



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hello, and happy July!!!

I hope your summer is off to a great start, and you have lots of fun activities, time with family, and some days away from the office planned.

I have been in the Executive Director role for almost two months now, and wanted to reach out to provide a brief update as to what the board has, and is currently working on, as well as highlight on some items coming up.

This newsletter is merely a brief summary. Therefore, if you have questions, or would like more information on any of the topics noted. Please contact myself, or any member of the Executive.

It is my goal to work with your Board, and our members to continue the legacy of professionalism, knowledge, and high standards that have always defined our association. I am very honored, and very proud to be the Executive Director, and will give my very best effort in this role.

Wishing you and your's a very safe, and enjoyable summer.

UPCOMING DATES

Annual Mill Rate Return
due August 15, 2026.

Deadline to apply for a Fall 2026
AMP Visit: September 1, 2026

Application Deadline to apply to the
Board of Examiners for "A" or Superior
"A" Certification: September 1, 2026
(Applications must be received by
the BOE Secretary by this date)

Professional Development Credit update
letters will continue to be forwarded to
members in October 2026 following the
Fall Division Meetings. Reminder active
members need to obtain 16 professional
development credits per year. Please
refer to Bylaw No.13 found on the
RMAA Website, for eligible Professional
Development Credit Hour Workshops,
Conventions, Meetings, & Events.

EXECUTIVE BOARD UPDATES

- Signing authorities and mailing addresses have been updated for both the RMAA & Board of Examiners.
- Planning for the 2027 Annual Convention is underway, including researching alternative Saskatoon venues.
- The 2026 post-convention survey results show that over 72% of respondents support a venue change for the convention when held in Saskatoon. Therefore, this is something the Executive is looking into. It is unlikely it will be able to happen for 2027, but we are currently researching and pricing alternative Saskatoon options, and will keep you posted as that progresses. 2027 Annual Convention Information, and hotel block booking will be sent out by your Division Director later this fall.
- The number of members who have responded to the 2026 Convention Survey is down 30% from the number of responses received in 2025. The board reviews Convention feedback in detail during the September Board Meeting. As much feedback as possible is considered when planning the following years agenda regarding both format and content. If you have not already completed the survey, there is still time, and I would like to encourage you to do so.
- The Legislative Review Committee is currently reviewing and consulting on proposed amendments to the following legislation: Amendments to The Construction Codes, The Municipalities Modernization, & Red Tape Reduction Act, and The Planning & Development Act, 2007. These projects are all at varying stages, so please contact me if you'd like more information.

RMAA WEBSITE UPDATES

The RMAA website has been updated with the following information:

- Executive Board Information
- Convention Report
- Executive Committee Listing
- Updated Bylaws
- March Board Minutes & Financials

UPCOMING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

The next Executive Board Meeting will be held September 26–27 following the Fall Division Meetings. Some of the key items for our Fall Agenda include:

- 2026 Convention Review: Feedback & Cost Summary
- 2027 Salary Committee Instructions
- RMAA Executive Policy Manual & Bylaw Review

2026 RM ELECTION INFORMATION

It is an election year in RMs for even numbered Divisions. I recently went through The Local Government Election Act to schedule important dates for my own RM election and thought I would share my findings with the hope that it will simplify election planning for some of you. However, I would still encourage all of you to double check my dates with the election information. The RMAA Board has reached out to Government Relations to confirm that their Election Calendar Tool does require updating as well. Hopefully that resource will be updated and corrected for utilization very soon.

DATE	REQUIREMENT
Sept. 23, 2026	Call for Nominations: Returning officer shall publish the Call for Nominations at least 10 business days before nomination day. Therefore, Call for Nominations must be published on or before Wednesday, September. 23, 2026 as per Section 66.
Oct. 7, 2026	Nomination Day: The 5th Wednesday before Election day as per Section 73.
Oct. 21, 2026	Notice of Poll Deadline If required: shall be given by the Returning Officer within 10 Business Days after close of Nomination Period as per Section 81.
Oct. 25 – Nov. 6, 2026	Advanced Poll window: Must be at least 3 days but not more than 15 days before the Election Day.
Nov. 9, 2026	Election Day: Monday, November 9, 2026 as per Section 10(5).

- Abandonment of Poll: If a poll for office is not required, returning officer shall immediately give notice of Abandonment of Poll.
- If the RM does not have a General Election Bylaw that provides for Mail in Ballots, the Returning Officer shall authorize the establishment of one or more Advanced Polls. Advanced Polls must be kept open for at least 2 consecutive hours.
- The administrator is the Returning Officer unless Council appoints another person to the position at least 90 days prior to the election as per Section 47(1).
- The Returning Officer appoints all other election officials as per Section 48.
- The Returning Officer shall name the polling place(s) for each Division as per Section 24.
- Council sets the remuneration for all election officials as per Section 52.