

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LEROY NO. 339

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## July 2018 Newsletter

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### Property Tax Information

The Minister's Order to disestablish the Englefeld Protestant Separate School Division No. 132 took effect June 29, 2018. School tax previously designated to the separate school will now be remitted to Horizon School Division No. 205.

Quill Lake Watershed has advised there will be no levy for 2018. For further information, please refer to their website: [www.quilllakeswatershed.com](http://www.quilllakeswatershed.com).

Property taxes are due on or before Dec 31, 2018. Arrears remaining unpaid after this will be charged 1% penalty per month. When remitting your taxes, please ensure you are paying the appropriate discounted amount (if applicable) and quote your customer number/numbers on your cheques. This number can be found on 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.

### Staffing

Appreciation is extended to Don Renz for 42 years of dedicated service to the RM of LeRoy. Don's work ethic, knowledge and experience will be missed by the employees and Council alike.



Best wishes are extended to Don on his well-earned retirement!

Congratulations Don!

Welcome to new staff members Calvin Muller and Dale Schroeder, equipment operators, Allan Schleper, seasonal mower operator and summer student Drayton Kiefer.

### Nomination Period, Election and Terms of Office

The nomination period for the Councillors for Division 2, 4 and 6 will close at 4:00 PM on September 19, 2018. The term of office will be four years. If an election is required, it will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. An advance poll will be held. In the event of an election, voters will be required to provide proof of identity such as a driver's license prior to receiving a ballot. Please contact the RM Office for additional information pertaining to nominations and the election process, including voting.

### What's New

Road construction projects underway include replacement of an existing bridge with large culverts and upgrading 3 miles of the ADM road. There are several reconstruction and clay capping projects also in progress.

Construction of a two bay addition to the RM Shop commenced in June with an anticipated fall completion. A tarp shed was added last fall to house road salt and the 2018 Western Star plow/sander truck.

Equipment additions include a 2018 CAT 140M AWD grader, 2018 GMC half ton and a culvert steamer.

An electrical transfer switch has been installed at the Administration Office to facilitate back-up power in the event of an emergency. This will contribute to the full capacity of an Emergency Command Centre from the Administration Building.

### Insurance Coverage

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

#### Controlled Burns

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

#### Overland Flooding

With the rollout of residential flood insurance coverage in Saskatchewan, this may affect your eligibility for financial assistance under the Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP). Talk with your insurance company about adequate coverage.

## Civic Address Registry

The RM program for civic address identification of residential properties is nearing completion. It is anticipated that the signs identifying rural residential properties within the municipality will be installed this fall.

The civic address assigned to your yard-site is based on the range road and township road network. The civic address is unique to your property access, and eventually will be "live" on a provincial data base and used to assist 911 dispatch operators to direct emergency responders to your property.

For more information, refer to the pamphlet enclosed with the 2018 tax notice mailout.

## Hay Salvaging and Snow Plowing

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.

Ratepayers are reminded to avoid pushing snow across municipal roadways. Moved snow piles can be hazardous for motor vehicle traffic as well as RM employees plowing roads.

## Weed, Pest & Nuisance Control

Debra Tokarski is appointed Pest Control Officer (PCO) for the municipality under the authority of *The Pest Control Act*. 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.

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.

Club root infestation continues to be a concern in Saskatchewan, please refer to the publication enclosed with this mailing.

## Grain Bag Disposal

At times grain bags have been left unattended, resulting in shredded or ripped portions of the grain bags blowing and contributing to a nuisance and untidy appearance for adjacent landowners and the travelling public, besides being a host for pest infestations. Producers are reminded to voluntarily clean up discarded grain bags. For additional information respecting grain bag recycling, please refer to the Clean Farms website link: <http://cleanfarms.ca/programs/grain-bag-recycling-sk/collection-sites/>. Environmental Protection Orders may be issued, with potential charges and prosecution for non-compliance.

## SaskAlert



If a **Local Emergency** is affecting the RM of LeRoy or the Town of LeRoy that requires Public Alerting call **306-286-1200**. For all other emergencies call **911**.

This number will be available on the RM and Town of LeRoy websites. An information card is also enclosed with tax notices.

The RM and Town of LeRoy have trained users to broadcast local emergency public alerts. If you would be interested in joining the team please contact the RM office for additional information.

The SaskAlert **mobile app** will alert users through their smartphones of everything from tornadoes and blizzards, to boil water advisories and evacuation orders. Visit the RM webpage for a link to SaskAlert Mobile App Instructions.

## REACT (RM of LeRoy Site) Landfill Update

The REACT landfill recently developed in the RM of LeRoy is anticipated to be open for refuse before fall. Patrons are reminded that any loads being hauled to the landfill must be secured. Surcharges will be imposed at the entrance for unsecured loads; fines can be issued with potential charges and prosecution for littering.

REACT has implemented fee changes effective May 1, 2018 for all facilities. Please contact REACT for additional information respecting hours of operation, items accepted and charges for specific items.

REACT - Regional Authority of Carlton Trail Office: (306) 682 - 1955 Email: [react@sasktel.net](mailto:react@sasktel.net); Website: [www.reactsask.ca](http://www.reactsask.ca).

## WSA – Agricultural Water Management Strategy

Since 2015, the Water Security Agency has been implementing the Agricultural Water Management Strategy. New regulations, legislation and policies have been implemented to support responsible drainage. Responsible drainage allows landowners to manage water while addressing the impacts on neighbors and the environment.

All drainage needs an approval. For additional information contact your nearest Regional Office of WSA or the general inquiries number at 306-694-3900 or the website link: <https://www.wsask.ca/About-WSA>.