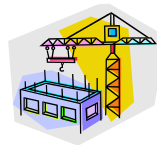


# Organized Hamlet of Guernsey 2024

## Summer Newsletter



### 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.

**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 – they are greatly 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 neighbors pets, property, etc., you are encouraged to discuss these directly with your neighbor to resolve the issue.



**Website** – visit us at [www.rmusborne.ca](http://www.rmusborne.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. The new curbside cart fees now appear on the water billings.

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 charge is still applied 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** – 2025 is a revaluation year, so SAMA will be in the area recording assessment maintenance; all ratepayers will be receiving an updated assessment in the spring of 2025. Please contact SAMA for any assessment related questions.

**Roads – Thank You** to all the volunteers that came out to assist with pot hole repairs. There was a great response to our request for help. The volunteer component helps to keep costs low in an effort to keep our community an affordable place to live.

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**– Welcome to all the new residents that have recently moved to Guernsey. We continue to see changes in the community and are happy to see the community 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; this year's date is Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. A reminder mailout will be sent closer to the date. These meetings provide valuable information of upcoming changes in the community and provide a platform for discussion on important community topics. All residents are encouraged to attend.



**REACT** – Guernsey has switched over to automated curbside pickup. REACT currently charges \$11 per bin which now appears as part of your water billing. REACT is increasing this fee to \$12.85 per bin for 2025; this increase will show on water billings starting in January of 2025.

**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. There is a live trap available from the RM for skunks – this trap must be returned to the RM after use. Please contact the RM or Hamlet Board for use of the traps.

**Mailouts/Information Circulation** – Hamlet announcements, updates & information are often sent out via bulk mailout through the post office. If you’ve checked “no flyers” for your box number at the post office, please note that you will **not** receive these mailouts. These mailouts are also posted on the post office bulletin board for those residents not receiving flyers. Please be respectful and do not vandalize these notices.

**Thank You!** At this time, we would like to take the opportunity to thank our volunteers who help out around town. Your time spent filling potholes, 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.

A few notes regarding the process:

- Major roadways and rural bus routes take top priority – these are completed first. The RM encompasses an extensive road network and as such it takes time to get everyone cleared out after a snowfall.
- Often a first pass is done with the grader as they travel by to PG 668 to “open” up the road in and out; the loader then returns as available to clear side streets.
- Operators do their best to not leave ridges at the end of resident’s 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.
- If vehicles are parked in the streets when clearing is done, the grader must go around them so please move vehicles prior to clearing if possible. This makes the process faster and easier and results in a better job

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	1-800-465-9239
RCMP:	1-306-365-1370
	or 9-1-1