#### **USEFUL CONTACTS**

Building Inspector, Bylaw Officer, & Pound Keeper:

Chris Letendre 306-768-8449

Pest Control Officer:

Tanner Paslawski 306-812-9226

Weed Inspector:

Rick Bilokryly 306-812-8288

Gas/Plumbing inquiries

TSASK 866-530-8599

Community Planning (for subdivision applications)

306-933-6937

# **VISIT OUR WEBSITE!**

# THE FOLLOWING THINGS CAN BE FOUND **ON OUR WEBSITE:**



- Council meeting agendas and minutes
- Public notices—such as fire bans and meeting changes
- Winter and spring road restrictions
- Applications and permits for building & development, approaches, etc.



rmnipawin.ca:





## RM #487 Maps

Maps of RM#487 are available to purchase at the office. The maps cost \$18.00 plus tax. If you do not live in the area we can mail a map with an additional \$5.00 postage fee.

#### Office Hours

Open Monday to Friday 8:00am-12:00pm & 1:00pm-4:00pm Closed weekends and stat holidays

> Call: 306-862-9551 Text: 306-812-9779 Fax: 306-862-2432 E-mail: rm487@sasktel.net Website: rmnipawin.ca

#### Council

Reeve: Dona Berntsen 306-862-1651 Division 1: Glen Gray 306-862-7805 Division 2: Sheila Detbrenner 306-812-8898 Division 3: Craig Griffin 306-862-6855 Division 4: Arnold Schellenberg 306-862-1424 Division 5: Mike McClelland 306-862-6888 Division 6: Bryan Eberle 306-862-7624





#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council meetings are mainly held every second Tuesday of each month. The council meetings are public to anyone to attend. If you would like to address council, a delegation form will need to be filled out and an appointment needs to be set up. Call or text to set up a time.



#### **Upcoming Council Meetings:**

- August 8, 2023
- October 10, 2023
- September 12, 2023
- November 14, 2023
- December 12, 2023



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# Municipal Changes/Reminders

### **FIRE PERMITS**

Everyone who plans on burning in the RM of Nipawin from April 1—October 31 must get a burn permit. If you do not get a burn permit and the fire becomes uncontrolled a fine may be issued to the person burning. Every time you burn you must call the controlled burn center at 1-866-404-4911. Additionally, if the fire is within 4.5km of a provincial forest you must call the Lower Fishing Protection Base at 306-426-2600 or 306-953-3422.

# NO MORE CUSTOM SNOW REMOVAL FOR RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS

Council has passed resolution #2023 104 at the regular council meeting on May 9, 2023 to eliminate the custom snow plowing on residential driveways starting with the 2023-24 winter season.

#### **NEW BYLAW**

Bylaw #2023.02 — A Bylaw to License and Regulate Concerts and Special

A bylaw to license and regulate concerts and special events was passed at the regular council meeting on March 21, 2023. A concert/special event license is required if you are hosting a concert or special event that has an expected attendance of more than 50 people. To view the bylaw and/or get a concert/special event license application visit our website at rmnipawin.ca.

# AN ADDITIONAL COMMUNICATION OPTION IS NOW AVAILABLE

The RM of Nipawin now has an office cellphone. The cellphone will be used as another way the ratepayers can communicate with the Municipality. The cellphone will allow ratepayers to easily send photos, videos, locations, etc. with the Municipality. If you need to contact the office you can text us at 306-812-9779, call us at 306-862-9551 or email us at rm487@sasktel.net.



#### TO THE RM **RATEPAYERS**

Weed Inspector Update

Every year there are more weeds added to the invasive/prohibited categories. At present the list is around 30. In order to keep new weeds being spread in the RM it is important to identify and irradicate them if possible. If you need to identify weeds, please let myself or the administrator know so we can id them.



Rick Bilokryly 306-812-8288 Weed Inspector



### PROPERTY TAXES

Year	Commercial & Industrial Mill Rate	Residential Mill Rate	Agricultural Mill Rate	Minimum Tax
2023	9.2 mills	6.9 mills	9.2 mills	Agricultural Land = \$275
				Residential Land = \$275
				Commercial & Industrial Land = \$275
2022	9.2 mills	6.9 mills	9.2 mills	Agricultural Land = \$275
				Residential Land = \$275
				Commercial & Industrial Land = \$275
2021	8.2 Mills	6.97 Mills	8.2 Mills	Agricultural Land = \$250
				Residential Land = \$250
				Commercial & Industrial Land = \$250

#### Did you know?

Council sets the tax rates for the municipal taxes. They set the minimum tax and mill rates for the commercial & industrial, residential, and agricultural classes based on the current year budget. Shown in the chart above are the minimum tax and mill rates for 2021, 2022, and 2023.

### ALL TAXES ARE DUE **DECEMBER 31, 2023**

If taxes are paid early a discount will be applied.

Discounts are shown below:

- 5% discount if paid in August
- 4% discount if paid in September
- 3% discount if paid in October
- 2% discount if paid in November
- \*Discounts only apply to municipal taxes, hail (if applicable) and C&D\*
- \*Education property taxes does not get a discount and 100% of the taxes collected are paid to the Provincial Government\*

# PAYING YOUR PROPERTY TAXES



### Online or Phone Banking

- When paying with online or telephone banking through your financial institution, please allow 2-4 business days for the RM to receive your
- E-transfers are accepted and can be sent to rm487@sasktel.net
- Please note: your account # is on your tax notice in the top right. You will see it after your name.



#### By Mail or Courier

- Avoid the travel time to the office by mailing your payment to Box 250 Codette, Sk SoE oPo or sending your payment by courier to 529 Service Street Codette, SK
- Ensure you allow plenty of time for us to receive your payment by mailing early. Cheques may be post-dated if you wish.



- Bring your tax notice & payment to the office Mon-Fri 8am to 4pm (closed 12-1). If you cannot make it during those times we have a mailbox located by
- If you are paying by debit, know your limit! Most financial institutions have a daily or per transactions limit on payments.
- Credit card payments are not accepted.



Do you know who to call for welfare concerns	related to wildlife?
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Complaint	Contact
Suspected Cruelty	Animal Protection Services of Saskatchewan (306-382-0002)
	Wildlife Rehabilitation Society of Saskatchewan (306-242-7177
	Saskatoon SPCA (306-374-7387)
Injured/abandoned	Regina Human Society (306-777-7700)
	Saskatchewan Environment (306-567-4224 or 306-667-7561)
	Animal Control
Hunting/trapping Violation	Saskatchewan Environment (306-567-4224 or 306-677-7561)

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS



• Any building and development happening on your land requires a permit. It is important that the proper permits are acquired to ensure your build is complying with the National Building Code of Canada. For more information go to our website rmnipawin.ca or stop by the office. Additionally if your building requires plumbing you must obtain a plumbing permit through TSASK, visit tsask.ca for further information.



If you have changed your mailing address or phone number please let our office know just incase we need to contact you. Our office needs this change in writing, which can be sent by email.

	Budgeted Numbers for 2023				
	General Government	\$521,481	18%		
WHERE DO	Protective Services	\$194,360	7%		
MY TAXES	Transportation Services	\$1,678,867	57%		
WII TAALS	Environmental & Public Health Services	\$210,330	7%		
GO?	Recreation & Development	\$31,350	1%		
	Planning & Development	\$40,250	1%		
	Transfer from Reserves	\$267,000	9%		



#### **BYLAW ENFORCEMENT**

Bylaw complaint forms are available on our website or at the RM office. As many bylaw infractions can be rectified between neighbours, we encourage neighbours to attempt to solve problems before involving the Municipal bylaw process as it can be costly to all ratepayers.



#### PEST CONTROL

If you see pests such as rodents you should call the pest control officer. Tanner Paslawski can be contacted at 306-812-9226.



#### TAXES AND ASSESSMENT

- You can get your tax notices, receipts and all other information/correspondence emailed. If you are interested please contact the office to fill out the email consent form.
- Assessment notices will not be mailed if there are no changes to the assessment from the previous year or if it has been decreased as per Bylaw # 3-2006.