

RM OF FRANCIS NO. 127 COUNCIL

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RM OFFICE & RECYCLE HOURS

The RM office is open to the public 9-4:30pm unless otherwise posted. We encourage you to call ahead if planning a visit or call in advance to book an appointment with the Administrator.

- Phone: 306-245-3256
- Email: info@rmofffrancis.ca
- Website: www.rmofffrancis.ca

COUNCIL MEETINGS Regular Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 9:00am unless otherwise posted.

2025 MILL RATES & MILL RATE FACTORS

Property Class	Municipal	Education
<i>Agricultural</i>	4.90 Mill Rate	0.70 MRF
<i>Residential</i>		1.07 Mill Rate
<i>Commercial/Industrial</i>		0.85 MRF
<i>Resource</i>		4.27 Mill Rate
		1.80 MRF
		6.37 Mill Rate
		7.49 Mill Rate

Taxable Assessment x Mill Rate ÷ 1,000 x MRF = Taxes Discount periods are offered in August, September (5%), October (4%) and November (2%) 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 through your C.U. (Affinity, Conexus, Cornerstone and Weyburn Credit Unions are able to provide this service)

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.

- We accept payment by **E-Transfer**, please note new email to use info@rmofffrancis.ca (auto deposit)
- Or continue with paying by cheque or cash. Sorry, we do not accept debit or credit card payments at the office.
- Taxes are normally sent mid August, please be aware that any amount outstanding after December 31 on your account(s) could relate in possible late fees being charged on your tax card
- Note: We kindly encourage taking advantage of early payment discounts where available, as unpaid tax arrears can result in significant additional costs once arrears are transferred to the recovery firm.
- Please note that it is not mandatory for a municipality to provide notice of upcoming charges/arrears on unpaid accounts.
- If taxes are paid by land leasees, mortgage companies or other than the registered owner, we may require written approval.



Go Paperless with E-Notices

The RM is offering e-notices (emailed) which will include Assessment Notices, Tax Notices and Receipts delivered directly to your email. Please see the enclosed colored insert within this letter or call the office to inquire!

Road Crew

Foreman – Andy Shooter
 Trent Deusterbeck
 Cory Walter
 Allan Moffat
 Danny Trautman
 Jonathan Bangsund
 Clay Chinski

Weed Inspector/Applicator

Elevated Applications
 David Manary

Pest Control Officer

Katlin Lang

Administrative Assistant(s)

Jessie Roteliuk
 Karen Anderson

Administrator

Shala Kanasevich

BEFORE YOU BUILD, RENO, MOVE-IN/MOVE-OUT A BUILDING OR DEMOLISH

The RM has appointed Municode as their building officials. It is important that you check with the RM office to see if a development permit and/or Building permit is required before you build any structure, **AG exemptions for Farm buildings may apply**. Steps outlining the permit process can be found on our website www.rmofffrancis.ca.

SETBACK DISTANCES

All buildings, dwellings, structures, fences and shelterbelts are required to be set back a minimum of **150 feet from the center of any municipal road allowance and 300 feet from any intersection**. Council has requested that ratepayers plan for placement of equipment and/or large compressed bundles of materials (ex; bales, grain and silage bags) be considered a structure whether the intent is used for temporary shelters, walls or convenient areas of storage as it may create additional snow and/or other related hazards in abnormal seasonal conditions.

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 = \$980.45

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 \$980.45 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. (Fees subject to change with applicable Bylaws)

CALL CONTROLLED BURN TO REGISTER PRIOR TO BURNING

MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM - H2S Safety (TEXT/EMAIL/Voice Mail)

Sign up for our mass notifications system for messages such as road bans, road closures and other RM related matters. Typically, notifications of an emergent nature will be sent via phone or text, while more informative messages will be received by email. **Call the office or visit the rm website if you require assistance setting up the mass notification system.**



2025 RM127 Scholarship

The RM of Francis is once again offering two \$1000 scholarships to students enrolled in Trade/Technical Institutes or University. The scholarship is open to RM/Urban/Homeschooled students attending within the boundary of the RM of Francis No. 127. Please send your applications into the RM office by September 30, 2025.

Scholarship Deadline September 30, 2025

Rats & Mice

The RM provides rat and mouse poison at **no charge to our ratepayers**. Should you require Warfarin, Hawk Bait Chunx, or Ratak for bait please visit the RM office. Our appointed Pest Control Officer Katlin Lang is typically out in the fall inspecting properties.

Weed Control – Invasive Plant Control Program (IPCP)

The RM has adopted a **Weed Management Plan** to tackle noxious and prohibited weeds within various areas of the RM and to allow for ratepayers to have the ability to access rebates for this control through the **Invasive Plant Control Program (IPCP)**. This is funded through the Federal Canadian Agricultural Partnership (**CAP**) program administered by SARM. **If you have issues with weeds on your private property please contact David from Elevated Applications.** Ratepayers should ensure to have their weed claim forms into the RM office no later than **October 27, 2025**.

RM Appointed Weed Inspector RM 127 David Manary - Elevated Applications
(306) 434-5050



WEED REBATE CLAIM FORMS DUE OCTOBER 27, 2025

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