

RM of Usborne No. 310 2026

Summer Newsletter

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Spring Flooding – The RM has officially been designated for funding under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP). This provincial support is a crucial step in helping us offset the heavy financial impact of restoring our lost and damaged infrastructure. We are currently working with an assigned engineer to establish a comprehensive estimate of the RM's overall losses.

While this detailed assessment is underway, our crews remain hard at work stabilizing and repairing these affected areas. It should be noted that repairs on some of the culvert washout sites will not be able to be completed until after freeze-up.

To date, the RM has already spent \$1,173,542.74 on necessary response, repairs, and upgrade costs. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue these repairs as quickly and efficiently as we safely can.

Affected ratepayers within the municipality may also qualify for funding. Information for individual claims can be found on our website at

rmusbome.ca/living-here/emergency

Road Work Update

Road Mulching: Due to the extensive damage caused by the spring melt and subsequent flooding, the municipality paused the road mulching program for 2026.

Dust Control: The RM continues to budget for dust control. The RM finds this process successful in building a strong road base that is better able to handle heavy traffic.

Primary Grid (PG) 668 – PG 668 underwent crack sealing maintenance earlier this year, and discussions

regarding upgrades are ongoing.



RM Operators – Residents, ratepayers and road users are reminded to **be respectful** of equipment operators while they clear and maintain roads and streets. The RM is responsible for a vast area, including Guernsey and Lockwood, and operators tend to all areas as quickly and safely as they can.



Graders are now equipped with 'Slow to 30' signs for meeting and passing traffic. Please **SLOW DOWN** when meeting or passing RM operators and equipment.

Travelling at excessive speeds is a serious safety hazard to everyone, and we have received many complaints regarding this issue.

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 (featuring a colored letter signifying the company, and a unit number). These identifiers are critical for ensuring trucks follow policies regarding routing, speed, and tarping. If you have a concern regarding a hauler, please provide this placard number to the RM office.

Due to the increased volume of truck traffic and daily road maintenance, Council requests that **all vehicles over 10 tonnes be operated at a maximum of 60 km/h**. The RM appreciates your cooperation in prioritizing safety on our road network.

Bridges & Culverts – Some of our bridges and culverts have reached or are reaching the end of their life expectancy. We are working diligently to replace these as required. The municipality will replace bridges with culverts wherever feasible.

Sustainable Canadian Agriculture Partnership Programs – Administered by SARM

Beaver Control Program: You **MUST** have a trapper's license number to be eligible for the beaver bounty. The RM cannot pay bounties without this number. Please note that specific land locations and dates of the removals are also required.

Gopher Control Program: Please be advised that the RM does not supply gopher control products. This program has been implemented to help offset costs incurred by ratepayers for gopher control. Details and forms are available on our website.



Noxious weeds: The RM is working with Nancy Johns of *Hope Floats Agronomy Services* for the 2026 weed control program.

Eligibility for weed control costs covered under the IPCP program are available on our website.

Tax and Bill Payments

Telpay: We are registered with Telpay, which allows ratepayers to pay taxes and invoices online through most major banks and Credit Unions. Your billing account number is your owner number (shown after your name in the upper right corner of your tax notice) led by zeros – usually 6 digits total.

E-Transfers: sent to rm310@sasktel.net

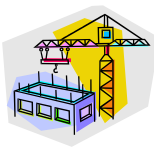
Please include your phone number when making online payments so we can call if we have any questions.

We do not offer credit card or Interac options.



Section 293 Exemptions – If you are eligible for an exemption on your residence due to your agricultural land, you **MUST** fill out the necessary form and return it to the RM office. The form is available on our website.

Conservation & Development Authority Levies – The municipality currently has two C&D authorities operating within our boundaries: Hunter Creek and Drake North. Both received official C&D designation and can assess levies on benefitting acres. The municipality collects levies on their behalf as legislated, then submits the funds to the respective boards. Any concerns regarding these levies must be discussed with the appropriate C&D Board.



Development & Building Permits – If you are planning a building, you must apply for both development and a building permit. Our building official will review the plans to ensure construction is up to code.

ALL residences, or any building containing sleeping quarters, require a permit and are subject to mandatory inspections. This applies to new buildings being built on site OR buildings being moved onto a site from elsewhere. It may also apply to planned renovations. Agricultural buildings (shops, barns, etc.) require a permit but are exempt from building inspections. The RM requires an agricultural exemption form to be completed regarding exemption eligibility. This form is available on our website.



REACT Waste & Recycling - you can take your garbage (for a fee) to the transfer sites at Lanigan, Watrous, or Drake. Alternatively, individual farmers or groups can rent/purchase a bin to be located on a farm yard and emptied on a regular basis. Recycling centers are set up and are free to use. Used oil and filters can be taken directly to the transfer sites at Watrous and Lanigan. Updated REACT information, including fees and hours can be found on REACT’s website.

2026 Municipal Elections – Municipal elections will be held this fall for the offices of Councillor for Divisions 2, 4 & 6.



Municipal Hail - Remember! For future planning, if you want to withdraw from the hail plan, the necessary forms must be submitted to SMHI by **March 31st**. You can notify the office to assist you with this, or contact SMHI directly.

If you have a **Hail Claim**, the form can be submitted directly to SMHI within 3 days of the storm. **Additional Municipal Hail Insurance** is available for purchase at the office until August 1st.



Website – Check out www.rmusborne.ca for local policies, forms, information, and updates!

Maps: maps are available at the RM office, on our website, or via the *iHunter* app. **Printed maps are available at the office for \$15.00.**

Civic Addressing – RM staff continues to work through the extensive process of establishing civic addressing for occupied business and farm sites throughout the municipality. We hope to have the majority of this in place by the end of 2026.



Controlled Burns – If you are planning on burning at any time of the year, you **must** register your burn beforehand by calling the **Controlled Burn Line at 1-866-404-4911**.

If you do not call in and register your burn and someone reports smoke or fire, you may be billed for the fire department dispatch. You will need to provide your land description, the reason for the fire, and call back once the burn is fully extinguished. **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 at any time for ratepayers burning.**

Fire Insurance – With the rising cost of emergency fire services, Council strongly encourages ratepayers to review their personal insurance policies to ensure they have adequate fire call-out coverage. This coverage is often overlooked in rural home insurance policies, potentially leaving landowners significantly underinsured. Fire call-out charges can easily run into thousands of dollars.

Other important numbers:

Controlled Burn	1-866-404-4911
CP Emergency	1-800-716-9132
CN Emergency	1-800-465-9239
(Dangerous Rail Crossing)	
Sask Highways Service Centre	1-844-754-4929
RCMP (Emergency):	9-1-1
RCMP (Dispatch)	306-310-RCMP