

RM of Usborne No. 310 2018

Summer Newsletter

PG 668 – The final paving on the 2017 project (completed under the SARM MREP program with the RM of Morris) was completed in June of this year – line painting will commence before fall.

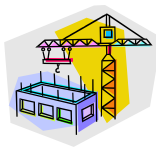
Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in obtaining more funding through the SARM MREP program for the 2018 construction year. As many of you would have noted when you encountered the detour, the RM was still able to repair stretches on the north end of 668 – from the mine to the first curve, and from the next curve toward the Sharon Mennonite Church. Patching was also completed as required and the RM continues to monitor 668 regularly.

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 – a reminder that our website is live! Visit us at www.rmusbome.ca for municipal information and updates.

Guernsey – the Guernsey water treatment plant upgrade is now complete. The RM received \$271,000 from the CWWF/PTIC grant program. As outlined in our previous newsletter, Wolverine Drilling completed the well portion of the project; TSL, Bullee Consulting and Sapphire Water completed the RO portion. We are very pleased with the completed project and the water our wells are producing!



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/email the office for further details.

Tax Payments – A reminder that we're registered with "Telipay", which allows ratepayers to **pay 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 also accept etransfers to rm310@sasktel.net – we do not offer credit card or interact.

Driftwatch site – a handy tool/directory that was introduced to the municipality recently. The site is a voluntary communication tool that enables crop producers, beekeepers, and pesticide applicators to work together to protect specialty crops and apiaries through use of mapping programs. Please visit www.driftwatch.org for more information.

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. **New maps are also available at the office for \$10!**



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

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.

Beaver Control – in conjunction with the SARM Beaver Control program changes, effective immediately, you **MUST** have a trapper license number to be eligible for beaver bounty. The RM cannot pay bounties without this number.



Noxious weeds – our weed control plan is underway for 2018; we’re mowing currently, with spraying to follow (if required) in the fall.

Scentsless Chamomile, Leafy Spurge and Common Tansy have been noted in several areas, and Diffuse Knapweed is next door. If you have some left over broad leaf herbicide you need to dump and there are noxious weeds growing in the ditch adjoining your land, go ahead and spray it.

Ditch Mowing – the policy for ditch mowing has been updated. Effective 2019, the RM will complete the top cut across the entire municipality. Anyone wishing to complete the second cut for hay still must apply to the RM prior to June 1st – all applications are subject to Council approval. Further details are available through the office.



RM Operators – residents, ratepayers and road users are reminded to **be respectful** of the equipment operators while they clear/maintain the roads and streets. The RM is responsible for a vast area, including Guernsey and Lockwood, and the operators tend to all areas as quickly as they can and to the best of their ability. This year has proven to be particularly demanding with the excessive snowfall in March, followed by the spring flooding.



Another reminder to please **SLOW DOWN** when meeting or passing RM operators & equipment on the roads – travelling by at excessive speeds is a serious safety hazard to all parties and many reports have

been received in this regard.



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**, the claim form can be submitted directly to SMHI, or the RM office if you wish. **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 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.rmusbosborne.ca

Grain Bag Recycling – a new program addressing grain bag recycling was launched in 2018. Please visit <http://cleanfarms.ca/programs/grain-bag-recycling-sk/> for more information, including collection sites & preparation steps prior to dropoff.



Controlled Burns - if you are planning on burning 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 firefighting fees.



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

You can also call the Reeve or your Councillor at:

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| 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:

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

Have a good summer!