

Good Day Residents of the RM of Nipawin,

How quickly time goes by, we are almost at the end of another summer. We sure had a lot of water this year and experienced a couple weather events that caused damage throughout the RM and surrounding areas. My condolences to those who experienced property damage and loss of revenue as a result of these events. Thank you to the people who came out to assist their neighbours during these times.

I would like to thank the people that phone in and report the road conditions in their area. This is a very useful tool for us, it provides our administration and staff the information required to make plans and prioritize the issues that need addressing. The focus of this council, administration, and staff is to provide the best level of service for the RM and its rate payers. We more than willing to work with everyone in resolving issues that are the RM's responsibility.

I would like to remind everyone that conducting work on the roads or allowances is prohibited unless it is done by the RM or its Contractors. We have to ensure that we are compliant with all governing bodies, particularly the Water Security Agency and ground disturbance regulations.

In our pursuit to provide better service we have increased our equipment fleet from 3 grades to 5 graders, an additional semi tractor, and a wide pad vibratory drum compactor. We have increased our annual gravel supply from approximately 20,000 yards to 39,000 yards.

I would like to thank our counsel, administration, and staff for their dedication, hard work, and service to the RM. We promote a respectful and professional environment and ask that everyone participates in the same manner.

A huge thank- you out to Patti Propp and Craig Day for hosting the big music events in our community this year. Patti with the Haywire Music Festival and Craig with the Shaker Reloaded. The time and personal sacrifice required to fund and coordinate such events are done out of love for their community. Also thanks to the volunteers and participants of these events, without you these would not happen either. The quality of the entertainment was amazing and they are definitely events you do not want to miss.

I wish everyone the best and it is an honour to serve this community.

Thank you,

Reeve David Hluchaniuk

Growing Good Things, Managing the Rest

Invasive and noxious weed continue to show up across the RM, and Saskatchewan's regulated list grows a little each year. With more than 30 species monitored provincially, early identification makes a big difference in keeping problem plants from spreading.

Keep in mind that **glyphosate** (Roundup) isn't always the best tool for every weed. Some species require different herbicides or a combination of approaches.

If you spot a plant you're unsure about, reach out to the RM office. A quick check can help us stay ahead of new infestations—we are here help.

Woolly Burdock



Scentless Chamomile



Common Tansy



Oxeye Daisy



Yellow Toadflax



White Cockle

2026 Budget at a Glance

REVENUES: Where the money comes from

- **Property taxes: 80%**

The main source of RM revenue, collected annually from landowners.

- **Grants: 18%**

Funding from the provincial and federal governments, including revenue sharing and program-specific grants.

- **Other revenue: 2%**

Includes investment income, permit and service fees, and other smaller revenue items.

EXPENDITURES: Where the money goes

Saskatchewan municipalities budget their spending using standard service categories set by the province. Here's what each one covers, and its share of the RM's 2026 budget:

- **Transportation Services: 58%**

The RM's largest expense. Covers road maintenance, gravel, culverts/drainage, snow removal, fuel, repairs, and purchase of heavy equipment.

- **General Government Services: 18%**

The cost of running the municipal office: council remuneration, wages, benefits, insurance, legal & audit fees, etc.

- **Transfers to Reserves: 8%**

Money set aside in savings for future capital projects, equipment replacement, or emergencies.

- **Environmental Health Services: 6%**

Waste collection, and pest and weed control programs.

- **Protective Services: 7%**

RCMP requisition, fire protection contracts, and emergency management..

- **Recreation and Cultural Services — 2%**

Library requisition, parks, and community projects.

- **Planning and Development Services — 1%**

Building inspections, zoning, and development-related administration.

- **Public Health and Welfare Services: under 1%**

Cemetery maintenance and related insurance.



THE BOTTOM LINE:

The 2026 budget is balanced. Revenue is expected to exceed operating expenses, and the difference is being set aside in reserves to fund future infrastructure and equipment needs.

Property Taxes

All taxes are due December 31, 2026.

If paid early, a discount will be applied, as shown below:

- 5% discount if paid January to August
- 4% discount if paid in September
- 3% discount if paid in October
- 2% discount if paid in November

****Discounts apply only to municipal taxes, hail taxes (if applicable), and the C&D levy****

Education property taxes are not eligible for early payment discounts. These amounts are set by the provincial government, and the RM remits 100% of education taxes collected directly to the Province.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO
ACCEPT CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS ON
PROPERTY TAXES**

Paying Your Property Taxes

Online Banking: When paying with online through your financial institution, please allow 2-4 business days for the RM to receive your payment.

Etransfers can be sent to 487@rmnipawin.ca

By Mail: Box 250 Codette, Sk S0E 0P0

In person: Bring your tax notice & payment to the office Mon-Fri 8am to 4pm (closed over noon hour). If you cannot make it during those times we have a mailbox located by the door.

If you are paying by debit, know your limit. Most financial institutions have a daily or per transactions limit.

Ensure you allow plenty of time for us to receive your payment by mailing early. Cheques may be post-dated if you wish.

2026 Municipal Election — Thinking of Running for Council?

The RM of Nipawin No. 487 is a diverse section of land — from acres of farmland, golf courses, campgrounds, and residential subdivisions. This is your chance to run for council and help make decisions supporting the growth of this RM. **Council seats are open for Divisions 2, 4, and 6.**

Key Election Dates :

- Call for nominations: **Wednesday, September 23, 2026**
- Nomination Day: **Wednesday, October 7, 2026**
- Advance Poll: **Monday, October 26, 2026**
- Election Day: **Monday, November 9, 2026**

To be eligible for nomination as a candidate in the RM of Nipawin No. 487, a person must meet **all** of the following requirements, pursuant to *The Local Government Election Act, 2015*:

- Is at least 18 years of age on the day of the election;
- Is not disqualified from being nominated or holding office under *The Local Government Election Act, 2015* or any other Act;
- Is a Canadian citizen on the day the nomination paper is submitted;
- Has resided in Saskatchewan for at least six consecutive months immediately preceding the date on which the nomination paper is submitted; and
- Is eligible to vote in the RM of Nipawin No. 487.

Have more questions about serving on council?

Please contact the RM Office, or visit "Running for Municipal Council" on the Government of Saskatchewan website: www.saskatchewan.ca

What APAS Membership Means for You

The RM of Nipawin No. 487 is a member of the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS). Because our RM participates, every ratepayer in the municipality is automatically an APAS member — no separate sign-up required.

APAS is Saskatchewan's only democratically elected, non-partisan farm policy and advocacy organization, representing ratepayers in RMs across the province. As a member RM, we elect an APAS Representative every four years (alongside our regular municipal elections) to carry local producer concerns to APAS policy discussions and bring information back to our ratepayers. Our current APAS Representative is **Arnold Schellenberg**.

What this means for you as a ratepayer:

- A stronger, united voice on agricultural issues like taxation, transportation, and risk management, brought directly to provincial and federal decision-makers
- Eligibility for member savings on products and services such as farm insurance and vehicles
- The opportunity to have your say through Arnold or by attending APAS policy discussions

Questions about APAS or want to raise an issue with Arnold? Contact the municipal office and we'll help connect you.


Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan

A current address keeps you covered.

Has your address changed? Make sure your health card renewal sticker is sent to the right place to keep your health coverage up to date.



ehealthsask.ca

UPDATE YOUR INFO TODAY!



Sask 1st Call Locate Request

Sask 1st Call operates Monday to Friday 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and is closed weekends and holidays. Online requests can be made 24 hours a day.

Fire Permits

Reminder: Fire Permits Required April 1 – October 31

A burn permit is required for all burning during fire season. Permits are available at the RM office or on our website, www.rmnpawin.ca.

Before you burn, and again once your fire is out, you must call the Controlled Burn Centre at **1-866-404-4911**.

Completed burn permits can be emailed to the office at 487@rmnpawin.ca.

Bylaw Enforcement

Many bylaw concerns — such as noise, fences, overgrown vegetation, or property maintenance — can be resolved informally between neighbours, and we encourage ratepayers to try this first. A calm, direct conversation is often the fastest and least costly way to resolve an issue, and it helps preserve good working relationships within the community. This is a common first step recommended by municipalities across Saskatchewan before a formal complaint is filed.

If you decide to raise a concern directly with a neighbour, a few tips:

- Choose a calm moment to raise the issue, rather than in the heat of the moment
- Be specific about what's bothering you and why
- Keep a record of the date, time, and nature of the issue, along with any communication you've had about it
- Consider putting your concern in writing (a note or email) so there's a clear record if the issue persists

If the issue can't be resolved directly, or you don't feel comfortable approaching your neighbour, you're welcome to submit a formal complaint using the bylaw complaint form. Please note that formal enforcement can be a lengthy and costly process, and the associated costs are ultimately shared by all ratepayers — so we ask that it be used once informal options have been exhausted.

Pest Control

If you notice pests such as rodents on your property, please contact our Pest Control Officer, Tanner Paslawski, at 306-812-9226.



Council Meetings

Council meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 8:30 a.m., and are open to the public. If you'd like to address Council, please complete a delegation form and arrange an appointment in advance — contact the office to set up a time.

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates:

September 8, 2026 - Regular Meeting of Council
October 13, 2026 - Regular Meeting of Council
November 10, 2026 - Regular Meeting of Council
December 8, 2026 - Regular Meeting of Council

2026 Council

Reeve: David Hluchaniuk

Division One: Rose Marie Lecuyer

Division Two: Sheila Detbrenner

Division Three: Julian Ens

Division Four: Arnold Schellenberg

Division Five: Arley Kimmie

Division Six: Paul Holtkamp

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Open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

Closed for the noon hour and all stat. holidays



Other Numbers to Note:

Building Inspectors:

B&B Enforcement Services Chris Letendre
(306) 768-8449

55North Consulting & Inspections Gary Palidwar
(306) 862-7484

Pest Control: Tanner Paslawski
(306) 812-9226

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(Property Assessment) www.sama.sk.ca