

**Councillors:**

Reeve:

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Division 1:

Elizabeth Torrens

Division 2:

Brett Larsen

Division 3:

Dave Amson

Division 4:

Darrel Wiebe

Division 5:

Ian Hosegood

Division 6:

James Usselman

**Staff:**

Administrator:

Tonia Derksen

Assistant:

Beth Usselman

Foreman:

Nigel Cutting

Operators:

Terrence Reichert

Murray Mikituk

Doug Olmstead

**RM Shop:**

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**Pest Control:**

Kelly Wall

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**Weed Control:**

Alana Gunsch

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**RM Office:**

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rm405@sasktel.net

**Office Hours:**

Monday to Friday

8:00 AM – 12:00 PM

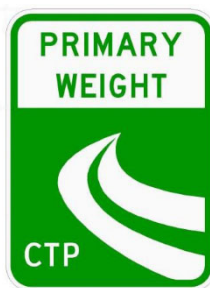
1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

## Text Notifications

The RM of Great Bend is implementing a text messaging system. Important updates such as fire bans, railway issues, snow clearing and more can be shared as quickly as possible.

If you would like to receive notifications, please contact Tonia or Beth at the RM office at 1-306-997-2101.

## Clearing the Path



The purpose of the Clearing the Path primary weight corridor system is to connect and seamlessly move Saskatchewan’s vast array of commodities and industry at primary weights. The RM of Great Bend receives funding through the provincial government to maintain these roads. Heavy loads must use these corridors marked with the signs shown. Roads marked “No Heavy Loads” cannot withstand the weight of overweight traffic.

## Revenue Sharing

In 2023-24, the Government of Saskatchewan will distribute more than \$297 million to municipalities in Municipal Revenue Sharing. This is the equivalent of .75 of one full point of Provincial Sales Tax (from 2021-22 Public Accounts).

This commitment represents an increase of more than \$170 million, 134 per cent over 2007-08. This level of commitment aligns with the Government of Saskatchewan’s promise to develop a long term revenue sharing plan with the municipal sector that is linked to the performance of the province’s economy.

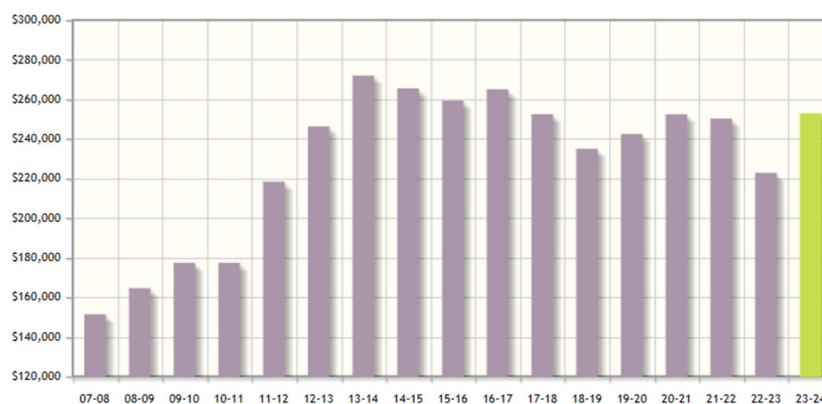
For 2023-24, \$142.682 million or 47.9 per cent is allocated to the cities, \$48.256 million or 16.2 per cent to towns, villages and resort villages, \$84.894 million or 28.5 per cent

### RM of Great Bend No. 405

Revenue sharing in RM of Great Bend No. 405 has increased from \$151,551 in 2007-08 to \$253,041 in 2023-24.



to rural municipalities, and \$22.043 million or 7.4 per cent to northern communities.



Municipal Revenue Sharing for RM of Great Bend No. 405 by fiscal year

## 2022 Financial Reports

The 2022 financial reports for the RM of Great Bend No. 405 are still in progress. Reports will be available through the RM office once completed.

## Pest Control

Gopher poison is no longer available through the RM of Great Bend. If you require bait for mice or rats, please call the RM office for information.

Our Pest Control Officer Kelly Wall will be visiting yards around the RM checking for signs of rodent activity.

## Weed Control

If you see noxious weeds anywhere in the RM, please report them to the Weed Inspector Alana Gunsch.

## Grade Crossing Regulations

The Grade Crossing Regulations state that a train that **isn't** moving cannot block a crossing for more than 5 minutes. If you are waiting for longer than 5 minutes at a blocked crossing, we urge you to call the numbers below to report the blockage.

CN: 1-888-888-5909 or email [contact@cn.ca](mailto:contact@cn.ca)

Transport Canada: 1-888-463-0521 or email [pnrweb@tc.gc.ca](mailto:pnrweb@tc.gc.ca)

Give the following information:

- Location of the crossing: Aberdeen Line 95.4 (Range Rd 3093) or 96.5 (Range Rd 3094)
- Date and time
- How long the crossing was blocked, and if the train was stopped or going back and forth over the crossing

## Control Burn Reporting

Call the Provincial Emergency Communications Centre just prior to starting **1-866-404-4911**

When reporting a Control Burn you will be asked the following questions:

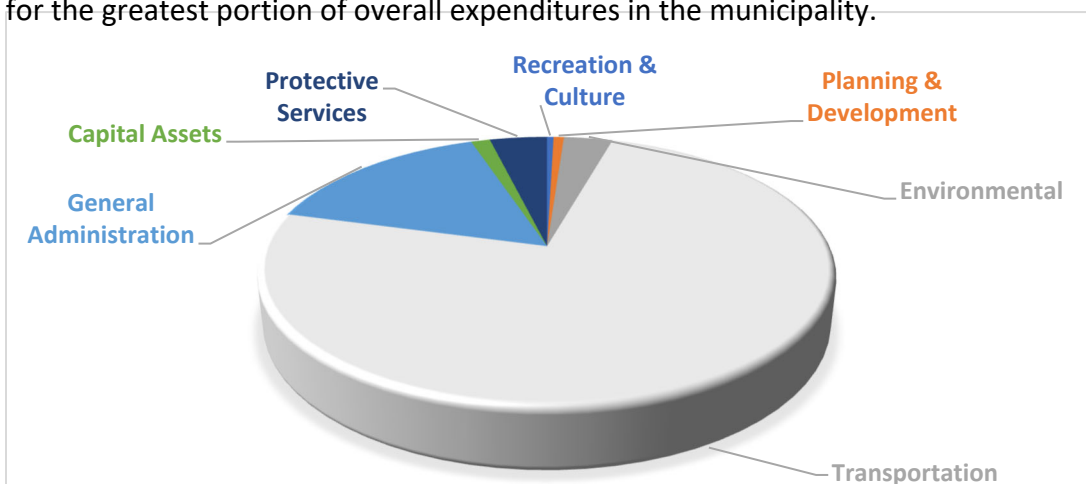
- What is your land location?
- Who is your Fire Service Provider?
- Driving Directions from local Fire Department?
- What are you burning?
- How long will your burn last?

You will be asked to call back once the burn has been completed.

Reporting your controlled burn will help eliminate unnecessary call outs to your local fire department. There is a minimum fee of one hour when your fire department is dispatched. The current provincial hourly rate for each responding fire department is \$1,036.34.

## 2023 Budget

Your municipal taxes help fund a wide range of services within the RM. The chart below helps illustrate RM expenditures and where they will be directed in 2023. The RM of Great Bend has 385.5 km of all-weather roads to maintain which helps account for the greatest portion of overall expenditures in the municipality.



### Yellowbend

#### Transfer Station

##### Summer Hours:

April 1 – October 31

Wed 4:00pm – 8:00 pm

Sat 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

##### Winter Hours:

November 1 – March 31

Sat 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Any questions call Ken  
Coutts, Operator at  
306-827-7991.

#### Municipal Maps

Municipal maps are available at a cost of \$15.00.

#### Speed Limit

As a reminder to everyone, the maximum speed limit on rural roadways is 80 km/hr unless otherwise posted.

Council appreciates your courtesy towards fellow residents out walking by slowing down when approaching them and when driving by yards close to the roads to reduce dust and ensure safety.

#### Office Notes:

It is very important to update your mailing address with the RM office.

To reduce postage costs receipts will be mailed twice a year.

A 24 hour drop is located outside the main entrance into the RM office.