

Organized Hamlet of Guernsey 2019

Summer Newsletter

Hamlet Board – A reminder that the Hamlet Board now consists of the following *volunteers*:

Chair: Kevin Powell

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

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

Pets – a reminder of the dog bylaw that involves fines for proven complaints of dogs at large, starting at \$250.00 for the first offence. While we have seen an improvement since our last newsletter, we ask that residents please be mindful of your neighbours, businesses, and their property, and keep ALL pets (including cats) contained! **Note that this also includes the playground – dogs MUST be leashed.**



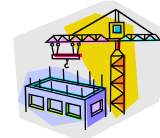
Website – A reminder that our website is now live! Visit us at www.rmusborne.ca for municipal information and updates.

Water bills continue to be billed quarterly. The meter reading policy and dates can be found on the website. Reminder – **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!

The RM/Hamlet has also had several instances of residents turning their own water back on after it has been disconnected by the municipality. Be advised that this is strictly prohibited and is subject to a minimum fine of \$2,000. The water infrastructure is municipal property; as such, it must be handled by municipal personnel only.

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. We also accept etransfers to rm310@sasktel.net

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.



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.

Roads – the RM is trying a new Asphalt material again this year (same as 2018) on the streets in town, in an effort to repair the potholes. Please be patient while Council & the Hamlet Board assess the effectiveness.

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 & maintained, and the job they do when they are here.



Bylaw Enforcement Officer –

Flaman Security continues to visit 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.

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 RM/Hamlet has appointed a resident to handle nuisance rodents and birds, and continue to work to mitigate the issue. We appreciate your cooperation.



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. 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.

Recycle centers are set up and are free – please be mindful of what you put in the recycling, and refer to the mailout from April 2019 for what is and isn’t allowed. The mailout can also be found on our website.

Updated REACT information, including fees, can be found at www.rmusborne.ca.



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)	