

## ASSESSMENT & TAXES

2020 assessment notices were mailed on March 6, 2020. The assessment roll is open for inspection at the R.M. office between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Any objection to the valuation of a property is to be filed by the appellant within 30 days of the mailing date of the assessment notices, in this case by April 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. More information can be found on your assessment notice and appeal forms.

### Tax Payments - Due by December 31, 2020

Taxes are levied in July, with payment of taxes due no later than 5:00 p.m. on the last business day in the calendar year in which they are levied, in this case December 31, 2020.

Taxes are not deemed to have been made until payment is received by the R.M. Any payments made on-line, mailed, or by any other method must be received by the R.M. **by 5:00 p.m. on December 31, 2020. 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 ends up at the correct address. Contact the R.M. office at 306-242-9303 or via email at [rm344@rmcormanpark.ca](mailto: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. 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](http://www.rmcormanpark.ca)

## ADMINISTRATION OFFICE UPDATE

The Corman Park Administration office has been undergoing a renovation and expansion since the spring of 2019. Administrative staff has moved to a temporary office space, located at # 15 – 2220 Northridge Drive in Saskatoon, with the Corman Park Police Service at 101 Cory Road in the East Cory Industrial Park. All operations will return to 111 Pinehouse Drive on June 1, 2020. Please visit [www.rmcormanpark.ca](http://www.rmcormanpark.ca) for more information, and for updated Council, Committee, Police Commission and District Planning Commission meeting locations until that time.

## SEPTIC PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Building permit applications that involve the construction of a new dwelling, alterations to existing plumbing or septic systems (bathroom addition/alteration), or the addition and construction of bedrooms must include a copy of the approved Saskatchewan Health Authority (SHA) septic permit.

The SHA approved septic permit must indicate the expected daily sewage volume and the number of bedrooms, which must match your construction drawings.

Please contact the SHA at (306) 655-4620 for information related to your current and required septic approvals. In some instances, updated septic permits may be required prior to a building permit being issued.

Some applications to the SHA, and any septic modifications or installations, must be completed by a professional septic specialist so please contact representatives early in your construction planning process.

R.M. building permit application forms can be found at <http://www.rmcormanpark.ca/212/Forms>.

## 2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### Annual General Meeting of Ratepayers

**7:00 PM, Wednesday, October 21, 2020**

**at Father Donlevy Hall, 217 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon**

R.M. Council and staff will present information and be present for questions and discussion regarding R.M. operations and activities.

## CORMAN PARK POLICE SERVICE (CPPS) UPDATE

You have probably noticed that our police patrols have expanded over the last year. We now have police coverage 22 hours per day on most days. There is lots of feedback that this is having an impact on your safety as we have already apprehended ten impaired drivers this year and thirty-nine impaired drivers last 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. That 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 two more recruits from the Saskatchewan Police College. Constable Braeden Johnson and Constable Michael St. Arnaud were sworn in on December 13. Both officers are now patrolling with an experienced officer as part of their in-service training. Braeden is a former enforcement officer with the U of S Protective Services, and Michael is a former member of the Canadian Forces who has experience as a paramedic.

We recently changed the decals on our newest police vehicle in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a police service. The CPPS dates back to 1970 when three R.M.s amalgamated into Corman Park, the R.M.s of Warman, Cory and Park. The first chief of police was Larry Reimer, who had previously been a member of the Saskatoon Police Service and was employed as the Constable for the R.M. of Park at the time of amalgamation. He was kept on as the Constable for Corman Park after the change, and there has been 50 years of continuous service since that time.

Our six priorities for the year have been set by the police commission, they are:

1. To conduct high visibility patrols to make ratepayers and residents feel protected in their homes.
2. Impaired driving enforcement to reduce the risk of death and injury to those who use our roadways.
3. Protect infrastructure and enhance public safety through the enforcement of commercial vehicle laws.
4. Reduce the risk to motorists from distracted driving offences by enforcing the associated laws.
5. Augment the services provided by the RCMP to ensure that the residents of Corman Park receive the best available policing services.
6. Work in partnership with other agencies to make rural patrols more effective and efficient.

Number 4 is a new priority to us and it should be noted that the fines for distracted driving recently increased to \$580 on a first offence, and \$1400 and \$2100 for subsequent offences within 12 months. Please make sure you are putting your phone away while driving, and if you have to talk on the phone or look at your device, make sure you pull over off of the

roadway first.

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 spring 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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## 2020 PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Council Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m., unless otherwise stated. Meeting agendas, past meeting minutes and recorded meeting audio can be found online at [www.rm-cormanpark.ca](http://www.rm-cormanpark.ca)

Upcoming Council meetings:

<b>MARCH 23, 2020</b>	<b>APRIL 20, 2020</b>
<b>MAY 25, 2020</b>	<b>JUNE 15, 2020</b>
<b>JULY 13, 2020</b>	<b>AUGUST 17, 2020</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 21, 2020</b>	<b>OCTOBER 5, 2020</b>
<b>NOVEMBER 23, 2020</b>	<b>DECEMBER 7, 2020</b>
<b>DECEMBER 21, 2020</b>	

## FIRE SUPPRESSION

Landowners are responsible for the cost of fire fighting services **up to \$30,000 for each incident**, with the R.M. then responsible for any excess cost of services from responding departments. This change was made in the fall of 2019 to provide certainty to ratepayers on insurance needs and limit individual's financial risk in the event of fire. Coverage is subject to requirements under the Fire Services Bylaw, including but not limited to not purposefully lighting a fire during a fire ban and reporting controlled burns where required. Please contact your insurance broker to ensure sufficient coverage for your property. For a copy of the Fire Services Bylaw No. 13/20, please visit the Bylaw Section of the R.M. website.

### **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://sk-rm-cormanpark.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/619/Fire-Fighting-District-Map-PDF>

**IMPORTANT!** Do not burn in very windy or dry weather and always provide adequate fire guarding before proceeding with a controlled burn.

## SASKATOON FREEWAY FUNCTIONAL PLANNING UPDATE

When it is built, the Saskatoon Freeway is expected to be a multi-lane, 50+ km divided highway that begins at Highway No. 11 south of Saskatoon, encircling the city to the east, connecting with Highway No. 7 west of the city. Construction

of this project is not anticipated to occur in the near future, however additional planning and engineering work is taking place to be prepared for its eventual construction.

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

Phase 1 of the study focused on the northern component of the freeway corridor and is expected to wrap up in spring 2020 with phase 2, focussing on the east and south east, set to begin shortly thereafter. Residents in these areas will receive letters updating them on the various stages of the study. The west portion of the freeway encompasses the third phase of the project and is planned to proceed after completion of phase 2. For more information visit [www.saskatoonfreeway.org](http://www.saskatoonfreeway.org)

## BYLAW ENFORCEMENT

The R.M. of Corman Park Bylaw Enforcement Officer inspected 161 sites in 2019, resulting in enforcement notices sent to 28 property owners. A total of 206 notices of outstanding permit deficiencies were issued with site visits to 183 properties. If you have any bylaw enforcement questions or wish to file a complaint you can contact the bylaw officer at 306-361-2033 or via email at [dprout@rm-cormanpark.ca](mailto:dprout@rm-cormanpark.ca)

## DRIVING SAFETY ON R.M. ROADWAYS

Every year accidents occur on Saskatchewan roadways involving equipment and vehicles that results in serious injury or fatalities. Many of these incidents are the result of individuals being struck or crushed by equipment. Recognizing these statistics, the R.M. would like to communicate how important it is for every driver on our roadways to adhere to safe operation of motor vehicles, especially around graders as these vehicles are on the roadways every day.

The R.M. has a large network of roads that can present challenges, including sight distances that may be shorter than normal, reduced or no shoulders, sharp curves, and many T-intersections, all alongside graders working on these roadways. Maximum speed limits are to be adhered to at all times and should be regarded as maximums under ideal conditions.

### **UNDERSTANDING COLLISIONS**

Two thirds of total collisions are related to a driver condition or improper action such as following too closely to equipment, failing to yield to heavy machinery, driving too fast for road conditions and changing lanes or passing improperly.

### **STATS**

Approximately 90% of all collisions in rural Saskatchewan are single vehicle collisions.

Wearing a seatbelt can reduce your chances of being killed in or seriously injured in a collision by as much as 50%

### **SAFE DRIVING TECHNIQUES AND TIPS AROUND GRADERS**

Allow enough space between your vehicle and all municipal equipment such as graders, tractors, heavy trucks and sanding units to avoid incident.

Windrows created by graders may contain loose stones and rocks. Please try to avoid driving over or on top of windrowed material, as this may result in personal or vehicular damage. Reduced visibility may occur in proximity to equipment, along with ice, small stones, road dust and sand being thrown from equipment.

When travelling near or behind a grader please reduce speed to 60km/hour or lower, yield to machinery, stay back at least 15 meters and use patience. A little extra care and time can save lives and damage to your personal property.

Let's all do our part to make our R.M. roads safer! Remember to "Share the Road" and "Think and Drive"

## R.M. PLANNING STUDIES

The R.M. website includes a number of pages dedicated to recent and ongoing planning studies. This includes the P4G North Concept Plan, P4G drainage study, flood study and the Saskatoon Freeway. A number of planning projects will also begin in 2020 so stay tuned for upcoming website updates. Visit: [www.rm-cormanpark.ca/276/Planning-Studies](http://www.rm-cormanpark.ca/276/Planning-Studies)