

2020 NEWSLETTER

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE HOURS

The RM office is open Monday to Friday 9:00am – 4:30pm. Every effort is made to have the office open during all regular business hours, but there are times where training, conventions or scheduled vacation time may mean that the office may be closed—***please ensure to call ahead if you're planning a visit.***

COUNCIL MEETINGS



Regular Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the RM office in Francis on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 9:00am. All meetings are open to the public to attend; however, if you wish to formally address Council, please contact the Administrator no less than 24 hours prior to a council meeting to be put on the agenda as a delegation.

COUNCIL

		Primary	Email
Reeve	Richard Morley	(306)539-2028	rm127reeve@sasktel.net
Division 1 Councillor	Ernie Gutzke	(306)699-7082	rm127div1@sasktel.net
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Office Administration

Administrator Shala Kanasevich
Administrator Assistant Karen Anderson
Pest Control Officer Dustin Lang
Weed Inspector Bob Baker

ROAD CREW

Foreman Andrew Shooter
Road Crew Trent Duesterbeck
Cory Walter Shane Chinski
Brett Gaube Allan Moffat

2020 MILL RATES

Council is happy to announce that there is no increase to the mill rate or mill rate factors for 2020 from the previous year. Education mill rates remain unchanged from 2019 as set by the Province. Please reference the chart below.

Property Class	Municipal	Education
Agricultural	4.70 Mill Rate	1.43 Mill Rate
Residential		4.12 Mill Rate
Commercial/Industrial		6.27 Mill Rate
Resource		9.68 Mill Rate

*MRF designates Mill Rate Factor
Taxable Assessment x Mill Rate ÷ 1,000 x MRF = Taxes

Discount periods are offered in August, September, October and November for early payment that applies to both Municipal taxes and your Hail levy (if applicable).

SAVE POSTAGE AND PAY YOUR TAXES ONLINE!

In order to pay taxes online, please look for **FRANCIS NO. 127 (RM) - TAXES** as a payee and use your customer number located at the top of your tax notice as the account number. If your customer number is shorter than 4 digits, use zeros to prefix your account number—for example, if your account number is 127, you will enter 0127 as your account number. Affinity, Conexus, Plainsview and Weyburn Credit Unions are able to provide this service. You are also able to pay taxes by E-Transfer where you can email your payment to rm127@sasktel.net, or continue with paying by cheque or cash. Sorry we do not accept debit or credit card payments at the office.



SETBACK DISTANCES

All buildings, dwellings, structures and shelterbelts are required to be set back a minimum of 150 feet from the centre of any municipal road allowance and 300 feet from any intersection. It is understood that there are existing properties in this RM where the shelterbelt/tree-line or building is within the prescribed setback distances of *Zoning Bylaw 2012-03*; however, such properties are considered as legal non-conforming as they existed prior to the enactment of the bylaw and any **new development must conform with any current zoning bylaw** (section 89 of *The Planning & Development Act, 2007*).

FIRE PROTECTION & CONTROLLED BURNS



The RM owns two fire trucks that are housed and operated by the Odessa and Sedley Volunteer Fire Departments in addition to having fire protection service agreements with the communities of Francis, Odessa, Sedley, and Vibank. **Please consider the following fee structure and ensure that you have adequate insurance coverage with your provider:**

Minimum call-out fee/First Hour = \$800.00

Additional Hours = \$350.00 per hour

Maximum Fire Call Charge = \$15,000.00

REPORT YOUR CONTROLLED BURNS! You run the risk of receiving a bill with a minimum charge of \$800.00 if your controlled burn hasn't been registered and unbeknownst to you, someone has called 911

not knowing that it is under control. To register your controlled burn, please call **1-866-404-4911** with your information and call back when it is complete. An unpaid fire call invoice is added to your property taxes at December 31st of the same year.

RCMP – NON-EMERGENCY REPORTING LINE

To report non-emergencies across the province, you can call **310-RCMP (7267)**. This will still direct you to your local police agency, but leaves 911 free for people in emergencies.



Saskatchewan Crime Watch Advisory Network www.saskcrimewatch.ca

This network, along with existing crime prevention programs and strategies, helps to create an environment where all of us contribute to community safety. Crime prevention is the most effective when we all work together.

INVASIVE PLANT CONTROL PROGRAM (IPCP)

The RM has adopted a Weed Management Plan in order for the RM and its ratepayers to have the ability to access funding for treating noxious and prohibited weeds through the **Invasive Plant Control Program**, funded through the federal Canadian Agricultural Partnership program. We have valuable information on our website www.rmofffrancis.ca regarding the various weeds and permitted herbicides which qualify for the rebate program. You should also visit www.sarm.ca for more information, terms and conditions.

RODENTS Did you know the RM provides rat and mouse poison at no-charge to its ratepayers? Should you require Warfarin, Weatherblok, or Ratak for bait please visit the RM Office to pick up your supply. For gopher control, 2% Liquid Strychnine is also available at a charge of \$13.00 per bottle. In order to purchase 2% Liquid Strychnine, **you must be an agricultural producer and complete the required documentation** for follow-up with the Ministry of Agriculture and Health Canada.

DO YOU REQUIRE A PERMIT?

It is **important** that you contact the RM office *to see if a **Development permit application and/or Building permit is required for your project!** Please allow sufficient time for your application and/or Building permits to be processed. It is the responsibility of the landowner/applicant to adhere to all Government department, Authority or Municipal bylaws.*

DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

A **Development Permit Application** acknowledges the use of land and buildings and its compliance with the **Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw**.



BUILDING PERMITS

The RM has appointed Building Officials (PBI) Professional Building Inspections, Inc. to ensure compliance with the **National Building Code of Canada, The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act** and the **RM of Francis No. 127 Building Bylaw 2019-14**. All Building Permits require development permit approval before being issued.

SUBDIVISION

Please contact the Government of Saskatchewan Community Planning Regina Branch #306-787-2725 or website www.saskatchewan.ca and type 'Subdivision' in the top right hand corner search bar for documentation and application procedures relating to the subdivision process within municipalities.

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