

Organized Hamlet of Guernsey 2018

Summer Newsletter

Hamlet Board – A reminder that the Hamlet Board now consists of:

Chair: Kevin Powell

Board Members: Don Koch, Trevor Baker, Marlin Weber, and Rob Brochu. Questions and concerns may be directed to any member.

The Hamlet Board deals with the day to day issues and complaints in town year-round – they are much appreciated and their efforts to keep the town running smoothly do not go unnoticed. Thank you!

Pets – there have been several complaints lately regarding loose dogs within the hamlet. A new bylaw has been introduced that will involve fines for proven complaints of dogs at large, starting at \$250.00 for the first offence. Please be mindful of your neighbours, businesses, and their property and keep your pets contained!



Website – A reminder that our website is now live! Visit us at www.rmusborne.ca for municipal information and updates.

Water Upgrade – our new plant is up and running! This much needed upgrade was completed under the CWWF/PTIC grant program (\$271,000 was received from the federal and provincial governments) – the municipality and WSA are very pleased with the quality of water we have obtained.

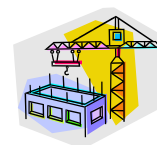
Water bills continue to be billed quarterly. The meter reading policy and dates can be found on the website. Effective immediately – **NO EXTENSIONS** will be granted if bills are not paid in full by the specified deadline. If your property is rented out, please note the office **must** be notified, and a form must accompany a \$200 meter deposit for all new tenants. Water is now physically shut off at the curb if a property is vacant!

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. Ratepayers are reminded to be respectful while the assessors complete their data collection. SAMA does maintenance annually

Roads/Dust control – Private dust control will continue to be available to ratepayers only (on roads maintained by the RM of Usborne); you 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. Applications are complete for 2018.

Numerous incidents have been reported of disrespectful conduct toward the equipment operators. This is not being taken lightly - residents are reminded to **BE RESPECTFUL** of the RM staff/equipment 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.



Bylaw Enforcement Officer – Flaman Security visits the Hamlet monthly. They monitor and enforce all municipal bylaws, including the Nuisance Bylaw and the Dog Bylaw for the Organized Hamlet of

Guernsey. This involves pets at large, garbage and debris, junked vehicles, untidy and unsightly yards, just to name a few. Fines are issued if contraventions are not rectified. A copy of the bylaws can be reviewed on the website or at the office. You may also request these via email.



REACT - you can take your garbage (for a fee) to the transfer sites at Lanigan, Watrous or Drake *or* a group can rent or purchase a bin that will be emptied on a regular basis. Recycle centers are set up and are free. Used oil & filters can be taken to the transfer sites at Watrous and Lanigan. **Updated REACT information**, including fees, can be found at www.rmusbome.ca.

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.

Pests – Administration and the Hamlet Board have received several reports of pests (skunks, crows, etc) in town. Residents are reminded that feeding and harbouring wild animals intentionally is **strictly prohibited** and subject to fines via Flaman, as above. If you have food for pets outside, note that it may attract rodents/pests. The Hamlet Board continues to work to mitigate the issue and appreciates your cooperation.



Office Hours – Hours are 9:00am – 5:00pm Monday-Thursday & 9:00am - 4:00pm on Friday. If you have any questions re: any of the enclosed, 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	1-800-465-9239
(Dangerous Rail Crossing)	