

RM OF FRANCIS NO. 127 COUNCIL

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RM OFFICE & RECYCLE HOURS

The RM office is open to the public
9:00 - 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.

2026 MILL RATES & MILL RATE FACTORS

Property Class	Municipal		Education
<i>Agricultural</i>	4.90 Mill Rate	0.70 MRF	1.07 Mill Rate
<i>Residential</i>		0.85 MRF	4.27 Mill Rate
<i>Commercial/Industrial</i>		1.80 MRF	6.37 Mill Rate
<i>Resource</i>		1.80 MRF	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**
- Tax notices are typically issued in mid-August. Please be advised that any outstanding balance remaining on your account(s) after December 31 may be subject to substantial late penalties and interest charges, which will be added to your tax account. We also encourage taking advantage of any available early payment discounts, as unpaid tax arrears can result in significant additional costs once the outstanding balance is transferred to a recovery firm.

Go Paperless with E-Notices

Road Crew

Foreman – Andy Shooter
Trent Duesterbeck

Cory Walter

Allan Moffat

Danny Trautman

Jonathan Bangsund

Clay Chinski (Summer Student)

Weed Inspector/Applicator

Elevated Applications
David Manary

Pest Control Officer

Katlin Lang

Administrative Assistant

Jessie Roteliuk

Administrator

Shala Kanasevich

The RM is offering e-notices (emailed) which will include Assessment Notices, Tax Notices and Receipts delivered directly to your email. Please visit our website for a copy of the form or call the office for more information.

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

The RM has appointed **Municode** as its building officials to assist with building and development permit administration. Before starting any construction project, we encourage you to contact the RM office to determine whether a Development Permit and/or Building Permit is required for your proposed structure. **Agricultural exemptions for farm buildings may apply.** For more information, including step-by-step guidance on the permit process, please visit www.rmoffrancis.ca. Our staff would be pleased to answer any questions and help guide you through the process.

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

Call controlled burn to register prior to burning or you run the risk of receiving a bill with a minimum charge 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.

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. An unpaid fire call invoice may be added to your property taxes as per legislation.**

Fire Fees:

Unproductive Call out fee: \$1,000.00
First hour per department: \$1,500.00
Additional Hours: \$500.00 per hour
Maximum Fire Call Charge: \$20,000.00

RAT & MOUSE POISON

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.

SARM Strychnine Stewardship Program

SARM is pleased to partner with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture to support the safe implementation of Emergency Use Registration of strychnine in the 2026 and 2027 seasons. To view information about the strychnine stewardship program, including **mandatory training**, please visit <https://sarm.ca/strychnine-stewardship-training/>

The Strychnine Stewardship Program has no impact on the Gopher Control Program. Requirements and eligibility have not changed. Strychnine is not eligible to claim under the GCP, but all other registered gopher control products listed on the Health Canada site are eligible when used January 1-July 31, 2026. **Feel free to contact the RM office as information may still be developing on this issue.**

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, you are welcome to contact David from Elevated Applications. Ratepayers should ensure to have their weed claim forms into the RM office no later than **October 26, 2026**.

RM Appointed Weed Inspector RM 127 (306) 434-5050



WEED REBATE CLAIM FORMS DUE OCTOBER 26, 2026

Reminders:

RM127 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE – September 30th, 2026

RATEPAYER GRAVEL (MAX 25 Yards) = \$30/yard (Contact your Councilor/RM office)

DUST CONTROL – Please visit website for details and apply by May 1

RECYCLE BIN – Located at the RM site PT NE 32 14 14 W2 (NO GLASS)

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – visit the website for all information and forms

ELECTIONS NOVEMBER 9, 2026 - (Divisions 2, 4 and 6) in Rural Municipalities; By-election Division 5

Please visit our website www.rmoffrancis.ca for additional information or contact the RM office or your Division Councillor.