

# Organized Hamlet of Guernsey 2023

## Summer Newsletter

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

Chair: Kevin Powell

Board Members: Don Koch & Rachelle Brochu

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

Questions or concerns may be directed to any Board Member at any time. Note: if you have issues with your neighbours pets, property, etc., you are encouraged to discuss these directly with your neighbor to resolve the issue!

**Pets** – Thank you to all the responsible dog owners in the community. Pet complaints have reduced dramatically in the last year. **A reminder to all residents to please be mindful of your neighbors, businesses, and their property, and keep ALL pets contained/at home. In addition to this, if you walk your pet, please clean up after them.**



**Website** – visit us at [www.rmusbosborne.ca](http://www.rmusbosborne.ca) for policies, forms, information and updates – we are always posting new items!

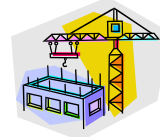
**Water bills** continue to be billed quarterly. The meter reading policy and dates can be found on the website. Reminder – **NO EXTENSIONS** will be granted if bills are not paid in full by the specified deadline. If water is disconnected due to non-payment, a reconnection fee of \$150.00 is added to the account. **Reminders are issued via by postal mail approximately 2 weeks prior to the cutoff date.**

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 physically shut off at the curb if a property is vacant. A \$45 infrastructure change is still charged on all disconnected properties.

**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 led by zeros – usually 6 digits total. We do not offer credit card or interact. We also accept e-transfers to [rm310@sasktel.net](mailto:rm310@sasktel.net)

**JEB** – we continue to hold rentals in the JEB Community Center. We have regular weekly rentals – cadets & pickleball. The building is also available for day and weekend rentals. Please visit our website for rates.

**Assessment** – the Hamlet was completely reassessed in 2022 by SAMA, these numbers are reflected on your 2023 tax notices. Our last batch of data was from the 1980's, so we were long overdue! Please contact SAMA for any assessment related questions.



### **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. Please see the website for further details.

**Roads** – the RM is currently exploring options to repair the potholes. Unfortunately, we continue to face issues with street vandalism, which is making the task of fixing the roads much more difficult! Please be respectful of the streets, and patient while Council & the Hamlet Board assess the roads and attempt to come up with a solution.

If streets are being vandalized by reckless driving, please contact the local RCMP detachment. This, unfortunately, is not an issue that the RM can assist with as it is beyond our scope.

**Welcome new residents** – A big welcome to all the new residents that have recently moved to Guernsey. This has been a record year of housing sales and we are happy to see the Hamlet thriving.

**SaskPower** – is your streetlight out, or damaged? These outages can be reported online! Visit [www.saskpower.streetlightoutages.com](http://www.saskpower.streetlightoutages.com) to report.

**Annual Meeting:** a reminder that there is an Annual Public Meeting held each fall; time and date details will be made available to residents prior to the meeting. These meetings provide valuable information of upcoming changes in the community and are a platform to provide feedback to the Hamlet Board. All residents are reminded that discussions and complaints need to be dealt with in a respectful manner.



**REACT** - Curbside pickup for tagged garbage is done early Monday mornings. REACT dumpsters are not permitted for household garbage disposal within the Hamlet except for at commercial businesses. Temporary permits for REACT bins are allowed for household renovations; forms are available at the office. REACT has been modifying their programs and is bringing automated curbside cart service to smaller communities. This item is scheduled for discussion at the annual meeting. For information regarding REACT programs please visit them online.

**REACT has implemented a price increase on garbage tags. Tags are now \$3.50 each, and we continue to stock these in the office.**

**Campground** – you may see an influx of campers in the Guernsey campground each summer season. We are happy to report that we rent spots out on a monthly basis, and that this continues to be an incredible source of revenue for the Hamlet!

**Pests** – RM Council, Administration and the Hamlet Board have received several reports of pests (skunks, crows, etc) in town. 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. There are also traps available from the RM for skunks – these traps, and the bait, must be returned to the RM after use. **Please contact the RM or Hamlet Board for use of the traps. If firearms are used by unauthorized persons in town, please call the RCMP.**

**Mailouts/Information Circulation** – Hamlet announcements, updates & information are often sent out via bulk mailout through the post office. This is for items such as boil water advisories, hydrant flushes, RCMP, notices (including yard cleanup & pet issues), etc. If you’ve checked “no flyers” for your box number at the post office, please note that you will **not** receive these mailouts.

**Thank You!** At this time, we would like to take the opportunity to thank our volunteers who help out around town. Your work & effort spraying weeds, reading meters, mowing the cemetery, etc., are vital to the success of our community.



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.

Additionally, this past winter saw an incredible amount of snow – unfortunately, this came with many complaints regarding the snow removal. A few things to be mindful of:

- Operators do their best to not leave ridges at the end of residents driveways – if ridges are left, it is not intentional and unfortunately the RM is unable to return to remove these.
- Back alleys are not cleared/maintained in the winter months, due to space restraints.
- Piles are often left on main street for a short period of time, as removal of these piles involves another piece of equipment.

Once again, please remember that the operators have a vast area to cover and be patient!

**Important Numbers:**

CP Emergency	1-800-716-9132
CN Emergency (Dangerous Rail Crossing)	1-800-465-9239
RCMP:	1-306-365-1370 or 9-1-1