

RM of Usborne No. 310 2025

Summer Newsletter

RM Of Usborne – 2025 has been a busy year and has brought about many changes in staffing and elected officials.

Administration Staff

Acting Administrator	Lanette Morrow
Assistant Administrator	Chelsey Schaan
Administrative Assistant	Rachelle Brochu

Public Works/Transportation Staff

Foreman	John Antypovich
Equipment Operators	Wayne Dick
	Gord Huculak
	Morgan Kirschman
	Terrell Friesen
	Mark Margett
Mower Operator	Herb Friesen

Road work – the municipality is continuing to budget for road mulching and dust control each spring. The RM has found this process to be successful in building a strong road base that can handle heavy traffic.

PG 668 is undergoing both crack sealing maintenance and paving upgrades in 2025.

Gravel Hauls – The municipality continues to see large volumes of gravel being hauled for numerous road and construction projects in the area.

Trucks hauling aggregate through the RM are utilizing truck identifier placards. Trucks and trailers have a colored letter (signifying the company) and a unit number. These identifiers are important information in ensuring trucks are following policies regarding routing, speed and tarping. If you have a concern regarding a hauler, you need to provide this placard number.

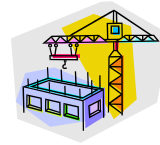
Reduced Speeds on ALL Hauls – due to the increased volume of truck traffic and road maintenance occurring daily; council requests that all vehicles over 10 tonne be operated at a maximum of 60 km/hr. The RM appreciates your co-operation in prioritizing safety on our road network.



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.

Gopher Control - Please be advised that the RM does not supply gopher products at this time. SARM has implemented a gopher control program which helps with costs incurred for gopher control. Details and forms are available on our website.



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.

Implemented as of 2022: ALL residences, or any building with sleeping quarters, must apply for a permit & are subject to inspections. Ag buildings must apply for permitting (shops, barns, etc.) but are exempted from building inspections; please see the website or contact the office for further details.



Noxious weeds – Marksmen

Vegetation has been contracted again for 2025 weed control. Eligibility for weed control costs covered under the SARM IPCP program are available on our website.

Tax and Bill 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 – 2025 is a revaluation year, so SAMA was in the area this spring recording assessment maintenance; these new numbers were reflected in the 2025 assessments sent in May.

Overall provincial and municipal trends were:

Commercial & Industrial: Municipal Trend 31% Provincial Trend 14%

Non-Arable Land: Municipal Trend 40% Provincial Trend 40%

Other Agricultural: Municipal Trend 41% Provincial Trend 40%

Pipeline & Railway: Municipal Trend 76% Provincial Trend 36%

Residential: Municipal Trend 6% Provincial Trend 23%

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. Our map is also available on our website, or the iHunter app. **New maps will be printed later in 2025 when the new assessment numbers are finalized.**

Civic Addressing – RM staff is currently working through the process of civic addressing for the municipality. It is a lengthy process; we hope to have this in place for 2026.

Bridges – some of our bridges and culverts have reached/are reaching their life expectancy! We are working diligently to replace these as required. The municipality will replace bridges with culverts wherever feasible.



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. These forms are to be submitted within 3 days of the storm. **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.



Graders will now be equipped with ‘slow to 30’ signs for meeting and passing graders. 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.



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 on REACT’s website.

Conservation & Development Authority Levies – the municipality currently has two C&D authorities operating within our boundaries. The Hunter Creek and Drake North have both received C&D designation and can assess levies to lands with befitting acres in the municipality. The municipality levies on their behalf, as legislated, then turns the funds over to the board to manage. Any concerns regarding these levies need to be discussed with the appropriate C&D Board.

2024 Municipal Elections – Municipal elections were held this fall for the offices of Reeve, Division 1, 3 & 5. Division 2 was also filled at this election. We welcome 3 new council members by acclamation: Steven Bartel, Murray Treble and James Hein. We would like to sincerely thank our outgoing council members, Ryan Morningstar who served from 2008-2024 and Fred Toman who served from 2010-2024, for their dedication and contributions to the RM of Usborne.



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.rmusbome.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

Fire Insurance – With the rising cost of fire services, council encourages ratepayers to review their personal insurance policies and be sure of adequate coverage in the event of a fire call out. This coverage is often overlooked in rural home insurance policies and ratepayers find they are underinsured.



Office Hours – Hours are:
9:00am – 5:00pm Mon-Thurs
9:00am - 4:00pm Friday.

You can reach the Reeve or your Councillor at:

REEVE	Jack Gibney	365-7348
DIV 1	Steven Bartel	360-7079
DIV 2	Murray Treble	946-8845
DIV 3	Howard Toews	222-5271
DIV 4	Lance Gunther	365-7727
DIV 5	James Hein	360-7000
DIV 6	Don Shantz	365-8624

Other important numbers:

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