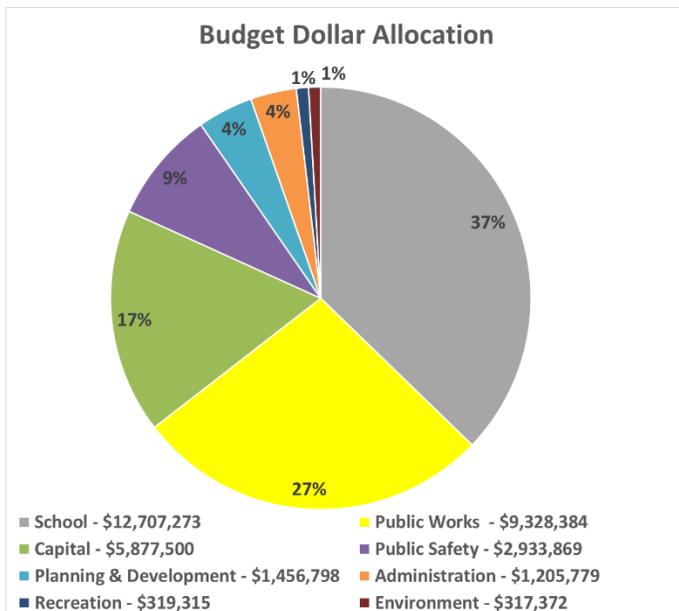


2019 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Council at their December 17, 2018 meeting approved the 2019 budget. The following table shows the breakdown of where funds are allocated:



Budget Highlights for 2019 include:

- Township 384 hard surface road project
- North Corman Industrial Park Drainage Project
- RM Office Expansion Project
- Purchase of two new graders, & snow plow truck to replace aging fleet

ASSESSMENT & TAXES

Current Taxes Payment - Due by December 31, 2019

Taxes will be levied in July, with payment of current taxes due and required to be received at the R.M. office no later than the close of the last business day in the calendar year in which they are levied.

Payment of taxes is not deemed to have been made until it is received by the R.M. Any payments made on-line, mailed or by any method must be received by the R.M. Treasurer **by 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2019. Payments in transit will NOT be deemed as being received. Please allow up to 3 business days for electronic payments to be received.**

KEEP YOUR INFORMATION CURRENT

If you are moving and your mailing address requires updating, remember to contact us to ensure all correspondence, including tax notices, end up at the correct address. Contact the R.M. office at 306-242-9303 or rm344@rmcormanpark.ca

TIPPS

The R.M. 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. As a 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 R.M. office at (306) 242-9303 or visit www.rmcormanpark.ca

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ratepayers Annual General Meeting

7:00 PM, Wednesday, October 9, 2019

at Father Donlevy Hall, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon

The purpose of the meeting is for presentation of information and discussion regarding R.M. operations and activities, and is open to all ratepayers.

TEMPORARY R.M. ADMINISTRATION OFFICE RE-LOCATION

As of May 13, 2019, the R.M. of Corman Park Administration office has temporary re-located to 2220 North Ridge Drive in Saskatoon. The existing R.M. office at 111 Pinehouse Drive is undergoing a renovation and expansion until early spring 2020. During this period Council, District Planning Commission and Committee meetings, as well as the operations of the Corman Park Police will continue to take place at 111 Pinehouse Drive; with all other administrative office functions at 2220 Northridge Drive.

CORMAN PARK POLICE SERVICE (CPPS) UPDATE

You may have noticed that our police patrols have expanded over the last 6 months. We now have police coverage 18-20 hours on most days. There is evidence that this is having an impact on your safety as we have already apprehended fourteen impaired drivers this year on the roads in the R.M. Much of this is due to our policy of enforcing mandatory breath tests with all drivers who are stopped by police after 6 p.m. Thank you to all of you who have provided samples even though you haven't been drinking. The short period of time it takes to provide a roadside breath sample is no doubt having a huge impact on public safety on our roads.

We have graduated another recruit from the Saskatchewan Police College. Constable James Gordon was sworn in on June 5 and is now patrolling with an experienced officer as part of his in-service training. James is a former enforcement officer with the Ministry of Highways and was also a safety officer for a local trucking company. He has a strong background in commercial vehicle safety and is a welcome addition.

We recently acquired a motorcycle for use in our patrol activities and you will see it on the roadways in the coming months. We have three officers who are qualified to operate the motorcycle and we will be deploying it to various public events in addition to utilizing it on patrol. We anticipate that it will be an effective tool in combatting distracted driving offences such as cell phone usage, so make sure you are not handling your telecommunications device while driving.

Fire bans continue to be an ongoing fact of life this year. Please make sure to watch the R.M. website for updates and changes. Anyone who lights a fire in the R.M. is subject to a \$300 fine on their first offence. Firefighting rates are almost \$1,000 per hour and cause a disruption to emergency services, so please respect the ban.

Remember to follow us on Twitter and Facebook at @CormanParkPolice. We do post regular updates about situations of interest like fires, road blockages, etc.

Have a great summer and remember to plan a safe ride home after enjoying yourself at parties, barbeques and other seasonal celebrations.

Warren Gherasim, Chief of Police

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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.rmccormanpark.ca

2019 PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 15, 2019	OCTOBER 21, 2019
AUGUST 19, 2019	NOVEMBER 18, 2019
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019	DECEMBER 2, 2019
SEPTEMBER 30, 2019	DECEMBER 16, 2019

FIRE SUPPRESSION

Property owners are responsible for paying the cost of fire suppression on their property.

The R.M. has seen firefighting invoices for fire department response in excess of \$50,000 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.

Bylaw No. 47-15 is a bylaw that authorizes the R.M. to charge for fire extinguishing costs. The 2019 hourly rate for each responding department or equivalent is \$937 per hour. The cost of firefighting is the liability of the **property owner** so talk to your insurance broker to ensure sufficient coverage.

CONTROLLED BURNS:

Any landowner planning to have a controlled burn on their property must call **Controlled Burn 1-866-404-4911**. Failure to report controlled burns may result in fines and/or fire department response charges.

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://rmccormanpark.ca/DocumentCenter/Home/View/619>

IMPORTANT! Do not burn in very windy or dry weather conditions and always provide extensive fire guarding before proceeding with a controlled burn. Below is a chart of the fire billings within the R.M. between 2012 and 2018 that were billed to individual property owners.

Year	Total Costs	Avg Costs	Min Cost	Max Cost	Counts			
					Total	<\$5k	\$5k-\$10k	>\$10k
2012	\$133,153	\$2,421	\$240	\$21,759	55	47	6	2
2013	\$96,366	\$2,536	\$250	\$9,505	38	30	8	0
2014	\$158,918	\$3,455	\$250	\$16,990	46	35	6	5
2015	\$208,224	\$6,124	\$250	\$30,312	34	24	4	6
2016	\$133,893	\$5,150	\$250	\$28,207	26	18	5	3
2017	\$248,313	\$6,208	\$250	\$51,504	40	26	7	7
2018	\$457,028	\$8,789	\$250	\$46,820	52	30	7	15

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the R.M. offers a sign up for notifications and alerts on the website? Visit www.rmccormanpark.ca

SASKATOON FREEWAY FUNCTIONAL PLANNING STUDY

The focus of this three-year Functional Planning Study, led by the Ministry of Highways & Infrastructure, is to narrow the existing 500 metre corridor for the Saskatoon Freeway alignment down to 100 metres and identify precise locations for bridges and interchanges.

When it is built, the Saskatoon Freeway is expected to be a four-lane, 55-kilometre stretch of divided highway that begins at Highway 11 south of Saskatoon, encircles the city to the east, connecting with Highway 7 west of the city. Construction of this project is not anticipated to occur for another 10-15 years, when Saskatoon's population gets closer to 400,000 residents.

In 2019, the focus of the Functional Planning Study will be on the northern component of the Freeway corridor. Residents in this area will receive letters to have engineers and other professionals on your land to complete soil testing and environmental field studies this summer. These professionals will only access your land once you have provided written permission.

To see a map of the proposed Freeway route and how you may be impacted, visit www.saskatoonfreeway.org

The project team has also been meeting with a variety of stakeholder groups, including Indigenous partners, Wanuskewin Heritage Park, Meewasin Valley Authority, business groups, and environmental groups. Broader public engagement is scheduled for the fall of 2019.

To sign up for a newsletter and get the latest news on the Functional Planning Study www.saskatoonfreeway.org

SASKATOON NORTH PARTNERSHIP FOR GROWTH (P4G) REGIONAL PLAN UPDATE

As part of the proposed P4G Regional Plan a new Planning District is envisioned to be created, including membership from the R.M., Saskatoon, Warman, Martensville and Osler. This will include expanded Planning District boundaries as well as an expanded 13 voting member P4G District Planning Commission.

In order to create this new P4G Planning District, a new Official Community Plan (OCP), District Planning Agreement and Zoning Bylaw must be drafted and given provincial approval.

P4G intends to have public engagement this fall on the OCP and Zoning Bylaw prior to consideration of approval by Council. We have been working hard to develop new planning and zoning regulations so stay tuned for more information!

Please contact the R.M. Planning Department at planning@rmccormanpark.ca with any questions or for more information on the P4G Regional Plan. You can also visit www.partnershipforgrowth.ca for more information.