

Organized Hamlet of Guernsey 2026

Summer Newsletter

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

Chair: Kevin Powell

Board Members: Marlin Weber & Robert Brochu

The Hamlet Board deals with many of the day-to-day operations of the Hamlet – their efforts to keep things running smoothly are greatly appreciated.

Neighbourly Disputes - Residents are encouraged to discuss pet or property issues directly with their neighbours to resolve them.



Office Hours:

8:30am – 5:00pm Mon-Thurs
CLOSED Fridays

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Administration Staff

Administrator	Joni Mack
Assistant Administrator	Lanette Morrow
Administrative Assistant	Rachelle Brochu

Public Works Staff

Robert Smytaniuk
Doug Snider
Rachelle Brochu

Annual Meeting: A reminder that an Annual Public Meeting is held each fall; this year's date is Wednesday, November 25th. These meetings provide valuable information on upcoming changes in the community and offer a platform for discussion on important community topics. All residents are encouraged to attend.

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, pumping water, mowing the cemetery, etc., is vital to the success of our community.

Water bills – Water bills continue to be billed quarterly. Please be reminded that all meters must be accessible and read by authorized personnel to ensure consistency, accuracy, and fairness to all.

Water Billing Reminder Notices – These will no longer be mailed out. You are expected to pay the water bill when you get it, as it is for the services received three months prior to the billing date. With nearly half of residents not paying until after receiving a second reminder - and given the monstrous deficit the water and sewer systems operate at – sending reminders is both an unnecessary waste of office time and an avoidable financial burden on the Hamlet. Moral of the story – pay the bill by the deadline, or you may face service disconnection and the accompanying reconnection fee.

Water Billing Changes - If your property is rented out, please note the office **must** be notified, and a form accompanied by a \$200 meter deposit is required for all new tenants. Water can be physically shut off at the curb if a property is vacant. A \$45 quarterly infrastructure charge is still applied on all disconnected properties.

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.



REACT – Guernsey has switched over to automated curbside pickup. As of April 1, 2026 the cost per bin is \$13.25/month.

Updated REACT information, including fees and hours can be found on REACT's website.

SaskPower – Is your streetlight out or damaged? Outages can be reported online! Visit www.saskpower.streetlightoutages.com to file a report.

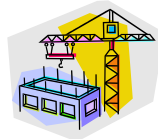
Welcome new residents– Welcome to all the new residents who have recently moved to Guernsey! We continue to see positive changes in the community and are happy to see the community thriving.

Campground – You will notice an influx of campers in the Guernsey campground this 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!



Website – Visit us at www.rmusbome.ca for policies, forms, information and updates – we are always posting new items.

JEB – We continue to hold rentals in the JEB Community Center. We have regular weekly rentals (Cadets & pickleball), and the building is also available for day and weekend rentals. Please visit our website for rates.



Development & Building Permits

– If you are planning a building, you must apply for both a 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.



Pets - A reminder to all residents to please be mindful of your neighbours, local businesses, and their property, and keep ALL pets contained at home. Additionally, if you walk your pet, please clean up after them.

Pests – There have been some reports of pests (skunks, crows, etc.) in town. Please refrain from feeding pets outside, as outdoor food attracts rodents and pests. A live trap is available from the RM for skunks – this trap must be returned to the RM after use. Please contact the office or Hamlet Board to request the trap.



Residents are reminded to **BE RESPECTFUL** of the RM staff and equipment operators as they are in town clearing snow or blading streets. The crew has the entire RM to cover, including Guernsey and Lockwood, and they get to all areas as quickly as possible. We are appreciative of the long hours they spend to keep everything cleared and maintained, as well as the great 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, so it takes time to get everyone out after a snowfall.
- Often, a first pass is done with the grader as operators 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 residents’ driveways. If ridges are left, it is not intentional, and unfortunately, the RM is unable to return to remove them.
- Back alleys are not cleared or maintained in the winter months due to space constraints.
- Snowpiles are often left on D’Lcart Street for a short period of time, as removal of these piles involves additional equipment.
- If vehicles are parked in the streets during clearing, the grader must go around them. Please move vehicles prior to clearing whenever possible - this makes the process faster, easier, and yields better results.

Once again, please remember that the operators have a vast area to cover, and we appreciate your patience!

Roads – If streets are being damaged by reckless driving, please contact the RCMP (306-310-RCMP). Unfortunately, this is not an issue the RM can assist with, as it is beyond our scope.

Important Numbers:

CP Emergency	1-800-716-9132
CN Emergency	1-800-465-9239
RCMP (Emergency):	9-1-1
RCMP (Dispatch)	306-310-RCMP