

DIAL 9-1-1 FOR EMERGENCY

RCMP and Police Services Phone Numbers

Corman Park Police Service – Phone: 306-242-8808
Warman RCMP (West of River) – Phone: 306-975-1670
Saskatoon RCMP (East of River) – Phone: 306-975-5173

CURRENT TAX PAYMENTS & ARREARS

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. **Because December 31st falls on a non-working day this year, payment is due on December 30th, 2016.**

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. on the due date. Payments in transit will NOT be deemed as being received.**

Tax Arrears Payment

Outstanding taxes after December 31, 2016 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. Reminder to residents currently on TIPPS, the final payment in December may change to ensure your tax account balance is paid in full.

For additional information regarding TIPPS, contact the RM office at 306-242-9303 or check the RM website at www.rmcormanpark.ca

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

During the 2016-2017 Christmas season the RM of Corman Park Office will be closed for the following holidays:

- Boxing Day - Monday, December 26, 2016
- Christmas Day - Tuesday, December 27, 2016
- New Year's Day - Monday, January 2, 2017

NEW BYLAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Council has recently provided support to enforce bylaw infractions within the RM by contracting the Commissionaires to provide bylaw enforcement services in the RM.

Dave Prout is our new Bylaw Enforcement Officer and will be responsible for 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 buildings constructed without approval. If you are unsure if a development, use or building has RM approval, please contact Dave Prout, Bylaw Enforcement Officer, at 306-361-2033 or dprout@rmcormanpark.ca.

Please note all tips/inquiries remain anonymous!

P4G REGIONAL PLAN OPEN HOUSE

The Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) Regional Plan is currently underway and upon completion in spring 2017 will provide a coordinated plan for future rural and urban land use, development and servicing in the Region.

An Open House is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at Wanuskewin Heritage Park. The event will be from 1-4 pm & 5-8 pm with overviews provided at 2 pm & 6 pm. If unable to attend, online engagement will be provided until February 24, 2017 at www.partnershipforgrowth.ca. For more information please visit the P4G website or contact SaskatoonP4G@o2design.com

CHANGES TO ACCESSORY BUILDING SQUARE FOOTAGE ALLOWANCES IN MULTI-PARCEL COUNTRY RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISIONS

The RM Zoning Bylaw previously required that all accessory buildings (i.e. garages, shops, outbuildings, etc.) within multi-parcel country residential subdivisions be limited in floor area to be no larger than the floor area of the principal dwelling.

Recently Council changed the regulations to allow for the maximum combined floor area of accessory buildings to be tied to the size of the parcel. While any one building cannot be larger than the principal dwelling, you can have any amount of accessory buildings that meet setbacks and other requirements, that combine to the total maximum floor area for that parcel size.

For example for country residential parcels between 5 acres and 9.9 acres in size, you can have any number of accessory buildings on your property, to a combined total of 330m² or 3,552 sq. ft.

Development permits and building permits are still required prior to construction of accessory buildings!

More information can be found on the RM of Corman Park Homepage www.rmcormanpark.ca, under "Public Notices".

If you are located in a multi-parcel country residential subdivision and want to construct a new accessory building, please contact the RM Planning Department with your legal land location at 306-242-9303 or planning@rmcormanpark.ca.

DOUBLE PERMIT FEES IN EFFECT

Whether you are constructing a residential, agricultural, commercial or industrial building; renovating an existing building; operating a home based business; placing a sea can container; or operating an intensive livestock operation on your land, **development and/or building permits are required in almost all instances prior to beginning.**

For many years Corman Park's Building Bylaw has required additional fees to be paid when construction work commenced prior to a building permit being issued.

Over the summer, RM Council discussed adding a similar fee for development permit applications that have begun without receiving approvals.

At its September 19, 2016 meeting, RM Council passed a bylaw to amend the Planning Fee Bylaw to require double permit fees where development or use of a property, for which a development permit is required, has commenced prior to approval.

For example, if you are operating a business from your residential property, a home based business development permit is required to be approved. If you have started this business and then apply for a development permit after the fact, you will be charged double permit fees.

It is always recommended to contact the Planning Department prior to construction or use of your property. If you are unsure as to whether or not development and/or building permits are required for your project, please contact the Planning Department with your legal land location at 306-242-9303 or planning@rmcormanpark.ca for more information and to determine what permits are required.

REVISION TO FIVE PER QUARTER CONSTRAINTS OVERLAY AREAS MAP: P4G REGIONAL PLAN STUDY AREA

The "5 per Quarter Constraints Overlay Areas Map" outlines areas within Corman Park where residential densities remain at 2 per Quarter or 1 per 80 acres.

At the time of drafting the "5 per Quarter" bylaws, Council excluded the proposed residential density increases from inside the P4G Regional Plan study area to recognize the RM's commitment to regional planning. Council remained committed to working with the urban municipalities at the P4G meetings to revise the exclusion area.

At the August 15, 2016 meeting, RM Council supported revising the Map to allow a number of properties within the P4G Regional Plan study boundary to be eligible for 5 per Quarter or 3 per 80 acre subdivision and development.

The Provincial Community Planning Branch approved Bylaw 30/16 on November 1, 2016 which means increased residential densities in some areas within the P4G Regional Plan study area are now in effect.

The revised Appendix B: "5 per ¼ Constraints Overlay Areas Map" is appended to the RM Official Community Plan and can be viewed online on the RM of Corman Park Homepage www.rmcormanpark.ca, under "Public Notices".

If you are located in the P4G Regional Plan study area, please contact the RM Planning Department with your legal land location at 306-242-9303 or planning@rmcormanpark.ca to determine if you are inside or outside of this constraints area.

SNOW REMOVAL

As in previous years, the RM will offer snow removal services. The rates will be posted on the RM's website. Snow removal signs are available at the RM office. Please remember that snow removal is done after all primary roads have been cleared and there is no guarantee when our Public Works crews will get your driveway cleared.

Residents: Be advised that plowing snow onto or across municipal right-of-ways is a fineable offense.

This can cause serious safety issues for motorists and could result in potential liability costs for the party who placed the material on a municipal right-of-way.

Individuals found in contravention of Bylaw No. 06/13 will have the snow removed from the roadway by municipal crews and all expenses incurred shall be borne solely by the responsible party.

FLASHING BLUE AMBER LIGHTS

Provincial legislation now allows flashing blue lights – in combination with current amber lights – to distinguish snow removal equipment. If you see flashing blue/amber lights this winter, exercise caution while driving. Motorists are required to slow to 60 km/h when passing a plow from either direction with its blue and amber lights flashing. Snow plow operators are instructed to pull to the side of the road to allow vehicles to pass approximately every 10 km, or when it is safe to do so. These are the new light combinations on all RM snow clearing equipment.

33RD STREET TANK FILL CONVERSION

A new electronic system will be replacing the old coin operations!! The new key-fob system is scheduled to be active May 22, 2017 at the 33rd Street Tank Fill location. The reloadable cash fob will be used to pay for the purchase of water at this location only, with other location implementation to be announced. The fobs will be available at the RM office prior to the conversion of the system.

GARBAGE & DUMPING/LITTERING

Increasingly, there are more and more complaints regarding dumping of garbage along roadways and ditches throughout the RM. Residents need to be aware that the RM does not have any designated crews that go out to clear litter and garbage from RM roadways, and that dumping and littering is a fineable offence!

Residents are asked to be watchful and report any such activity to the Corman Park Police Service 306-242-8808.

The Police will investigate garbage complaints to ascertain if any charges can be laid and have been successful in laying charges in the past. Fines can amount to as much as \$2,000.00 plus cleanup costs. We ask that everyone be a part of keeping our RM clean and inviting.

WATER SAMPLING

Water sampling materials will no longer be available at the RM Office. Water sampling containers and labels can be obtained and returned to the Saskatchewan Research Council (SRC) located at 15 Innovation Blvd #125 in Saskatoon. Questions or concerns can be directed to SRC at 306-933-5400.

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2017 PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Please refer to the R.M. website <http://rmcormanpark.ca/>

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.

Property owners are responsible for paying the cost of fire suppression on their property. This is the additional cost of the fire trucks and materials used to fight the fire. Bylaw No. 47-15 is a bylaw that authorizes the RM to charge for fire extinguishing costs. The current hourly rate for each responding department is \$887.00 per hour for a productive call and \$533.00 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!** 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*. Any landowner planning to have a controlled burn on their property should call **Controlled Burn 1-866-404-4911**.

The Controlled Burn Office will advise the proper department of the date, time and location of the burn. Review a map of the fire department boundaries here:

<http://rmcormanpark.ca/DocumentCenter/Home/View/619>