

Township of Perth South



August 2021 Newsletter

Thinking of running for council?

The next Municipal Election will be held on October 24, 2022. The term of Council begins on December 1, 2022 and concludes in 2026. The nomination period opens on May 2, 2022 and closes on Nomination Day August 19, 2022. To run for office, you must be an eligible elector in the Township of Perth South.

More information related to the 2022 Municipal Election will be posted on the Township website in early 2022.

Emailing of Tax and Water Bills

In an effort to become more efficient and effective in the processing of Property Tax and Water Bills Perth South is offering residents the opportunity to receive these billings by e-mail as opposed to regular mail. Receiving your Property Tax and Water Bills by e-mail will allow you to easily file these important documents electronically for future reference.

To sign up for email billing please visit the Township website at www.perthsouth.ca/emailbilling

Property Tax Due Dates

September 30th 2021

November 30th 2021

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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.

Harness the power of trees by planting a native hardwood tree in your yard through our Tree Power Program!

TREE POWER



A tree for your yard is only
\$20-\$25 per tree
** While quantities last*

Order Online at
www.perthsouthtreepower.ca

**Orders open on Tuesday,
September 14, 2021, 10:00 a.m.**

UPPER THAMES RIVER
CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Township of
Perth South

5 species of native hardwood trees in pots available:

American Sycamore
Red Maple
Swamp White Oak
Basswood
River Birch (multi-stem)

Limit of one tree per household

Payment:

- \$20-\$25 per tree
- Online orders only

www.perthsouthtreepower.ca

- 300 trees available

Key benefits of planting a tree in your yard:

- Shade your home to reduce air conditioning costs
- Be a good green citizen by reducing energy consumption
- Filter pollution and breathe easier
- Enhance your yard
- Provide shelter for birds
- Plant a quality, well established, 1.5m tall potted tree at the best price ever!

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Township of Perth South
www.perthsouth.ca

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority
www.thamesriver.on.ca

Annual Operating and Capital Budgets

Perth South Council Approves 2021 Budget with 1.48% Increase

At the March 2, 2021 Council meeting, Perth South Council approved the 2021 Operating and Capital Budget with a 1.48% levy increase which will raise an additional \$53,567 in funds.

A typical residential house with an assessment of \$317,000 will pay \$2,663 in taxes, representing an annual increase of \$32.06. A typical farm house with farmland and an assessment of \$1,805,700 will pay \$4,858 in taxes, representing an annual increase of \$58.51.

Highlights of the 2021 budget include the following:

- The Minister of Finance has reduced the Township's allocation from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) by a further 15%, resulting in a reduction of \$104,795. Since 2014, a total OMPF reduction of approximately \$1,723,000 has been realized. This loss of funding has been replaced with levy funding through property taxation.
- The Climate Change Coordinator contract was extended for another year to facilitate the completion of the Green House Gas Reduction Plan and development of its implementation plan. This is a shared position for all municipalities in geographic Perth County.
- Financial pressures related to COVID-19 costs have been off-set by funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs. A total of \$117,400 has been received to date.
- Maintenance costs associated with the Township's gravel roads have increased by approximately \$64,000, which is attributed to increased gravel costs.
- Savings for future vehicles and equipment increased by approximately \$19,000 due to the rising costs associated with replacements.
- Gravel pit royalty revenue has been increasing over the last couple of years. As a result, the estimated revenues associated with gravel pit royalties has increased by \$83,000.
- A detailed review and analysis of public works costs, including fuel and engineering costs, resulted in a budget reduction of approximately \$38,000.
- Additional funding was included to increase tree trimming and planting throughout the Township.
- Costs associated with solid waste and recycling collection have increased approximately \$6,000.
- Council committed to adding \$25,000 annually to the budget to be used to support various wellness projects. In 2021 Council approved a donation in the amount of \$25,000 from the fund to the Stratford Hospital Foundation.
- Perth South has entered into an agreement with Perth County for the provision of planning services. In addition, fees have been adjusted to a cost recovery level and, as a result, savings of approximately \$20,000 are anticipated.
- Total budgeted capital spending in 2021 is \$2,401,969. This construction is funded with a \$1,139,235 contribution from the property taxation levy, \$669,637 from reserves, and \$593,097 from grant funding. Projects include: facility upgrades at the Downie Optimist Hall and old Township Office; two new pick up trucks and a tandem plow; software upgrades in the municipal office; Road construction on Line 15, Road 122, Road 112, and Line 26; and bridge work on bridge 126 located on Road 140 between Perth Line 20 and Line 26.



2021 Residential Taxation Breakdown



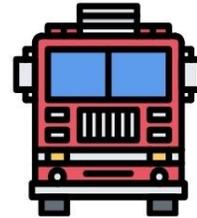
\$182

invested in general government including council, municipal offices, and general administration



\$28

invested in solid waste aspects including waste and recycling collection, disposal and landfills



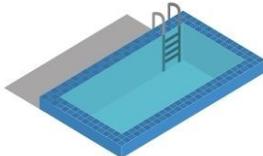
\$416

invested in public safety. This includes fire, police, animal control, and emergency management.



\$-424

Government Grant Funding to off-set service costs.



\$66

invested in recreation. This includes Libraries, Recreation programs and facilities.



\$2,663

A home with a value of \$317,000 will pay \$2,663 in taxes. This is where the taxes go:



\$14

invested in health. This includes the St. Marys and Area Mobility Bus Service and cemetery operations and maintenance.



\$620

invested in transportation. This includes road and winter maintenance, bridges, drains, and municipal vehicles.



\$419

invested in infrastructure. This includes rebuilding roads, bridges and culverts



\$18

invested in planning. This includes zoning, economic development and drainage.



Ministry of Education

\$485

invested in school boards such as Avon Maitland District School Board and Huron Perth Catholic District School Board

Perth County
ONTARIO • CANADA

\$839

invested to Perth County services

All water systems, streetlights and building services are 100% user paid.



2021 Farm Taxation Breakdown



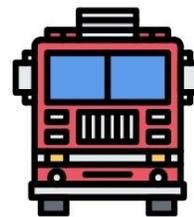
\$332

invested in general government including council, municipal offices, and general administration



\$51

invested in solid waste aspects including waste and recycling collection, disposal and landfills



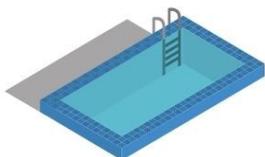
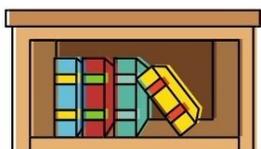
\$759

invested in public safety. This includes fire, police, animal control, and emergency management.



-\$774

Government Grant Funding to off-set service costs.



\$120

invested in recreation. This includes Libraries, Recreation programs and facilities.



\$26

invested in health. This includes the St. Marys and Area Mobility Bus Service and cemetery operations and maintenance.



\$1,131

invested in transportation. This includes road and winter maintenance, bridges, drains, and municipal vehicles.



\$765

invested in infrastructure. This includes rebuilding roads, bridges and culverts



\$1,530

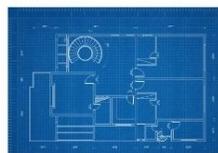
invested to Perth County services



Ministry of Education

\$885

invested in school boards such as Avon Maitland District School Board and Huron Perth Catholic District School Board



\$33

invested in planning. This includes zoning, economic development and drainage.

All water systems, streetlights and building services are 100% user paid.

Protection Services

Building Permits and Inspection

BUILDING PERMITS

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 processing 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.

**Chief Building Official
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We want to hear from you!

2022 Budget Input

Preparations will soon begin on 2022 Operating and Capital Budgets. Your input into the budget process is important. Register at www.getinvolvedperthsouth.ca to participate online in the budget process including the annual budget survey.

Perth South Council Approves Allowing Sunday Gun Hunting in Township

Following public consultation, Perth South Council voted in favour of allowing Sunday gun hunting in Perth South. The 4-3 vote occurred at the July 13, 2021 Council meeting following a request to consider allowing Sunday gun hunting in the township. Ontario Regulation 575/21 of the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* has been filed by Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNR) and will come into effect September 1, 2021. This regulation will allow Sunday Gun Hunting in Perth South during regulated hunting seasons.

Legislation that prohibited Sunday gun hunting in Southern Ontario was enacted in the 1950s at a time when little was allowed to occur on Sundays. In 2005 the MNR developed a new policy that would permit municipalities to allow Sunday gun hunting within their municipality.

Perth South was one of a small number of rural municipalities that did not allow for Sunday gun hunting. Although a public consultation was not required, Council felt that a public consultation on the matter should occur before they made a final decision.

During the consultation period over 200 individuals visited the Get Involved Perth South web

site (www.getinvolvedperthsouth.ca) with 120 completing the survey and 21 contributions to the discussion forum. In addition, many people also took time to call or write to Council and staff members to share their thoughts on the matter.

Based on the results of the survey, of the 92 residents that responded, 53% were in favour of allowing Sunday gun hunting and 47% were against it. Of the 28 non-residents that responded, 85% voted in favour and 14% voted against it.

A review of comments received during the consultation period revealed that one of the biggest concerns regarding hunting overall was the amount of trespassing that was occurring, not only by hunters, but by others as well including ATV and snowmobile riders. Council and staff are concerned with this rise in trespassing and will work further on this matter in consultation with the Stratford Police to create a public education initiative

For additional information visit the Get Involved Perth South website. Register today to stay up-to-date on Township initiatives and participate in public consultations.

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.

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

For more information visit the Kirkton Fall Fair Facebook Page



ONLINE EVENTS

For the 2021 fair, the exhibit hall will not be open to the public for viewing, but entries and results will be showcased online following judging

Property Decorating Contest

Virtual Pet Show

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Community Fireworks

Dusk (gates open at 7:00 pm)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Parade

10:00 am start

Baby Show

11:00 am

Animal Poop Bingo

11:30 am, 12:00 pm and 12:30 pm

Pig Races

11:30 am

Pedal Tractor Pull

12:00 pm

Pumpkin Catapult

1:30 pm

Pony Rides

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Petting Zoo

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Children's Activities
(Bale Maze, Corn Pits, etc.)

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Truck and Tractor Pull

4:00 pm start

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Fair Breakfast
with music, social and guest speaker

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Demolition Derby

1:00 pm start

Classic Car Show

1:00 pm

Environmental Services

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



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