Rural Municipality of LeRoy No. 339 Spring 2015

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Administrator	Wendy Gowda
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Commissioner of Oath and Notary Public services are provided at no cost to ratepayers.

WEB Site Coming Soon - Please email your suggestions for website content along with any photos you wish to share.

Municipal Infrastructure Update

The RM is continuing to experience significant growth and is undertaking many activities and plans in anticipation of future growth and development. It is anticipated that construction of the roads to service the mine site, including paving, will be completed in the 2015 season.

Please feel free to contact the RM office with any questions or concerns you may have regarding road construction.

P.A. 911 Controlled Burn No. 1-866-404-4911

Report all controlled burns to 1-866-404-4911 before burning and upon completion. You will be required to provide your name, phone number, land location, what you are burning and for how long. If an unreported controlled burn is responded to by a fire department, the landowner may be charged for call out costs incurred by the fire department.

Property Taxes and Assessment

Tax Assessment Notices are sent out by mid-May of each year to properties that have had changes in assessment.

Exemptions are provided for primary farm residences in an amount equivalent to the agriculture land base owned or leased, as long as the residence is occupied by the land owner or lessee. If there are any changes to the vacancy or lease status of your property, or you have any questions, please contact the RM office.

SAMA View is a web site application that empowers the Agency to efficiently communicate property assessment information to the public. To access SAMA View, please visit the SAMA web site at www.sama.sk.ca and click on the SAMA View logo on the homepage. SAMA View provides access to individual property assessment information, as well as property assessment information within any SAMA client jurisdiction in both a pdf and map format.

Tax Arrears are taxes remaining unpaid on December 31st of each year. Tax arrears are charged a 1% penalty per month.

Black Gold Scrap Tire Program

The RM of Leroy is participating in a scrap tire program. This program is a once in a life-time opportunity for all area residents to dispose of used tires at no cost. The Scrap Tire Program will pay designated volunteer groups for all tires collected at the RM of LeRoy site. The Leroy and District Recreation Board is coordinating the participation and funding of volunteer groups. Participating groups include LeRoy Leisureland, Raise the Roof, LeRoy Heritage Museum, LeRoy Curling Rink, LeRoy Fire Department and LeRoy School Community Council.

Tires can be dropped off by appointment, or pick-up can be arranged from June 1-15. Please contact the RM office if you have scrap tires for disposal or for additional information.

Bylaw to Prohibit Obstructions Adjacent to Roads

In accordance with the bylaw, no person shall plant trees or shrubs or place stone, earth or gravel piles, portable structures, machinery, bins or other objects on private property within 60 meters (197 feet) from the center line of any road or within 90 meters (295 feet) from the intersection of two roads.

The objective of the bylaw is to avoid snow problems on the road and allow for clear sight triangles at intersections. As well, from a safety aspect, if a vehicle leaves the road and enters the ditch it would not then immediately hit objects if it goes out of the road allowance. The wording of "other objects" would include bales or grain bags being piled adjacent to the road allowance.

Emergency Measures

The RM of LeRoy Emergency Measures Plan will be implemented in the event of an emergency or disaster in the Rural Municipality. The plan is mandated to prevent or limit the loss of life, harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of residents, livestock, pets or damage to property. Municipal representatives are in place to carry out the Emergency Plan. Brenda Zimmer is appointed as the Emergency Coordinator for the RM of LeRoy. The RM Office has been designated as the Emergency Operations Centre and the LeRoy High School has been designated as an alternate site if required. Currently the resource list is being updated and expanded.

If you have any resources such as heavy equipment, portable generators, pumps and hoses, etc... that could be accessed for emergency use in different areas of the municipality, please let your Councillor know. Contact 911 to report an emergency or disaster. Be Safe – Be Prepared.

Pest Control Officer and Services

Debra Tokarski is appointed as the Pest Control Officer (PCO) for the municipality under the authority of *The Pest Control Act*. Deb provides site inspections and distributes product for baiting. Tamper proof bait boxes are distributed through the PCO. Please contact the RM Administration for all inquiries into pest control services.

Producers are reminded that grain bags are a potential source for rat infestation and are encouraged to follow the supplier's recommended method for disposal.

Building and Development Requirements

Land use is regulated within the municipality through the Mid Sask Municipal Alliance District Plan, the RM of LeRoy Official Community Plan and the RM of LeRoy Zoning Bylaw.

<u>Development permits</u> are required for all residential, commercial and agricultural development in the municipality.

<u>Building permits</u> are required for all non-farm buildings in the municipality.

The province of Saskatchewan ensures a minimum standard for construction of new buildings under *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act.* The standards of construction follow the National Building Code and provide assurance, to all users of the building that the building is safe. The municipality is responsible for the administration and enforcement of these standards. The RM has appointed building officials, licensed by the province, to ensure that buildings under construction or renovation comply with the National Building Code. Plan review and site inspections are provided through the stages of construction. The municipal building bylaw authorizes the municipality to charge the applicant a fee to cover these costs.

Please contact the RM Office prior to commencing any development, site work or building within the RM, and discuss your proposal with the Development Officer. Development proposals will be reviewed, to ensure compliance with the RM's land use policies. Regardless of whether a development or building permit is required, the development must comply with minimal set-back requirements.

The Zoning Bylaw and the Official Community Plan provide guidelines for subdivision in the municipality. *The Planning and Development Act, 2007* and *The Subdivision Regulations* govern the subdivision of land and servicing requirements for new subdivisions. The approving authority for subdivisions in rural Saskatchewan is the Director of Community Planning, Ministry of Government Relations. Recommendations from the RM, the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Health, Health Region, and the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency are considered during the subdivision application and review process.

Building and development application forms are available at the RM Office. Subdivision application forms and guides can be obtained at the RM Office, or they can be downloaded from www.municipal.gov.sk.ca/Programs-Services/Community-Planning/Subdivision.