

RM of Usborne No. 310 2022

Summer Newsletter

Hello summer! We hope everyone is keeping well and enjoying the beautiful weather – and with any luck, more rain than the last few years too!

Things continue to run as usual at the RM – both in the office & public works departments.

Road work/PG 668 – as many are aware, the RM called for tenders for road work on RR 2232 & Grid 761 to accommodate the heavy haul route. Unfortunately, bids came in significantly higher than anticipated, and all were refused. We continue to work on alternate plans in this regard.

BHP plans to haul large volumes of aggregate through our municipality in the coming years – royalty agreements are in negotiation stages

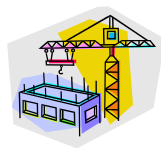
We continue to complete work on 668 annually where pot holes and issues arise, and have the rehabilitation of this road on our radar.



Website – a reminder to check out our website! Visit us at www.rmusbome.ca for policies, forms, information and updates – we are always posting new items!

Pest Control – in conjunction with the SARM Beaver Control program, you **MUST** have a trapper license number to be eligible for beaver bounty. The RM cannot pay bounties without this number. Also note: land locations of removal are required!

We have also received an influx of calls regarding gopher problems. Please be advised that strychnine is discontinued by the manufacturer, and the RM does not have access to any other gopher products at this time.



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. **NEW for 2022:** ALL residences, or any building with sleeping quarters, must apply for a permit & are subject to inspections. Ag buildings (shops, barns, etc.) remain exempt; please see the website or contact the office for further details.

Civic Addressing – we continue to work on the mapping portion of this project – watch the website for updates!



Noxious weeds – our weed control plan is underway for 2022; and we're happy to report that we've once again contracted Marksmen Vegetation to handle weed control for us this year. Scentless 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 in recent years.

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 led 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, as our municipality has been selected to be completely reassessed. Our last batch of data was from the 1980's, so we are long overdue! Ratepayers are reminded to be respectful while the assessors complete their data collection. Please contact SAMA for any assessment related questions.



293 Exemptions – 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

Maps: maps are available at the RM office, for \$10.00. Our map is also available on our website, or the iHunter app.

Bridges – some of our bridges and culverts have reached/are reaching their life expectancy! We are working diligently to replace these as required. We completed several last season, and more are on our agenda for this summer/fall – Old Highway 20 remains on our radar.



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.



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.



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.

You can reach the Reeve or your Councillor at:

REEVE	Jack Gibney	365-7348
DIV 1	Ryan Morningstar	365-7283
DIV 2	Darren Carlson	946-7739
DIV 3	Howard Toews	222-5271
DIV 4	Lance Gunther	365-7727
DIV 5	Fred Toman	365-7724
DIV 6	Don Shantz	365-8624

Other important numbers:

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



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.

Rustic Scrap Metal – we often receive questions about scrap metal pickup. A new company has approached the RM in this regard. They can be reached at 306-270-9922



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.rmusborne.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 at any time of the year, 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. **Be advised that it is solely the ratepayer's responsibility to confirm if a fire ban is on or not** – this can be done online at www.saskatchewan.ca , www.rmusborne.ca, or by contacting the office. **The RM accepts no liability or responsibility for ratepayers burning.**

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.