

Organized Hamlet of Guernsey 2017

Summer Newsletter

Council & Admin – the October 26, 2016 election saw a shuffle in Council. Jack Gibney was elected as Reeve; the by-election for Division 2 brought Darren Carlson on board. Keith Schulze officially retired as of December 31, 2016 – Anna Rintoul joined Lanette and took over as Administrator January 1st, 2017.

Hamlet Board – Ed Herman retired from the Hamlet Board as of December 31, 2016 after 20+ years of service. Ed was a valuable and knowledgeable member and we're grateful for all his work and dedication. The Hamlet Board now consists of: Don Koch, Kevin Powell, Trevor Baker, Marlin Weber, and Rob Brochu. Questions and concerns may be directed to any member.

Pets – there have been several complaints lately regarding loose cats and dogs in the hamlet. Please be mindful of your neighbours and their property and keep your pets restrained!

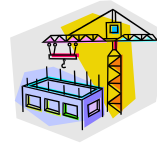
Website – Our website is now live! Visit us at www.rmusbosne.ca for municipal information and updates.

Water Upgrade – Lanigan has proceeded with their RO plant, which left the Hamlet Board and RM Council looking into new water sources for Guernsey. So far the most viable option is to drill a well and implement our own RO plant. We're happy to announce that this project was approved under the CWWF/PTIC grant (75%). Wolverine Drilling and ISL Engineering & Landworks Ltd. have been contracted for this project – start date TBD.

Tax & Utility Payments – We're finally registered with "Telpay", which allows ratepayers to pay their taxes and invoices online with most major banks and Credit Unions. Your billing account number is your owner number (shown after your name, upper right corner) followed or lead by zeros – usually 6 digits total. We do not offer credit card or interact.

Assessment – As everyone knows, 2017 is a revaluation year with SAMA (Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency). Council has done all they can to ensure fair taxation with this increase. New maps will be printed shortly!

Dust control – applications for 2017 are complete. Private dust control will continue to be available in the future to ratepayers only; must be on the list prior to the advertised deadline! Application areas must also be staked prior to application – no exceptions.



Development & Building Permits –

If you are building, you must apply for both development and building permits and our building official will ensure that the building is built to code. Ag buildings are exempt; please see the website or phone the office for further details.



Noxious weeds – Grasslander Spraying of Allan, SK came out to spray the problem areas in Guernsey and the RM. Please note

they are a certified company and the spray is used within other urban municipalities – it's not considered harmful to residents, pets, etc.



Bylaw Enforcement Officer –

Flaman Security has recently been contracted by the RM to act as our Bylaw Enforcement Officer. They will be monitoring and enforcing all municipal bylaws, including the recently passed Nuisance Bylaw for the Organized Hamlet of Guernsey. This involves pets at large, garbage, untidy and unsightly yards, just to name a few. A copy of the bylaw can be reviewed at the office.



REACT - You can take your garbage (for a fee) to the transfer sites at Lanigan, Watrous or Drake **or** a farmer or group can rent or purchase a bin that will be emptied on a regular basis. Recycle centres are set up and are free. **Used oil & filters** can be taken to the transfer sites at Watrous (12-7 p.m. Tues & Thurs, 9-5 Sat) and Lanigan (1-7 p.m. Tues & 10-4 Sat). REACT in Humboldt also takes grain bags free of charge. Curb side pickup is done on Monday mornings – please note there have been issues with birds picking open garbage bags and spreading waste around the community – please ensure all measures are taken to avoid this.

Tenants – if your property is rented out, please note there is a new process for water billing. The office **must** be notified, and a form must accompany a \$200 meter deposit for all new tenants. A new water bylaw is soon coming into effect to enforce this, as well as collecting water arrears.



Office Hours – Hours are 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday & 9:00-4:00 on Friday. If you have any questions on any of the above, give the office a call at 365-2924, or email

rm310@sasktel.net

Other important numbers:

Controlled Burn	1-866-404-4911
CP Emergency	1-800-716-9132
CN Emergency (Dangerous Rail Crossing)	1-800-465-9239

Have a good summer!