

Rural Municipality of Corman Park

March 2025 Newsletter

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Weed of Focus for 2025: Absinthe

Absinthe is becoming increasingly prevalent. It has taken over entire pastures and continues to spread due to its ability to establish itself firmly. Last year, we made a concerted effort to control the weed in R.M. ditches, but it remains too widespread on adjacent properties. Absinthe remains visible even in winter, allowing us to survey sites before spring, develop a map, and create a plan for control. However, bringing absinthe under control will require significant involvement from ratepayers. **A complete description of absinthe, including pictures and control options can be found on the R.M. website at www.rmcormanpark.ca/331/Weed-Control.** In 2025, we will conduct a site survey to map the weed's locations. Absinthe will be given special attention in the hopes of putting the R.M. back on track to managing it effectively.

Control Measures

Absinthe cannot be eliminated by mowing alone, although mowing before it goes to seed will help reduce its spread. Absinthe seeds typically remain viable in the soil for 1 to 2 years, but some can persist for up to 7 years. Any control strategy must take this into account. To fully eliminate the plant, its roots must be pulled, its "crown" broken, or it must be sprayed. For small infestations, pulling or breaking the crown is effective. For larger infestations, spraying is the only viable option unless the land is being returned to cultivation.

What You Can Do

Please plan ahead for 2025 to ensure that absinthe is at least mowed before it goes to seed. For large infestations, you may need to work with the Weed Inspector or an agrologist to develop a realistic, long-term eradication plan.

INTRODUCING VOYENT ALERT!

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new **Voyent Alert! notification service**. Voyent Alert! is a multipurpose notification service that will be used to communicate important information.

The service is FREE, easy to use, and anonymous. Notifications will be sent for critical events like water service disruptions as well as day-to-day communications such as road closures. We encourage everyone to register to receive these important alerts.

For instance, if you use a Corman Park operated water system or use one of our water fill stations, register now to be notified in case of water outages. Notifications can be received on the Voyent Alert! app, email, text message, or phone call.

Get the Voyent Alert app at the App store or Google Play. For email, SMS or phone registration get started here: <https://ca.voyent-alert.com/vras/client.html#!/registration>
For more information, scan the QR code below or visit: <https://voyent-alert.com/ca/>



VOYENT ALERT!

9-1-1 FOR EMERGENCIES

Corman Park Police Service
306-242-8808
Warman RCMP
306-975-1670
Saskatoon RCMP
306-975-5173



SASK LOTTERIES

Sask Lotteries Community Grant Applications will be accepted by the R.M. beginning in April. To apply, please visit www.rmcormanpark.ca/212/Forms to access, complete, and submit the application to sasklotteries@rmcormanpark.ca. If you have any questions or would like more information, phone (306) 975-1656 or email the above address.

Programs must take place between **April 1 and March 31.**

PROPERTY TAX UPDATE

The R.M. of Corman Park has contracted TAXservice to handle all the eligible tax enforcement files. At TAXservice their mission is to help clients manage tax arrears recovery in a professional manner from beginning to end and against all eligible properties.

Sign up for TIPPS

Tax Installment Payment Plan (TIPPS) is a monthly automatic withdrawal payment for your property tax. Depending on when you start your TIPPS, your monthly withdrawal payment will be prorated with a final payment in December that may change in its amount to capture all tax balances to ensure your tax account is paid in full. For more information, and an application form, contact the office or visit our website at www.rmcormanpark.ca

Keep in mind that Payments in transit are **NOT considered paid until received by the R.M. Payments are only applied to an account once they are received by the R.M. In addition, please allow 2 to 5 business days for electronic payments to be received.**

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Corman Park Police Service Update

2024 was an extremely busy year for the Corman Park Police Service and we anticipate more of the same in 2025. Two officers retired in 2024, Sgt. Ron Bezopenko and Sgt. John Garnet, after serving Corman Park for many years. As such, Cst. Cody Milton joined CPPS in June 2024 after completing his training at Sask Police College and Cst. Jordan Boechler is currently in Police College and will be back working in the RM in early June. Sincere appreciation to Ron and John for their service and welcome to Cody and Jordan.

Our focus every spring is maintaining the integrity of the RM roadways by enforcing the weight restrictions and road bans. CPPS will continue to work with educating trucking companies and other users in 2025 to reduce the impact of overweight vehicles on our infrastructure.

Unfortunately, we continue to see the effects on incidents of both impaired and/or distracted driving, in many cases resulting in deadly consequences. Our Service prioritizes the reduction of these issues through our partnerships with SGI, MADD, and our local law enforcement partners, conducting high visibility check stops and enforcement projects with a commitment to changing driver behaviour. These efforts will continue throughout the remainder of 2025.

Our activities can still be followed through our social media pages as well as reports in the Clark's Crossing Gazette that provide regular posts on what CPPS and other police in the R.M. are doing to enhance public safety.

The Chief of Police for the R.M. continues to meet monthly with the Board of Police Commissioners to ensure that the concerns and direction from them, and Council, are a priority for our Officers. The Board is very supportive of our efforts to reduce crime, engage with the community and make the R.M. of Corman Park a safe place for every resident. You are encouraged to reach out to the Police Service at any time and we welcome your comments as to what you may like to see from your Police Service. Our Officers continue to create opportunities to engage with the community at several events, particularly aimed at our youth. C.P.P.S. is active with the South Corman Park School, participating in recreational and safety events. If your hamlet or neighbourhood is conducting a special event, please let us know as we would enjoy being a part of it.



Be safe
Ron Chomyn
Chief of Police

Corman Park Police Service

Learn more at www.rm-cormanpark.ca/152/Police-Services
Contact us at police.service@rm-cormanpark.ca or (306) 242-8808



Planning & Development Update: When is a Permit Required?

Whether you are constructing a farm building, a residence, renovating or changing the use of an existing building, operating a home-based business, constructing a commercial or industrial building, or filling, leveling and grading your land, a number of permits and approvals may be required prior to beginning your project. Corman Park is separated into two planning areas which consist of two separate Official Community Plans (OCP) and Zoning Bylaws, the **P4G Planning District** and the **R.M. of Corman Park**. Depending on which area your project would fall into, each policy area has its own distinct, yet similar, criteria and requirements for development. Prior to development occurring on lands intended for development, it is strongly recommended that the applicable Planning and Zoning Documents be consulted to understand the requirements and criteria applicable for said project. These documents can be found on the R.M. of Corman Park Website under the Planning and Development tab or at www.rm-cormanpark.ca/205/Planning-Zoning-Documents. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact the Planning & Development Department to discuss the potential project at planning@rm-cormanpark.ca or (306) 242-9303.

P4G: The Saskatoon North Partnership for Growth (P4G) is a joint planning initiative, in which Corman Park is a partner. In 2024 P4G completed the Strategic Plan, setting an intermunicipal vision and mission to focus resources on regional planning; a Regional Market Study, updating employment projects and market demands; and the Phase 3 Drainage Study for the west and southwest sector of the P4G Region, including culvert data, flood modelling, and water flow information. For more information on P4G or the completed studies please visit <https://partnershipforgrowth.ca/>

Zoning Bylaw Update: Corman Park's Zoning Bylaw was established in 1994. A full comprehensive review and update is needed to ensure the Zoning Bylaw content, including development standards, site requirements, and uses, are in line with best practices as well as compliant with current legislation. Corman Park's Zoning Bylaw must be consistent with the goals and policies set out in the new OCP, which received Third Reading on September 23, 2024 and was submitted to the Provincial Government for approval on October 22, 2024. A project webpage has been created where updates and information will be posted throughout the Zoning Bylaw Update, along with public engagement information, at <https://www.rm-cormanpark.ca/349/Corman-Park-Zoning-Bylaw-Update>. **A public engagement event will be held in June to share updated zoning bylaw information.** Check the webpage for further details and updates.

