

RM of Usborne No. 310

2019

Summer Newsletter

PG 668 – The 2017 and 2018 paving projects are complete, with the exception of a few minor repairs that will be completed this construction season.

Unfortunately, we were unsuccessful in obtaining funding through the SARM MREP program for the 2019 construction year. Patching is/was also completed as required and the RM continues to monitor 668 regularly. Due to delays with the Department of Highways, our line painting was pushed back until the 2019 year.

Road/PG 668 Restrictions & Permits – all roads in the RM are primary weights, with the exception of the 10-tonne portion of PG 668, which is signed. The rest of PG 668 is now primary weights. The RM has granted primary weight permits to each ratepayer – this is a verbal permit, and your permit number is your owner number (which can be found on your tax notice). Non-ratepayers must still contact the office for permits. **NOTE: only banned weight hauls are permitted during spring road ban season.**

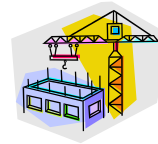


Website – a reminder that our website is live! Visit us at www.rmusbome.ca for municipal information and updates.

APAS – Council opted to withdraw from Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) several years ago. Discussions pertaining to re-joining have been held around the table on several occasions, but we would like feedback from our ratepayers. If you would like the RM to be a member of APAS, please let your Councillor know! More information is available at www.apas.ca

Beaver Control – in conjunction with the SARM Beaver Control program changes, effective 2018, you **MUST** have a trapper license number to be eligible for beaver bounty. The RM cannot pay

bounties without this number.



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 contact the office for further details.

Tax Payments – A reminder that we're registered with "Telpay", 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 e-transfers to rm310@sasktel.net – 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. **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



Noxious weeds – our weed control plan is underway for 2019; and we're happy to report that we've contracted Marksmen Vegetation to handle weed control for us this year. Scentsless Chamomile, Leafy Spurge and Common Tansy have been noted in several areas, and Diffuse Knapweed is next door. Clubroot has also been a popular topic, with the nearest outbreak in the RM of Corman Park currently.

Ditch Mowing – a reminder that 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 or at www.rmusbosborne.ca.



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.



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.

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 2019.



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.

Water availability – if you have water available on your farm for local fire department use in case of an emergency, please notify your Councillor or the office to be put on a list.



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, please contact your Councillor, or give the office a call at 365-2924, or email rm310@sasktel.net

You can reach 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)	

Have a good summer!