

# RM of Usborne No. 310 2018

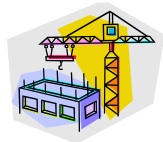
## Spring Newsletter

**PG 668** – As many of you saw last summer/fall, a joint municipal heavy-haul re-surfacing project (3 miles of 668 past the Philadelphia Church & 2.5 miles east of Watrous; cost \$3 million less 50% grant) was completed (with the exception of the final paving due to time/weather constraints) through the SARM MREP program, with the RM of Morris. We are hopeful that the SARM MREP program will continue for the 2018 construction season so we are able to complete further stretches of the road.

**PG 668 Restrictions** – all roads in the RM are primary weights, with the exception of PG 668. The east portion remains 10-tonne as signed, with the remaining section as secondary weights.

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

**Guernsey** – 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.



### **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.

**Tax 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. **New maps are also available at the office!**



**293 Exemptions** – as many of you know, 2017 was a revaluation year for SAMA, across the province. If you are eligible for a 293 exemption on your house due to your Ag land, you **MUST** fill out the form that was sent out previously and return it to the office. The form is also available online at [www.rmusbome.ca](http://www.rmusbome.ca)

**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**. Please visit the website for the dust control policy (this was also included in the 2017 tax notices).

**Gravel** – To ensure a supply for future municipal use, council will no longer sell any aggregate product. There are quite a few private suppliers in the area that can meet demand.



**Noxious weeds** – Grasslander Spraying of Allan, SK was out last season to spray the problem areas. We are working on a 2018 weed control plan currently. Scentless chamomile has been seen on the west side, Hwy 16 and Poundmaker Road; Leafy Spurge has been found at the Dellwood spillway and on Bloomfield Road; Common Tansy is almost everywhere and Diffuse Knapweed is next door. If you have some left over broad leaf herbicide you need to dump and there is bush or **noxious weeds** growing in the ditch adjoining your land, go ahead and spray it.



**Ratepayer Supper** – The RM will be hosting a spring ratepayer supper April 13, 2018. Tickets will be on sale soon – stay tuned for details!



**Municipal Hail** - Crop Exemption Forms had to be received before **April 30th. Remember!** If you want to withdraw from the hail plan, you must notify the office by **March**

**31st.** If you have a **Hail Claim** when the office is closed, fax or mail the claim form directly to the hail company. Additional Hail Insurance is also still available 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.



If you are planning on burning an old building or haystack be sure to call in a Controlled Burn at 1-866-404-4911 otherwise you may be looking at a Fire Department bill. You will be asked

for the land description, reason for fire and to call back when finished. Then call your insurance provider to make sure your insurance covers fire fighting fees.



**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)

When the office is closed, you can call the reeve or your councillor at:

REEVE	Jack Gibney	363-4749
DIV 1	Ryan Morningstar	528-2014
DIV 2	Darren Carlson	946-7739
DIV 3	Howard Toews	946-2490
DIV 4	Lance Gunther	365-4231
DIV 5	Fred Toman	365-4215
DIV 6	Don Shantz	946-4119

Other important numbers:

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