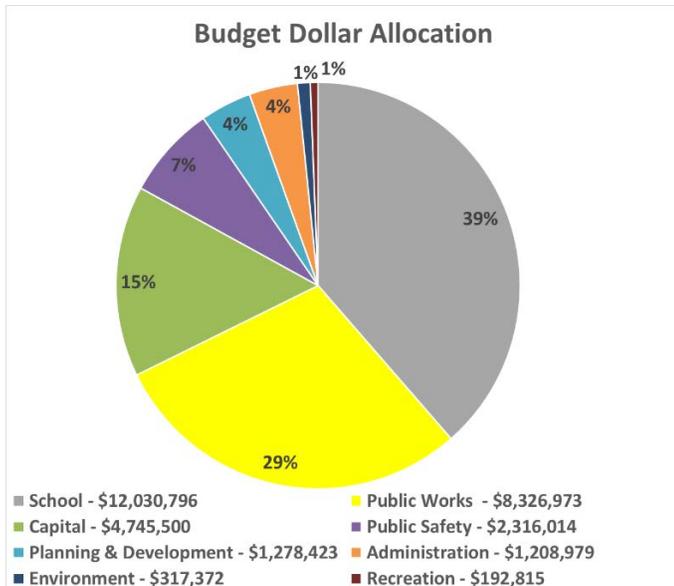


2018 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Council at their December 18, 2017 meeting approved the 2018 budget. The following table shows the breakdown of where funds are allocated:



Budget Highlights for 2018 include:

- Two major hard surface road projects: 1 Mile of Neuhorst Road at a cost of \$1.4 Million and the Final Phase of Valley Road at a cost of \$850,000
- Purchase of three new graders at a cost of \$935,000 to replace aging fleet
- Gravel supply was increased for roads by \$284,195
- A new transfer station will be available for use in the Asquith Area starting May 2018

2018 UTILITY RATE INCREASE

Notice has been received from SaskWater and Dundurn Rural Water Utility advising of a rate increase of 9.25% and 5.50% on water consumption for 2018. A substantial increase for the Battleford Trail & Industrial Park Water System was recommended due to increased testing requirements. As a result of the notices above, a new Water Utility Bylaw was passed with the following rate increases:

Water System	Old Rate (m3)	New Rate (m3)
Riverside Estates	6.15	6.50
Casa Rio & Casa Rio East	5.50	6.00
Grasswood	4.80	5.25
Industrial Park	4.25	5.00
Battleford Trail	4.25	5.00
Bi-Monthly Administration Fee	\$10.00	\$20.00

The Riverside Water Rate was effective January 1, 2018. All other Water Rates are effective May 1, 2018.

The Water Utility Bylaw has also been amended to allow the R.M. to sanction penalties on person(s) who are found guilty of an offense against the Water Utility Bylaw. Similar to other municipalities, the fine for an individual will not exceed \$10,000 and, in the case of a corporation, the fine will not exceed \$25,000, and the person(s) will also be liable for any other damages deemed by the Courts.

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. 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 R.M. website at www.rmcormanpark.ca

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Ratepayers Annual General Meeting

7:00 PM on

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

at Father Donlevy Hall (formerly 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.

2018 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Preparation for the potential 2018 RM of Corman Park Municipal Election 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 the even numbered Divisions will be received for the potential 2018 Election.

Important Nomination & Election Dates

August 30	Nominations Open
September 19	Nominations Close 4:00 pm
September 20	Nomination Withdrawal Deadline at 4:00 pm
October 19	Advance Poll
October 24	Election Day

SOUTH SASKATCHEWAN RIVER FLOOD PLAIN STUDY

The R.M. submitted an application under the National Disaster Mitigation Program, which is administered by Public Safety Canada (federal government), to produce flood plain mapping and an updated hydraulic model for the South Saskatchewan River in the Valley Road/Moon Lake area. The funding will have the federal government pay for 50% of the project costs and the R.M. the other 50%. Updated flood plain maps will help illustrate the floodway (where no development is allowed) and flood fringe areas (where development may be allowed subject to flood proofing) in the study area. This updated modelling and mapping will assist the R.M. in updating our flood plain policies to better inform ratepayers regarding risk to properties and to regulate flood proofing and elevation requirements for development. Currently the information we have is outdated and development is restricted in the study area. At the April 16, 2018 meeting Council approved Barr Engineering to complete the study for the R.M. The project is expected to start in May 2018 and be completed by March 31, 2019. Some landowners in the Moon Lake/Valley Road area may be contacted for property access to complete the necessary river and ground surveys. If you have any questions regarding the study please contact the Planning Department or visit <http://www.rmcormanpark.ca/288/Flood-Plain-Study>.

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2018 PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING DATES

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

MAY 7, 2018	OCTOBER 1, 2018
MAY 22, 2018	OCTOBER 15, 2018
JUNE 18, 2018	NOVEMBER 19, 2018
JULY 16, 2018	DECEMBER 3, 2018
AUGUST 20, 2018	DECEMBER 17, 2018
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018	

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 \$913.00 per hour for a productive call and \$549.00 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 Wildfire Act*. Any landowner planning to have a controlled burn on their property must 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://rmccormanpark.ca/DocumentCenter/Home/View/619>

Below is a chart of the fire billings within the RM. This only covers the fires that were billed to a property owner.

Year	Total Costs	Avg Costs	Min Cost	Max Cost	Counts			
					Total	< \$5K	\$5K - 10K	> \$10K
2012	\$ 131,253	\$ 2,524	\$ 250	\$ 21,759	52	44	5	3
2013	\$ 96,846	\$ 2,483	\$ 250	\$ 9,505	39	31	8	0
2014	\$ 158,918	\$ 3,612	\$ 250	\$ 16,990	44	33	6	5
2015	\$ 208,224	\$ 6,124	\$ 250	\$ 34,830	34	24	5	5
2016	\$ 133,893	\$ 3,619	\$ 250	\$ 28,207	37	33	2	2
2017	\$ 248,313	\$ 6,208	\$ 250	\$ 51,504	40	26	7	7

SIGNING UP FOR NOTIFICATIONS & ALERTS

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

Alerts are related to important announcements such as emergencies while notifications are related to information being posted online such as public notices for rezoning. You can sign up for one or both using the simple steps below:

STEP 1:

Locate the 'How Do I...' button at the top of the screen



STEP 2:

Complete the following to sign up for notifications or alerts



Email Address

STEP 3:

Subscribe by selecting the following options of your choice

- Admin Office, Fire Bans, Weather, Power Outage, Road Closure, Water System, Weight Restrictions, General Events

- Administration, Public Works

- Public Notices, Public Works



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METHOD LIST NAME

- Committee Meetings, Council Meetings

SASKATOON FREEWAY UPDATE

The Ministry of Highways & Infrastructure (MHI) has approved the route for the Saskatoon Freeway (previously the Perimeter Highway) within the west and southeastern portions of the R.M. These portions are from Highways No. 7 to No. 14 in the west and from Highway No. 11 to south of Highway No. 5 in the southeast. Functional planning by MHI is expected to begin shortly; functional planning helps determine the design specifics of the freeway, interchanges and rural road accesses. This process will take a number of years but is needed prior to construction taking place. Currently there is no timeline for when construction will begin on the Saskatoon Freeway. R.M. maps have recently been updated to show the alignment. There are subdivision and development restrictions in place for properties within 500 metres of the alignment. Please contact the Planning Department for more information and to determine if these restrictions apply to your property.