

# Organized Hamlet of Guernsey 2018

## Spring Newsletter

**Hamlet Board** – A reminder that 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. A new dog bylaw has been introduced that will involve fines for proven complaints, starting at \$250.00 for the first offence. Please be mindful of your neighbours, businesses, and their property and keep your pets restrained!

**Website** – A reminder that our website is now live! Visit us at [www.rmusbome.ca](http://www.rmusbome.ca) for municipal information and updates.

**Water Upgrade** – As outlined in our previous newsletter, our well/RO system project is covered under the CWWF/PTIC program. Last fall, Wolverine Drilling was out to complete the well portion. TSL/Bullee/Sapphire are currently working on the RO system and piping.

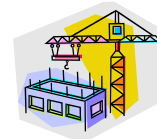
Mailouts were sent to notify residents of the upcoming water increase of \$25 per month, the first in 12 years (effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 which will be reflected on the next bill – April), as well as the new meter reading policy. Both can be viewed on the website or at the office as well.

**Tax & Utility Payments** – A reminder that we're 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** – you may see a representative from SAMA out and about in the spring months performing assessment maintenance, if there have been any changes to your property or any clarification is needed for your assessment.

**Roads/Dust control** – 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.

Numerous incidents have been reported of disrespectful conduct toward the grader operators. This is not being taken lightly - residents are reminded to **BE RESPECTFUL** of grader operators as they are in town clearing snow or blading streets. The crew has the entire RM, including Guernsey and Lockwood, to cover and they are sure to get to all areas as quickly as possible. We are appreciative of the hours they spend to keep everything cleared and maintained.



### **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 in 2017.

Please note they are a certified company and the spray was used within other urban municipalities – it's not considered harmful to residents, pets, etc. The RM is currently working on a 2018 weed control plan – stay tuned!



### **Bylaw Enforcement Officer** –

Flaman Security will be starting again in the spring! 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. Water will now be physically shut off at the curb if a property is vacant!



**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](mailto:rm310@sasktel.net)

Other important numbers:

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