) 361-7111.

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 no outstanding amount and no interest is incurred on January 1, 2016.

WARMAN ROMAN CATHOLIC SEPARATE SCHOOL DIVISION

Effective January 1, 2015 the newly created Warman Roman Catholic Separate School Division (WRCSDD) #213 amalgamated with the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools (GSCS). RM property owners within this designated area may now declare their property taxes to Public or Separate School. Contact the RM office or website for further information, the GSCS division boundary and to obtain a declaration form. June 15, 2015 is the deadline to submit a declaration