

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LEROY NO. 339

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## July 2016 Newsletter

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### Keeping up with the Times

In keeping up with development of an area of rapid economic growth, and the demands on municipal operations, Council has strived to move forward by upgrading maintenance equipment and office technology. Since 2015, upgrades include purchases and trades of graders, gravel trucks and trencher for maintenance service. Updates in the office include replacing network cables and the addition of a large screen visual monitor for the board room.

With the completion of the major construction of access to the BHP mine site, municipal resources are being allocated to restoration of rural roads and bridges throughout the RM.

### Website



Visit [www.rmleroy.ca](http://www.rmleroy.ca) for up-to-date information relating to RM history, financial reports, bylaws, policies, emergency services and an RM Map.

Click on the ["What's New"](#) icon at the bottom of the homepage for new and time sensitive municipal information.

### Weed, Pest & Nuisance Control

Bryce Moore is appointed Weed Inspector for the municipality under the authority of *The Weed Control Act*. Please refer concerns about noxious weeds to the RM Office for inspection.

Debra Tokarski is appointed Pest Control Officer (PCO) for the municipality under the authority of *The Pest Control Act*. Due to the warm winter, increased sightings of rats have been observed throughout the municipality. Ratepayers are requested to be diligent in inspection and baiting. Please contact the RM office if Pest Control Services are required.

Wild boars have been seen within the municipality. Please report sightings to the RM Office, Reeve or Division Councillor.

Hay salvaging along municipal roads is permitted until July 15<sup>th</sup>; however bales must be removed by August 15<sup>th</sup>, or the RM will have the bales removed.

### Lieutenant Governor's Award

Congratulations to Reeve, Jerry McGrath, the recipient of the 2016 Lieutenant Governor's Award for Outstanding Service to Rural Saskatchewan.

For 34 years, Jerry has served the RM of LeRoy No. 339 - 12 years as Division 2 Councillor and 22 years as Reeve.



### Property Tax and Assessment

Property taxes are due on or before Dec 31, 2016. Arrears remaining unpaid after this will be charged 1% penalty per month. Discounts for early payment are applicable to municipal, hail, and C&D levies – 5% to Sept. 30, 4% to Oct. 31, and 2% if paid by Nov. 30. Payments must be received at the RM office by discount date to be eligible. When remitting your taxes, please identify your customer number(s) on your cheque. This is the unique number in the top right hand corner of the tax notice, following your name.

### Payment Options

Property tax payments can be made electronically. For details please contact your financial institution. If paying electronically, contact the RM office for your tax account identification number.

### Municipal Election

This fall nominations will be open for Reeve and Councillors in Divisions 1, 3 and 5. If required, elections will be held on Wednesday October 26, 2016.

Nomination deadline is Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm. The term of office for newly elected officials will be 4 years.



Contact the RM Office for nomination forms and additional information.

## 2017 Assessment Revaluation

Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency (SAMA) conducts revaluations based on four-year cycles. 2013 was the year of the last revaluation. For 2017, again based on provincial averages, residential properties are set to increase approximately 15%, and commercial properties approximately 30%. It is important to note that specific local increases in property values between 2013 and 2017 may vary from this figure depending on the overall trend in market values between 2011 and 2015. Based on provincial averages, preliminary numbers indicate that arable and non-arable agricultural properties will, on average, be increasing approximately 2.1 to 2.2 times over their assessed values from the 2013 Revaluation. This reflects the change in agricultural land selling prices between January 1, 2011 (the base date for the 2013 revaluation) and January 1, 2015 (the base date for the 2017 revaluation). The Saskatchewan Government establishes percentage of values for each property class assessed values, and the municipality establishes municipal mill rates to generate revenue for the municipality.

Assessment X Percentage of Value = Taxable Assessment  
(SAMA) (Province of Saskatchewan)

Taxable Assessment x Mill Rate = Taxes

Assessment Notices will be sent to all property owners in 2017. Be sure to provide a listing of land rented in the RM of LeRoy, or farmed in an adjoining RM, to the RM office, to ensure you receive the eligible exemption.

## Congratulations Engfeld

The RM of LeRoy No. 339, in conjunction with Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance (SMHI) entered a float in the Engfeld parade on July 2, 2016.

Riding on the float were RM of LeRoy Councillors and former Councillors, Reeve, employees and SMHI CEO, Rodney Schoettler.



The weekend activities were in celebration of the Village of Engfeld's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Hog Fest 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

## Fire Fighting Coverage

It is the responsibility of the RM to provide Fire Protection Services, however; the property owner is responsible for all fire-fighting costs. Take the time to review your insurance policy to determine whether your coverage is adequate. Firefighting costs can be very costly.

### Controlled Burns

Report all controlled burns to 1-866-404-4911 before burning.

## Regional Landfill Development

Following two months of consultations with the public, government officials and regulatory agencies, the Council of the RM of LeRoy No. 339 unanimously approved, with development conditions, REACT's proposal for the development of a Regional Landfill on SW 31-35-21 W2 in the RM of LeRoy No. 339.

The municipal Council gave serious consideration to the public concerns, and has taken measures to mitigate those effects through development conditions. REACT has responded to the public and the municipal Council concerns with proposals for the implementation of best practice options for the landfill development and operation.

The conditions of development are in respect to best practice standards, monitoring run-off and on-site pond storage, monitoring traffic related to the landfill development, litter control measures including operating practices and engineering controls such as buffers, fencing and provision for an enclosed transfer building for small load tipping.

The feedback and research by community members, the municipal Councillors and Administration, and REACT throughout this very public process has contributed to the Municipal Council decision and efforts to ensure the landfill is constructed and operated to the highest standards possible.

Construction on the landfill is anticipated to begin later in 2016, but waste will not be accepted until the impact of the site development is assessed during and after spring run-off.

## Illegal Dumping

It is not unusual to see discarded machinery, vehicles or dilapidated buildings in a rural setting; but residents should note that it is against the law for a farm or acreage to accept third-party garbage and waste. Furthermore, landowners can be fined under the province's environmental laws, or may be ordered to undertake costly cleanup. The same rules apply to those who dump garbage on the side of a road or clearing. Report unlawful dumping to the TIP line at 1-800-667-7561 or #5555 from your SaskTel cellular.

Recycling offers another alternative for getting rid of waste. There are programs operating in Saskatchewan that collect and recycle products including tires, batteries and electronics, compact florescent bulbs, oil and paint, and construction and demolition materials. Visit the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council's website [www.saskwastereduction.ca](http://www.saskwastereduction.ca) for recycling resources available in the community.

For more information contact: Ministry's Client Service Office.



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