

# PERTH SOUTH



Perth South Newsletter

January 2019

## Perth South Looking For Strategic Plan Input

Perth South is seeking input from residents and businesses in the development of their new strategic plan. The strategic plan sets a vision that guides future decision making within the municipality. Residents have an opportunity to contribute online. An in-person engagement session is being held on March 4th from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the Optimist Hall in St. Pauls.

The development of the strategic plan is being coordinated with new strategic plans for the County and the other member municipalities. Each strategic plan will (continued on page 4)

## Get Involved! Perth South Launches New Public Engagement Platform

Perth South is excited to launch a new public engagement platform: **Get Involved Perth South**. The new tool gives citizens the opportunity to have their say on local projects and initiatives. With evolving needs and the advancement of online engagement, Perth South has switched to a new platform that will better facilitate public engagement through more robust tools and a modern, user-friendly design.

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1-866-771-0619



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St. Pauls, Ontario, N0K  
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*Office Hours: Monday- Friday  
8:30am- 4:30pm*

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# Perth South Council

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### Surplus Farm Dwelling Severances

Thinking about severing a surplus farm house?



The policy allowing surplus farm dwelling severances has been in place for 2 years throughout Perth County. Perth South has had 18 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](mailto:mfeeney@perthsouth.ca)



EVERYTHING VOLUNTEER

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- I need volunteers
- I need help managing volunteers
- I want to find my volunteer match

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# Perth South Council

## 2019 Council Meeting Schedule

Perth South Council holds meeting in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Office in St. Pauls, ON.

<b>MEETING DATE</b>	<b>START TIME</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 8, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, January 22, 2019 Special Meeting – Council to Review Budget</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 5, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 19, 2019</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, February 21, 2019 Public Budget Meeting – Ratepayer Input</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 5, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, March 19, 2019</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 2, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 16, 2019</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 7, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 21, 2019</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 4, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 18 2019</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 9, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, August 13, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 3, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 17, 2019</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 1, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, October 15, 2019</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 5, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, November 19, 2019</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 3, 2019</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, December 17, 2019</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>

# Public Engagement

## Get Involved in your community & strengthen the place you call home

(Strategic Plan continued from page 1) be independent, defining the vision, aspirations and direction of each municipality. They will also be aware of and informed by each other, and explore opportunities to collaborate where appropriate.

Perth South faces opportunities and challenges. The recent announcement of the closure of the Maple Leaf

plant is unfortunate. It will be part of what shapes our future. It also echoes events predicted in some of the scenarios developed as part of our strategic planning process. What matters most is where we see ourselves as a community, and what we do next.

What does the future hold?  
Where should we be going?  
What do you value about our

services? And what do you see as the ideal future for Perth South? We've developed four scenarios to help guide this conversation. You can join us on March 4th to contribute in person. Or participate online by visiting <https://getinvolvedperthsouth.ca>

For more information, contact Rebecca Clothier at [rclothier@perthsouth.ca](mailto:rclothier@perthsouth.ca) or 519-271-0619 ext. 227.

(Get Involved! Continued from page 1) participants full access to all online public engagement opportunities for Perth South. Registered users can tailor their preferences to receive notifications about topics that mean the most to them. The interactive and user-friendly site allows users to participate in different ways and stay updated throughout the lifetime of a project.

Check out [www.getinvolvedperthsouth.ca](http://www.getinvolvedperthsouth.ca) to see how it works and register with this new platform to stay informed about current and future topics of interest. Some of the current and upcoming projects include:

- Strategic Plan: The strategic Plan identifies the most important priorities for Perth South and outlines the actions necessary to reach those goals. Perth South will be engaging residents on its next strategic plan.
- Have a great idea that can make Perth South even greater? Simply share your brilliant idea or vote for your favourite idea that someone else has already shared.
- 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets—contribute to the discussions regarding services.

For more information, please contact: Rebecca Clothier, 519-271-0619 ext. 227 or [rclothier@perthsouth.ca](mailto:rclothier@perthsouth.ca)

## 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](http://www.getinvolvedperthsouth.ca)

# 2019 Budget

## Operating and Capital Budgets



### Ratepayer Input Public Budget Meeting

The Ratepayer Input Public Budget Meeting is scheduled to gather input on the 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets.

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7 pm. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers at the Township's Office in St. Pauls.

Please visit our website for more information on the 2019 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Unable to attend the Ratepayer Input Public Budget Meeting? Join the conversation on-

line at [www.getinvolvedperthsouth.ca](http://www.getinvolvedperthsouth.ca) to provide your feedback.

To speak to a staff person regarding the budget, please call Rebecca Clothier, Administrator/ Treasurer at 519-271-0619 Ext. 227.

#### MUNICIPAL DRAINAGE

If you require any type of municipal drainage maintenance contact Scott Richardson, Drainage Superintendent for the Township of Perth South at 1-888-714-1993 ext. 2059 or by email [srichardson@northperth.ca](mailto:srichardson@northperth.ca).

The Drainage Superintendent must be contacted prior to commencing any work in order to ensure that the proper approval is in place. Please note that local Conservation Authority approvals or fees may be required.

#### PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

Enroll in the pre-authorized payment program for either monthly or installment due date payments for water and property tax billings. Pre-authorized payment forms are available on the Township website. Contact our Tax Department at 519-271-0619 ext. 222

# Perth District Health Unit

## New Rules on Smoking and Vaping in Ontario

The *Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017* prohibits the smoking of cannabis (medical and recreational) and the vaping of any substance in all areas where smoking tobacco is prohibited.

This includes:

- enclosed public places, such as restaurants, hospitals, and businesses;
- enclosed workplaces and workplace vehicles;
- restaurant patios and public areas within 9 metres of a patio;
- schools, community recreation facility grounds, and public areas within 20 metres of these places;
- playgrounds, public sporting fields and spectator areas, and public areas within 20 metres of these places; and
- outdoor hospital grounds, and 9 metres from any entrance or exit.

**If you are an employer or business owner** find information on cannabis-related workplace policy and signage at [www.pdhu.on.ca](http://www.pdhu.on.ca). Tobacco Enforcement Officers from the Health Unit are in the process of delivering the required signage. Signage is also available at the Township Office.

**For anyone who chooses to use cannabis, follow these tips for safer use:**

- Limit use when possible, and avoid daily or near-daily use.
- Look for products lower in THC.
- Avoid mixing cannabis with alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.
- Smoking is harmful to your lungs, consider other methods like oils or edibles.
- Do not use cannabis while pregnant. There is no known safe amount to use while pregnant or breastfeeding.
- Never drive high. Impaired driving, whether you are under the influence of cannabis, alcohol or other drugs, is dangerous and illegal. Always plan a safe ride.
- Safe storage is important. Make sure you keep any cannabis products (including edibles) in child-proof packaging, out of sight and out of reach from children.


For more information on cannabis rules, health effects, and resources for parents visit [www.pdhu.on.ca](http://www.pdhu.on.ca)

## Is it a Cold? Is it the Flu? Is it Norovirus?

The following chart shows which symptoms are associated with which viruses. This will help you determine what illness you or your child may have. Note that Norovirus (also called Norwalk Virus) causes gastrointestinal symptoms (nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea) and is not prevented by the flu shot.


SYMPTOM	COLD	INFLUENZA (FLU)	NOROVIRUS
Fever	Rare	Usual, high (39- 40°C/102.2-104°F), sudden onset, lasts 3-4 days	Sometimes
Headache	Rare	Common, can be sudden	Sometimes
General aches & pains	Generally mild	Common, often severe	Sometimes
Fatigue (malaise)	Generally mild	Usual, severe, may last two to three weeks	Common
Runny, stuffy nose	Common	Common	None
Sneezing	Common	Sometimes	None
Sore throat	Common	Common	None
Nausea and vomiting	None	Uncommon, can occur with children	Common
Diarrhea	None	Uncommon, can occur with children	Common
Chest discomfort, cough	Sometimes, mild	Common, can be severe to moderate, cough may last for weeks	None
Complications	Can lead to sinus congestion or earache	Can lead to pneumonia and respiratory failure, can worsen a chronic condition, can be life-threatening	Can lead to severe dehydration
Length of illness	2-7 days	5-7 days	24 to 48 hours
Exclusion Period	None, unless person is not feeling well enough to participate in all activities	Exclude until well enough to participate (usually 5-7 days)	Until 24 hours after last episode of vomiting or diarrhea

Remember these tips to prevent your family getting sick this winter: get the flu shot; wash your hands well and often; cough or sneeze into your sleeve; and stay home from work or school if you are sick. For more information, visit [www.pdhu.on.ca](http://www.pdhu.on.ca)



**Healthline**  
Talk to a Public Health Nurse

**519-271-7600 ext 267**  
toll-free 1-877-271-7348 ext 267  
email: [healthline@pdhu.on.ca](mailto:healthline@pdhu.on.ca)  
MONDAY - FRIDAY, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM



[www.pdhu.on.ca](http://www.pdhu.on.ca)

# Protection Services

## Police, Fire & Emergency Management

### **STRATFORD POLICE PATROLLING PERTH SOUTH**

November 5, 2018 was the official transition date for policing services from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to the Stratford Police Service. To officially mark the transition Perth South Mayor Bob Wilhelm and St. Marys Mayor Al Strathdee invited staff members of the OPP and Stratford Police for a photo at the Perth South municipal office in St. Pauls.

The Stratford Police and OPP have always had a strong and positive working relationship and this relationship will continue in the future.



Pictured from left to right: OPP Inspector Rob Scott, Perth County Detachment Commander; OPP Staff Sergeant Steph Pilon; Stratford Police Chief Greg Skinner; Perth South Deputy Mayor Jim Aitcheson; Perth South Mayor Bob Wilhelm; St. Marys Mayor Al Strathdee; Stratford Deputy Police Chief Gerry Foster; Stratford Police Inspector Jason Clarke; and Perth South Administrator/Treasurer Rebecca Clothier.

### **Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC)**

As part of the transition process from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to the Stratford Police Service, Perth South Council established the Community Policing Advisory Committee (CPAC).

The mandate of CPAC is to advise and assist Council and the citizens of the Township of Perth South on matters relating to Community Policing. The members of CPAC are Mayor Bob Wilhelm and Councillor Bill Jeffrey and citizen appointees John McIntosh, Karen Zwakenberg and Angela Baffes. Information about upcoming meetings can be found on the Township website on the Council and Committees calendar.

# Perth South Opt's In For Private Retail Cannabis Stores

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Following the presentation of a staff report regarding the legalization of cannabis in Canada, and more specifically, the sale of cannabis in Ontario, Perth South Council voted in favour of opting-in for cannabis retail stores within the Township.

On October 17, 2018 the Federal Government legalized recreational cannabis and it is now legal to purchase and use cannabis for recreational purposes across Canada. In Ontario, currently the only way to legally purchase recreational cannabis is online through the Ontario Cannabis Store, but that will change beginning in April 2019 when cannabis will also be available legally through privately-owned retail stores. The Provincial Alcohol and Gam-

ing Commission (AGCO) is authorized to act as registrar to license and regulate the brick and mortar stores and the Ontario Cannabis Store will be the exclusive wholesaler to these retailers.

The Government of Ontario gave municipalities until January 22, 2019 to decide whether they will opt-in or opt-out of having retail stores in their municipalities. The opt-out option is a provincial tool provided to municipalities with respect to refusing the ability for private retail cannabis stores to be located within a specific jurisdiction. While municipalities cannot opt-out of the legalization of recreational cannabis as a whole, Section 41 of the *Cannabis Licence Act, 2018* provides that municipal councils may pass a resolution no later than January 22, 2019 to opt-out of having private cannabis retail stores located within their municipal boundaries. The opt-out option only applies to storefront retail cannabis sales and not on-line purchases,

possession or consumption. "In my opinion, the government is basically forcing our hand because you are going to have to deal with the ramifications of cannabis whether you have a store or not." Perth South Mayor Robert Wilhelm said.

Under the new legislation, storefront retail cannabis locations must be approved by the AGCO. Applicants must post a notice at the proposed location of the retail store within 24 hours of submission of the application to the AGCO. Applications to AGCO will be rigorously scrutinized, with a 15-day comment period provided for both the municipality and its residents, beginning when the notice is posted at the proposed site. Cannabis retail locations will not be permitted within 150 meters of a public or private school.

The federal and provincial legal framework for recreational cannabis were developed to keep cannabis away from youth, keep cannabis proceeds away from criminal enterprise, and to pro-

protect public health by allowing adults safe access to legal cannabis. The same rules that apply to tobacco consumption also apply to recreational cannabis. It is illegal to consume cannabis in enclosed workplaces, restaurants, bars and patios, schools, near playgrounds and publicly-owned sports facilities and within any other enclosed public space. Possession and use is restricted to those 19 years of age and older.

The Government of Ontario has recognized that the legalization of recreational cannabis is expected to add financial pressures to municipalities and has committed funds totaling \$40 million dollars over two years to municipalities to assist with the cost of municipal services involved in the implementation of recreational cannabis through the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund (OCLIF). These funds will be available to municipalities to offset permitted costs that are directly related to the legalization of recreational cannabis, including costs related to increased enforcement (e.g. police, public health, by-

law enforcement, court administration, litigation); increased response to public inquiries; increased paramedic and fire services; and by-law development (e.g. police, public health, workplace safety).

Perth South is anticipating a payment of at least \$10,000 from the OCLIF, and additional funding from this program will be made available to all municipalities; however, priority will be given to municipalities that did not opt out of a cannabis retail store in their municipality.

In addition to the \$40 million committed in the OCLIF, the Province has committed to sharing recreational cannabis revenue that exceeds \$100 million in the first two years of legalization. If sales exceed this threshold, 50 per-cent of the surplus will be shared only amongst municipalities that have opted-in for private retail stores.

In November 2018, Perth South Mayor Robert Wilhelm and Administrator/Treasurer Rebecca Clothier participated in the Perth County Warden's Task Force – Legalization of Cannabis. The Warden's

Task Force was established to bring together various agencies in the community to work collaboratively on the impact of the legalization of cannabis. The initial meeting included mayoral representation from the geographic municipalities in Perth County, Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Stratford Police, and Perth County Health Unit. Presentations were made by provincial staff from the Ministry of the Attorney General and the Minister of Finance.

Perth South staff will continue to engage with the community agencies as details surrounding the regulation of retail cannabis storefronts are released by the provincial government.

During discussions on the decision to opt-in, Perth South Councillors considered their limited jurisdiction regarding the legalization and regulation of cannabis along with the increased economic development opportunities, through jobs and taxation revenue, and government funding available to municipalities who are willing hosts of cannabis retail stores. For additional information contact Lizet Scott, Clerk at 519-271-0619 Ext. 224.

# Recreation and Other Services

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## St Pauls Athletic Association 2019 Soccer Registration

Our online registration is now OPEN until March 1, 2019.

You can also print the registration form and bring it, along with your payment, to the Township office during regular business hours. Go to the Township website for more information [www.perthsouth.ca/soccer](http://www.perthsouth.ca/soccer)

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## Alzheimer Society PERTH COUNTY

### About the Alzheimer Society of Perth County

Our dedicated board, staff, and volunteers work toward the common goal of making a difference in the lives of those we serve. Our ongoing efforts are to provide Help for Today through support and education programs, outreach, public awareness and advocacy, and Hope for Tomorrow... by supporting ongoing research working towards advances in detection, treatments, and a cure. For more information please see our website at [www.alzheimer.ca/en/perth](http://www.alzheimer.ca/en/perth)

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### PROPERTY TAX DUE

**DATES:**

**February 28, 2019**

**May 31, 2019**