

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF LEROY NO. 339

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Staffing

The RM would like to extend a warm welcome to Lesley Zentner. Lesley joined the Administration Staff in April.

What's New

The RM of Leroy No. 339 in partnership with the Ministry of Highways is proud to report the completion of the resurfacing project of road 761 from the Town of LeRoy to LeRoy Leisureland Park. The RM's contribution of ~\$1,118,000.00 was part of a road exchange agreement with the Ministry.

The clay capping on Rge Rd 2210/2205 between Twp 340 and 352, known as Park Road South, has been finished.

The completion of these projects will provide better travelling to and from LeRoy Leisureland Park for all your recreational activities this summer!

Equipment upgrades include a 2021 FAE Asphalt Shredder (Mulcher), and on order is a L-1151 Fendt tractor with scraper tracks, 2022 GMC Sierra ½ ton truck, 2023 Western Star semi and a 2022 CAT 150 grader.

Road construction projects for 2022, weather and time permitting, include constructing 2 miles of Rge Rd 2192 between Twp Rd 354 and 360.

A new Building Bylaw, Zoning Bylaw and Official Community Plan were all adopted by Council. The details of these Bylaws can be found on <https://rmleroy.ca/Bylaws.php>. The Construction Codes Act came into effect January 1st, 2022. All dwellings now require building permits be obtained prior to commencing with new construction or structural changes.

LeRoy Town Centennial

The Town of LeRoy will celebrate their Centennial July 29-31. Hats off to the organizers and participants. This is going to be a celebration to remember! If you have a chance, participate, as it is the people that make LeRoy a special community!

Congratulations Town of LeRoy on 100 Years!

Property Tax Information

Property taxes are due on or before Dec 31st. 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.

Property tax payments can be paid by cheque, cash or electronically. For electronic details please contact your financial institution and contact the RM office for your tax account identification number.

Hay Salvaging - Baling



Conditions for the salvage of hay from a road in the municipality: The adjacent landowner or lessee has first option to salvage hay along municipal roads. Other persons must contact the

adjacent landowner or lessee to salvage the hay on or before July 15th each year. After July 15th, any person may cut and salvage hay without the permission of the adjacent landowner or lessee, provided the adjacent landowner or lessee has not begun salvage operations. The right of way must be left neat and bales must be at least 8 meters from the edge of the shoulder of the roadway. All bales must be removed from the right of way within one month of the baling of the hay.

Weed, Pest & Nuisance Control

Tenie Longmuir is appointed Pest Control Officer for the municipality 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.

Grain Bag & Container Disposal

At times grain bags and chemical containers have been left unattended, resulting in a nuisance and untidy appearance for adjacent landowners and the travelling public. Producers are reminded to voluntarily clean up discarded grain bags, chemical and fertilizer jugs, totes and drums.

For additional information, please refer to the Clean Farms website. <https://cleanfarms.ca/materials-at-a-glance/>.

Driving Safety on RM Roadways



Every year accidents occur on Saskatchewan roadways involving equipment and vehicles that result 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 close 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 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 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.

Insurance Coverage - Fire

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. Check with your insurance company to ensure you have adequate coverage.

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.

New Interactive Fire Ban Map

There is a new interactive fire ban map available to the public which is more intuitive and visually appealing. It displays fire bans, restrictions and advisories from all authorities and provides improved quality and accuracy of fire ban information for the public. Users can zoom in and out freely, search for a specific location and access contact information.

Try out the new map by visiting <https://saskpublicsafety.ca/> and clicking on Fire Ban Map.

Carbon Monoxide & Smoke Alarms

On January 1, 2022, the *Construction Codes Act* and *Building Code Regulations* came into effect in Saskatchewan. The Building Code Regulations has the following requirements that came into effect on **July 1, 2022:**

1. Every building that contains a residential occupancy is required to have smoke alarms installed inside **each bedroom**, in the **bedroom corridor**, and **each storey without a bedroom**. These smoke alarms are permitted to be battery operated. If the building was constructed before June 6, 1988, then the batteries used for the smoke alarms must be 10-year batteries.

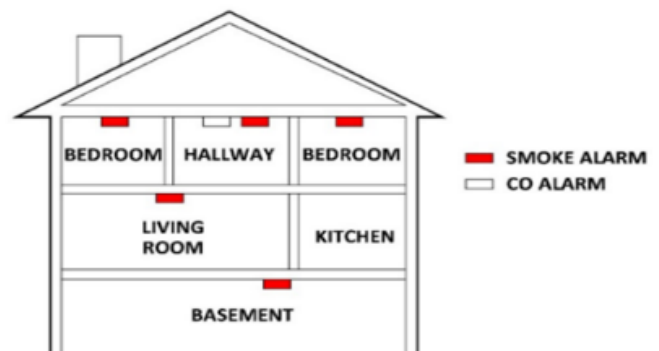
2. Every building that contains a residential occupancy is required to have a carbon monoxide alarm installed inside **each bedroom OR** within 5 m (16') of **each bedroom door**. These carbon monoxide alarms are permitted to be battery operated. **If** the building was constructed before October 1, 2009, then the batteries used for the carbon monoxide alarms must be 10-year batteries.

What does this mean for owners?

If your residence is missing smoke and/or carbon monoxide alarms in the locations listed above, then as the owner it is your responsibility to install the missing alarms.

The municipality and building officials, are not required to enter every property to ensure that these alarms are installed. However, when a building official does enter the building for other reasons (building permit related), then due diligence by verifying the installation will be completed.

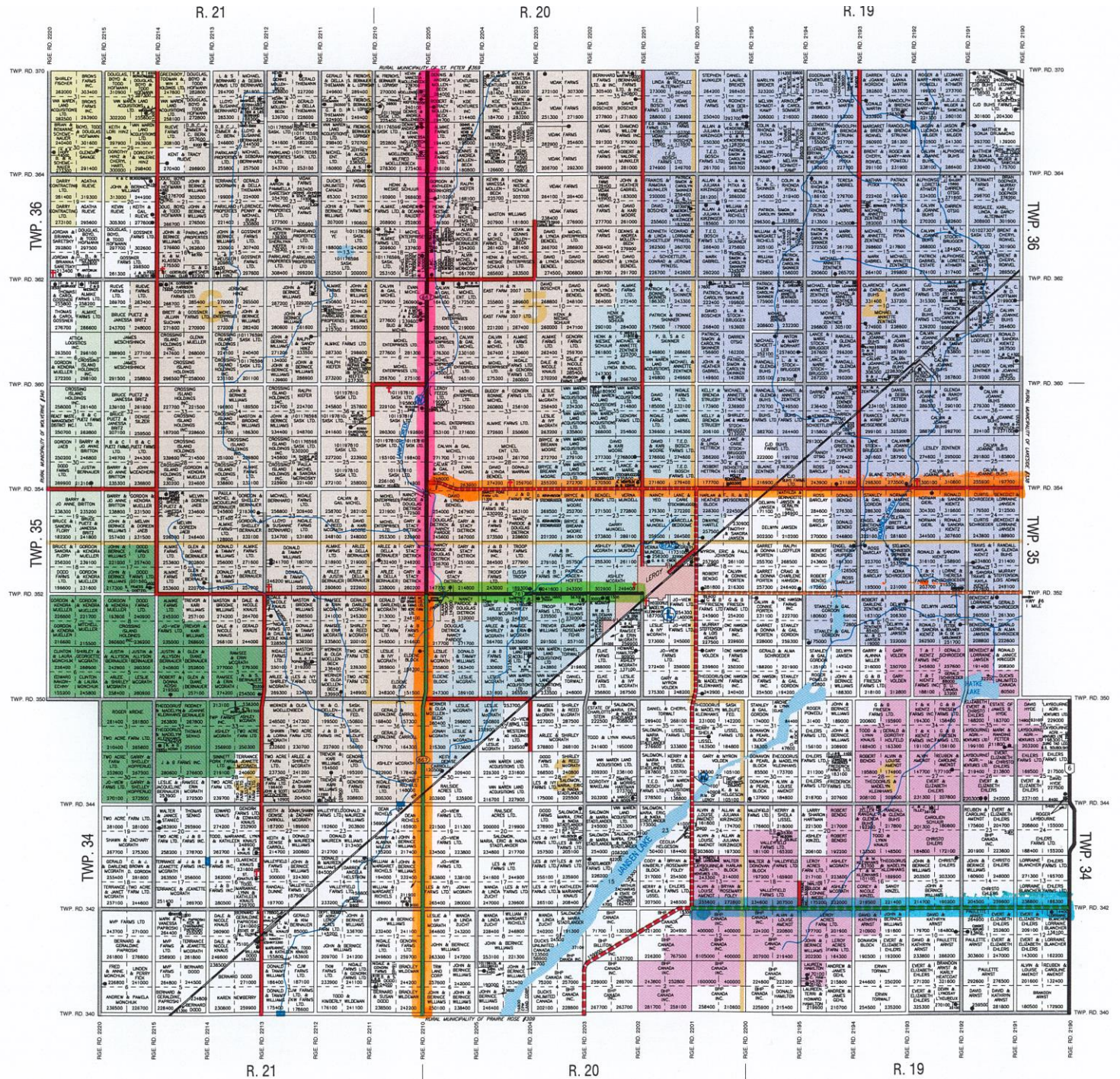
An example house, that meets the new requirements for CO alarms and smoke alarms, is shown below.



Road Weights

The RM would like to bring attention to the primary weight road corridors in the RM:

- Township Road 342, Highway 6 to BHP Mine site entrance - primary weight all year.
- Clearing the path corridor - Township Road 354, Highway 6 to Range Road 2205 (Road 667) - primary weight except when road bans are in effect.
- Clearing the path corridor - Range Road 2210/2205, RM South Boundary to Township Road 352 (LeRoy Leisureland corner) - primary weight except when road bans are in effect.
- Township Road 352, Town of LeRoy to LeRoy Leisureland (761) - primary weight for 9 months; secondary weight from March 15 - June 15 (Ministry of Highways jurisdiction).
- Range Road 2206 (667), LeRoy Leisureland to Highway 5 - primary weight (Ministry of Highways jurisdiction).





Is Your Contact Information Up-to-Date?

To ensure the RM of LeRoy's records are current, we ask that you take the time to complete and return this form.

Your personal information is kept on file for municipal purposes.

Name (First, Middle, Last):	
Home Address:	
Home Phone Number:	
Cell Phone Number:	
Alternate Phone Number:	
E-mail Address:	

From time to time, utility companies or their contractors need to speak with a landowner and request contact information from the RM. The RM cannot share your contact information without your permission.

May we share your contact information with utility companies when inquiries are made? (please circle one)

Yes No

If yes, please indicate which phone number you would prefer we share:

Home Cell Alternate

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