

Township of Perth South



August 2020 Newsletter

Stratford-Perth South Boundary Adjustment Approved By Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has implemented a boundary adjustment that will open the door for the creation of much-needed industrial land for development in the City of Stratford. Read more on page 8.

Community Safety & Wellbeing Plan

Perth South residents - we need to hear from you!

Stratford, St. Marys, North Perth, West Perth, Perth East and Perth South are looking to their residents for input as they collaboratively develop a Community Safety and Wellbeing (CSWB) Plan. All municipalities in Ontario are required, under the Province's Safer Ontario Act, 2018, to develop a CSWB Plan by 2021. Find more on page 9.

COVID- 19 Survey and Emergency Funding

Find out more about a local survey being done by the University of Guelph and learn more about emergency funding that was received from the Federal and Provincial government on page 3 and 4.

Property Tax Due Dates

September 30th 2020

November 30th 2020

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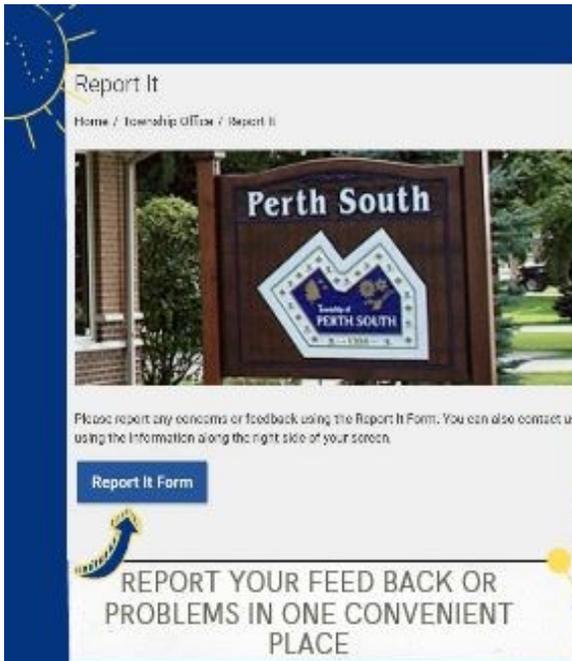


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To view the Council's meeting schedule visit the Perth South website at perthsouth.ca/councilcalendar



REPORT IT

You can report feedback and problems online
24 hours a day 7 days a week at your
convenience.

Visit www.perthsouth.ca to fill out the Report It form. Reports are sent directly to staff and, if desired, a response from staff can be requested.

Rural Response to COVID-19



The University of Guelph is conducting a study that is exploring the on-going impacts of COVID-19 on residents from small and rural communities across Huron and Perth Counties. The study is led by Leith Deacon, Assistant Professor, School of Environmental Design and Rural Development at the University of Guelph.

The purpose of this study is to explore the experiences of residents from across Perth and Huron Counties related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. This project has four objectives:

- 1) Identify vulnerable populations in Huron and Perth Counties affected by COVID-19;
- 2) Determine priority programs to support vulnerable populations during and post -COVID-19 (e.g. mental health, income and food security, education);
- 3) Explore opportunities for the non-profit/charitable sector during and post-COVID-19;
- 4) To identify emergent mental health and economic concerns generated by COVID-19.

The survey can be found at: https://linktr.ee/RURAL_RESPONSE

If you have any questions about this study or your participation in this study, please contact Leith Deacon at 519-824-4120 Ext. 52521 or by email at Leith.deacon@uoguelph.ca



2021 Budget Input

Preparations will soon be begin on the 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets. Your input into the budget process is important. Register at www.getinvolvedperthsouth.ca to participate on-line in the budget process including the annual budget survey.

We want to hear from you!

COVID- 19 Emergency Funding

Perth South Receives Emergency Funding for COVID-19 Expenses

Perth South will receive additional funding from the federal and provincial governments.

This funding is part of the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement which is intended to provide support to municipalities to help them address financial pressures related to COVID-19 and maintain critical services.

The Perth County municipalities, including its lower-tier municipalities, the Town of St. Marys and the City of Stratford

will share roughly \$4.6 million in funding.

The first phase of funding will be released to municipalities in September 2020. The Township of Perth South will receive a payment of \$96,400 to support COVID-19 operating costs and pressures as part of Phase 1 of the program. A portion of this money will be used to cover the Township's COVID-19 costs not funded in the 2020 Operating Budget. The remaining funds will be placed into reserve savings

and accessed to support COVID-19 operating costs and pressures that the Township may continue to incur in 2021.

“We are very grateful for this funding which helps with the unplanned costs of COVID-19 in Perth South”, said Perth South Mayor Bob Wilhelm. “The ability to offset these COVID-19 costs, including losses from facility closures and program cancellations, is certainly going to be very beneficial to Perth South’s budget”.

Surplus Farm Dwelling Severances

Thinking about severing a surplus farm house?



The policy allowing surplus farm dwelling severances has been in place for 4 years throughout Perth County. Perth South has had many approved surplus farm dwelling severances since the beginning of 2017 and more applications continue to come forward.

Applicants are encouraged to have a pre-consultation meeting with the Planner before applying. During this meeting, the Planner will review site specific information and provide advice on whether the proposal meets the criteria of the County of Perth Official Plan to sever a surplus farm dwelling.

Contact Perth South Chief Building Official Martin Feeney at 519-271-0619 Ext. 225 or by email mfeeney@perthsouth.ca

A second phase of emergency funding will be released on an application basis to municipalities who are experiencing greater financial impacts arising from COVID-19 than other municipalities. When total COVID-19 costs can be assessed, the Township will determine whether it is necessary to apply for additional funding.

Perth South will also benefit from an additional payment of \$23,329 in transit funding that will flow through the Town of St. Marys to the St. Marys and Area Mobility Service, which provides specialized transit services in the community. This funding will provide financial relief from COVID-19 related costs.

Mask Donation



On July 6, 2020, a large number of non-medical masks as well as isolation suits were presented to the Township of Perth South by Chen ChunJu and Li Wenli on behalf of herself and husband Li ChangSen.

The couple retired to Stratford almost five years ago, and soon afterward Ms. Chen became gravely ill and her life was saved by doctors at Stratford General Hospital. The donation is a thank-you to the people of

Perth County. The couple will continue to donate as the COVID-19 pandemic continues. Mayor Bob Wilhelm stated “Perth South is very appreciative of this generous donation of PPE. The safety of our employees and community is our top priority and this PPE will help ensure our frontline workers are well protected”.

The donated masks and isolation suits will be distributed to the Township’s frontline service providers, including the Township’s three fire departments.

Kirkton Woodham Community Centre



The Kirkton Woodham Community Centre is currently looking for Board Members. If you are interested in learning more please contact: Board Member Dave Frayne 519-235-1409 or by email frayne@hay.net

Kirkton Fair Cancellation

The Kirkton Agricultural Society Board of Directors was disappointed when they had to announce the cancellation of the 2020 Kirkton Fall Fair. While this decision was not taken lightly, the safety of the members, community, and volunteers was the first priority.

The fair has been in existence for over 150 years! We could not have gotten this far without resilience, a strong community, and volunteers dedicated to our passion—our Agricultural Fair.

We would like to thank everyone for their continued support and understanding. We look forward to seeing you all again for an extra special Kirkton Fall Fair celebration in 2021.

Museum Outkeepers' Fundraiser Dinner

Take out event September 16, 2020 at Stratford Perth Museum



The Stratford Perth Museum was planning to host their 18th annual Innkeeper's Dinner in support of the Stratford Perth Museum, but like so many other social gatherings, COVID-19 threw a wrench into those plans.

So in lieu of the 18th edition of Innkeepers they are presenting the first ever Outkeepers in conjunction with and also in support of six local restaurants. Instead of us all settling in at the Arden Park Hotel for a nice prime rib dinner this is a take-out

event. Those "attending" get to pick a take-out dinner from one of six participating restaurants; Bentley's Bar & Inn, Braai House, Fellini's Restaurant, Freeland's Diner Inc, Mercer Kitchen/Beer Hall/Hotel and Pazzo Taverna & Pizzeria. Order your take-out dinner on their website www.stratfordperthmuseum.ca

As part of our Outkeepers' Dinner fundraiser, the Stratford Perth Museum is presenting its first-ever online auction.' We have 14 donated items up for bids: a ladies cruiser bike, a weekend in Ottawa for Winterlude, a Lake Huron Cabin for a weekend, gift card packages, bacon and eggs for a year, and so much more! All proceeds from this auction go to support the Stratford Perth Museum. Bidding opens September 1 and closes September 16 at 8 pm which is the evening of our Outkeepers take-out dinner event. Thank you for supporting your local museum!

Get Involved Perth South

We know you're busy - that's why we have launched "Get Involved Perth South", an on-line engagement tool. Now you can participate anytime in discussions that impact the community you live in.
Engagement made easy!



Register today to get involved!

www.getinvolvedperthsouth.ca

DOG TAG REGISTRATION



Do You Have a New Dog?

Dog tags are required for all dogs. Drop into our office or call 519-271-0619 to register your new dog. Having a dog tag will assist in finding your dog if it gets lost.

Updated Road Signage

Municipal Addressing Signage and Intersection Signage



The installation of replacement municipal address and intersection signage has begun in Perth South. These new signs are replacements for signs originally installed in 1995. The sign replacement was necessary as the luminous properties of the existing signs, which allows them to be seen clearly at night when lit with headlights, had decreased due to the age of the sign.

Perth County purchased the replacement signs for the County's four member municipalities, including Perth South, and they have recently been delivered from the supplier. Perth South Public Works staff are working their way across the Township beginning in the South West Corner as these were the first signs to arrive.

In addition to the municipal address, the new signs also include the road name for each property. The addition of the road name eliminates issues that had been identified from the repetition of a 911 number on multiple roadways. The new signage with the municipal address and road name are truly unique to each property.

Crops Planted on Road Allowance



Residents are reminded that crops are not to be planted on municipal right of ways. As crops grow taller and fuller through the spring and summer seasons, they can obstruct visibility to motorists approaching intersections. The standard road allowance width is 20 meters or 66 feet and is required for utilities and roadway drainage purposes. Perth South Public Works staff have the authority to cut down any crops planted on the Township's road allowance and property owners will be charged for the costs to restore the ditch profile grass.

Emergency preparedness starts with you
winter safety

- Add warm clothes & blankets to your emergency kit
- Bring your pets inside during cold weather
- Stay connected by radio, TV or online

ALERT

ontario.ca/beprepared

Ontario

Emergency preparedness starts with you
build a kit

- first aid kit
- water
- crank radio
- food

ontario.ca/beprepared

Ontario

Stratford-Perth South Boundary Adjustment

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) has implemented a boundary adjustment to open the door for the creation of much-needed industrial land for development in the City of Stratford.

The annexation of property along Highway 7 and Line 29 was approved by the Ministry on July 20, 2020, and was published in the Ontario Gazette on August 1, 2020. A Minister's Zoning Order for one of the parcels will expedite the development of that land for industrial purposes and to prompt economic development in the area.

"This is an important stepping stone to new opportunities that will benefit the City of Stratford the Township of Perth South and Perth County," said Stratford Mayor Dan Mathieson. "And it's welcome economic news for all of the partners at a time when we desperately need it."

"This Boundary Adjustment will provide great opportunities for

new industries that will benefit the Township of Perth South, City of Stratford and County of Perth," said Perth South Mayor Robert Wilhelm, "and will create much needed employment opportunities to offset employment losses from plant closures which have previously been announced."

"We are pleased to receive the Ministry's support and see this project move forward. This will be a positive economic impact for Perth South and the Perth County region as a whole," added Perth County Warden Jim Aitcheson.

The annexation will allow the City of Stratford to extend its existing industrial park and Wright Business Park at the south end of the City, and help address the shortage of industrial lots – both large and small – in the municipality and surrounding area.

A number of manufacturers, including a float glass manufacturing company, have expressed an interest in locating in Stratford. The Minister's

Zoning Order, issued under the authority of the Planning Act, allows for a float glass manufacturing facility to be located on the larger annexed parcel of land (west of Highway 7).

The City of Stratford will be looking at rezoning the other lands subject to the annexation through a public planning process to bring them into the industrial zone.

The municipal councils of the City of Stratford, Township of Perth South and County of Perth approved the annexation proposal earlier this year before sending it to the Ministry for final approval. A separate agreement between the City and the Township was also approved by the area councils setting out in detail the compensation the Township of Perth South will receive for the annexed lands.

For more information, please contact Rebecca Clothier, Administrator/Treasurer at rclothier@perthsouth.ca or 519-271-0619 Ext. 227.

Don't leave home without it!

Wear a face covering in indoor public places

Age and medical exemptions apply.



Huron Perth Public Health

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST MOSQUITOES

Cover up • Clean up • Use insect repellent



Huron Perth Public Health

Protection Services

Building Permits and Inspection

Building permits and inspections are to ensure that zoning requirements, fire safety, structural safety and building standards are met to keep you and others safe. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that a building permit is obtained and the building site is inspected. Fill out a building permit application either in person, at the Township office or online at www.perthsouth.ca/buildingpermit

Applicants must also submit building drawings/blueprints, plans and other documents to the Township Office for pro-

cessing along with the building permit application. These documents of the planned build must contain a detailed description of the work planned, intended occupancy, identification of the building lot or site, and a valuation of the proposed work including materials and labour costs. A list of Building Permit Fees is available on the Township website at www.perthsouth.ca/buildingfees

Failure to obtain a building permit will result in a penalty equal to double the permit fee, as per the Township By-law.

Has Your Building Permit Been Closed?

Over the next few months the Building Department will be sending out letters to property owners with open and outstanding building permits. Open permits can cause issues when a property is sold, or refinancing is obtained. Confirm that you have completed all inspections and details on your project and permits are completed.

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BE A HERO IN YOUR HOME!



PLAN AND PRACTICE YOUR ESCAPE.

- 1 Practice a **home escape plan** so everyone in your home knows exactly what to do if the smoke alarms sound in an emergency.
- 2 **Install smoke alarms** on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- 3 Test smoke alarms **every month**.

For more information contact your local fire department.



General Information

Municipal 511

Municipal511.ca



Road conditions are always changing and knowing about road closures and construction can save valuable time in everyday and emergency situations. It is important to know about road closures and construction zones in the case of an emergency or to prevent an accident from occurring. Municipal 511 is updated with the latest road conditions and construction projects happening in Perth County.

Municipal Drains

Before commencing any drainage work on your property you must contact Perth South's Drainage Superintendent Scott Richardson at 1-888-714-1993 ext. 2059. If you require any type of municipal drainage maintenance you must contact the drainage superintendent for the proper approval to ensure the drainage is correct. Please note that local Conservation authority approvals or fees may be required.

Wash hands frequently

with soap and water



CALL BEFORE YOU CUT

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE COUNTY OF PERTH REGULATES THE DESTRUCTION AND INJURING OF TREES IN WOODLANDS AND WOODLOTS IN PERTH COUNTY?

VISIT WWW.PERTHSOUTH.CA/TREE REGULATIONS TO REVIEW THE BY-LAW.

QUESTIONS? CALL MARVIN SMITH, BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, PERTH COUNTY 519-291-2236

Environmental Services



**GET THE APP!
NEVER MISS A
WASTE PICK UP
AGAIN!**



GO TO YOUR APP STORE

**DOWNLOAD RECYCLE
COACH**



ENTER YOUR LOCATION

**SET THE REMINDERS YOU
WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE**



**RECEIVE YOUR
REMINDER**

NEVER MISS A PICK UP



Hazardous Waste

Do you have hazardous waste?

Hazardous waste is different from normal items you throw away in the garbage. It is harmful or has the potential to be harmful to the public's health or the environment.

The Township of Perth South has partnered with the City of Stratford and the Town of St. Marys to offer a free hazardous waste collection program.

Perth South residents can dispose of their hazardous waste at no cost. To see hazardous waste drop off dates and more information visit www.perthsouth.ca/householdhazardouswaste



Sign Up for Pre-Authorized Payments

No Late Fees! No Postage! No Worries!

**Sign up for monthly or quarterly
payments for tax and water billings.**

**For more information visit perthsouth.ca
or call 519-271-0619**

Thank You

The staff and council of Perth South wish to thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.