



MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

MAPS

Maps in the office are up-to-date as of January 2024.

Any changes after January will be included in next year's order.

Maps can be purchased at the office with cash, cheque or e-transfer. Maps can also be mailed upon payment with a \$3 shipping fee.

Digital, non-printable, maps are available for your phone or computer that can be emailed upon payment

Prices remain at:

Small (2'x2')

\$10 Ratepayers;

\$15 Non-Ratepayers

Large (2.5'x2.5') & Digital

\$15 Ratepayers;

\$20 Non-Ratepayers

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

Our office has updated the email address to office@rmarborfield.ca. All e-mails sent to our old email will be forwarded until end of the year. E-transfer payments can be sent to the new address.

CIVIC ADDRESS REGISTRY

The office staff have completed training and are working on the online database for Civic Address Registry. This provincial-wide standardized system will provide precise location-based addresses for emergency services. The last step in this process will be to install Civic Address signs within the next few years (see example) at all residential and business locations. More information will be available in the 2024 Tax Newsletter sent in June/July.



RECEIPTS

To save on envelopes and stamps, the office will no longer mail out receipts for A/R invoices, unless requested. This includes receipts for custom work invoices, waste bin invoices, etc. Receipts for tax payments will be mailed as usual. You can also request that any A/R or Tax receipts be emailed to you as well.

ASSESSMENT & TAX NOTICES

Assessment notices will be mailed this Spring to any property that has a change in assessment values (new buildings/vacant buildings) or ownership changes. Tax notices will be sent in June/July; please notify the office of any address changes. If you would like your 2024 tax notice emailed (as well as mailed), please contact the office.

2024 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

The upcoming election will be November 13, 2024 for the offices of Reeve and Division 1 and 3 Councillors.

For information on nominations, elections, who qualifies to be a candidate, who qualifies to vote etc is available on our website: www.rmarborfield.ca

All members of Council are elected to office for a term of four years. Reeves are elected at large by all voters, and councillors are elected only by voters qualifying to vote in their division.

Your property tax notice contains information about your voting division.

BUILDING STANDARDS & BYLAW

The R.M. of Arborfield No. 456 has a valid Building Bylaw, effective January 1 2024.

The purpose of the building bylaw is to provide for the administration and enforcement of The Construction Codes Act, The Building Code Regulations, the National Building Code for Canada (NBCC) for buildings, ministerial interpretations and Sask. Construction Standards Appeal Board orders and building official orders within the municipality.

The Construction Codes Act (CCA) came into force on January 1, 2022 and such, all municipalities in Saskatchewan have a mandated Building Bylaw as of January 1, 2024.

Under the new CCA, farm buildings are still exempt but residences are no longer considered a farm building and therefore these standards will apply to all new builds and major structural renovations that occur after January 1, 2022.

How to Apply for a Building Permit

To apply for a building permit, you will need to complete a building permit application.

Application forms are at the R.M. of Arborfield Office, and some of the information required includes:

- Applicant name and address
- What you are applying for with a detailed description of the use of the land/buildings and a description of proposed development
- Legal land description
- Estimated starting and completion dates
- Site & building drawings, including dimensions and land features
- Technical reports or studies that may be requested (depending on type and location of proposed development)

Costs for a Building Permit

There is no cost to apply for a building permit.

The building official inspection fees are based on different variables:

- Value of Construction (total cost of the building to the owner in its completed form and includes the cost of all building work, materials, systems, labour and profit)
- Square Footage
- Intended Use of Building (commercial or residential)

How to Apply for a Building Permit

Types of Buildings that Require Permits:

- Construction of new homes
- Major renovations on existing homes (additions, basements, porches)
- RTM or other residential buildings being moved onto a property
- Commercial buildings

Exempt Buildings

- Farm buildings, means, subject to the regulations, a building that:
- Does not contain a residential occupancy/living or sleeping quarters.
- Is located on land used for an agricultural operation as defined in *The Agricultural Operations Act**; and
- Is used for the following purposes:
 - housing livestock, production, storage or processing of primary agricultural crops and feeds, storage and maintenance of equipment or machinery associated with an agricultural operation.

**"Agricultural Operation means an agricultural operation that is carried out on a farm, in the expectation of gain or reward."*

MORE INFORMATION

More information including Tips & Tricks, the Building Permit Process, and Building Application and Project Guides can be found at the office or on our website: www.rmarborfield.ca