

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LEROY NO. 339

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## July 2020 Newsletter

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### 2020 RM Elections

All members of Council are elected to office for a term of four years. Reeves are elected at large by all voters, and Councillors are elected only by voters qualifying to vote in their division. Property tax notices contain information about individual voting division. Please contact the RM office if you have questions respecting a nomination for Council and/or election procedures.

Municipal elections are held every two years. New this year is that election dates will be the second Wednesday in November. However, should the second Wednesday fall on Remembrance Day, elections will be held on the Monday prior.

The municipal election will be held on Monday, November 9, 2020 for the offices of Reeve and Councillors for Divisions 1, 3 and 5. Deadline for nominations is 4:00 pm, Wednesday, October 7, 2020.

### COVID 19 Pandemic

COVID 19 has affected the world! And it has affected the way everyone does business. The RM office and shop were closed to the public on March 20, 2020. The office staff alternated employees in the office and the shop employees staggered start and end times. With the office re-opening on May 19, precautions were put in place ensuring the safety of employees and ratepayers entering the office. Thank you to BHP for the generous contribution of cleaning and pandemic supplies.

### Secure All Loads in the RM of LeRoy

The RM of LeRoy No. 339 implemented a tarping bylaw that all loads require tarps to prevent the spread of noxious weeds. Dumping on roads is prohibited. A fine of up to \$5,000.00 will be implemented to any individual charged and convicted of dumping grain on municipal roads or rights-of-way. The bylaw includes provision for volunteer payments in lieu of charges.

Additionally, a littering fine and surcharges can be imposed on untarped loads hauling to the REACT site. At all times, loads must be tarped!

### What's New

Road construction projects for 2020 include 1 ½ miles on Rge Rd 2210 between Twp 360 and 362, and reconstruction of 5 miles of TWP Rd 352 between Rge Rd 2205 and 2214.

Applications have been submitted to the Province of Saskatchewan's Stimulus Funding for replacement of bridges along the LeRoy Access to Highway 6, and a submission is underway for 5 miles of clay capping the Clearing the Path Corridor from LeRoy Leisureland Park south.

Equipment additions include a 2009 Tri-Axle Lowbed Trailer, 2020 Caterpillar 150 AWD Grader, and a 2020 XH1500 Mower.

Office updates in 2020 were the upgrading and replacement of all computers and software.



*Operator Jacob Jensen & the 2020 Grader in LeRoy's Canada Day Parade*

### Property Tax Information

Property taxes are due on or before Dec 31, 2020. 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.

Please ensure the municipality has your correct mailing address, along with email address and cell phone number. All information is confidential and is used only to correspond with property owners.

### 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.

## What to Expect – Living in the Country?

The RM of LeRoy is an agricultural area with most of the land used for growing crops and feeding livestock. Country life is very different from city life. What to expect if you are thinking of purchasing rural land or living in the municipality:

- Farmers often work around the clock, their work can be noisy and may disturb your peace and quiet
- Dust – farming operations and traveling over gravel roads will cause dust, especially during dry and windy conditions
- Noxious weeds – land owners are responsible for the control of noxious weeds on their property
- Some municipal roads are not maintained year round
- In extreme weather roads may become impassable
- Gravel roads – the speed limit is 80 km/hr (unless otherwise posted) – are dusty – are not always smooth – are often slippery when wet – can be muddy during the spring thaw – may contain potholes and washboard areas
- Garbage pick-up – is not available – the REACT Transfer Station is available to ratepayers – tipping fees apply.

## Weed, Pest & Nuisance Control

Appreciation is extended to Debra Tokarski for her years of service as the Pest Control Officer for the municipality. Enjoy your retirement! Tenie Longmuir has been appointed under the authority of The Pest Control Act, and will be making annual inspections in due course. 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.

## STARS®

The RM of LeRoy has been a proud supporter of STARS® since 2012, donating over \$25,000. STARS® is a charitable, non-profit organization that relies on donations for operations. STARS® offers time, hope and life-saving transportation to critically ill and injured patients. In the 2019 fiscal year, STARS® flew over 880 missions from their bases in Regina and Saskatoon. For more information, check out their website [www.stars.ca](http://www.stars.ca).

## Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers

The RM of LeRoy is a contributing member of Saskatchewan Crime Stoppers. Crime Stoppers is a successful example of community-based policing. The police, media and local residents can work together to report and resolve crimes while ensuring anonymity and offering cash rewards.

Submit a tip by visiting [www.tipsubmit.com](http://www.tipsubmit.com) or call 1-800-222-TIPS (8477)

## Driving Safety on RM Roadways

Every year accidents occur on Saskatchewan roadways involving equipment and vehicles that results in serious injury or fatalities. Many of these incidents are the result of individuals being struck or crushed by equipment. Recognizing these statistics, the RM would like to communicate how important it is for every driver on our roadways to adhere to safe operation of motor vehicles, especially around graders as these vehicles are on the roadways every day.

The RM has a large network of roads that can present challenges, including sight distances that may be shorter than normal, reduced or no shoulders, sharp curves, and many T- intersections, all alongside graders working on these roadways. Maximum speed limits are to be adhered to at all times and should be regarded as maximums under ideal conditions.

### UNDERSTANDING COLLISIONS

Two thirds of total collisions are related to a driver condition or improper action such as following too closely to equipment, failing to yield to heavy machinery, driving too fast for road conditions and changing lanes or passing improperly.

### STATS

Approximately 90% of all collisions in rural Saskatchewan are single vehicle collisions.

Wearing a seatbelt can reduce your chances of being killed in or seriously injured in a collision by as much as 50%

### SAFE DRIVING TECHNIQUES AND TIPS AROUND GRADERS

Allow enough space between your vehicle and all municipal equipment such as graders, tractors, heavy trucks and sanding units to avoid incident.

Windrows created by graders may contain loose stones and rocks. Please try to avoid driving over or on top of windrowed material, as this may result in personal or vehicular damage.

Reduced visibility may occur in proximity to equipment, along with ice, small stones, road dust and sand being thrown from equipment.

When travelling near or behind a grader please reduce speed to 60 km/hour or lower, yield to machinery, stay back at least 15 meters and use patience. A little extra care and time can save lives and damage to your personal property.

Let's all do our part to make our municipal roads safer! Remember to "Share the Road" and "Think and Drive"

## 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.