

TOWNSHIP OF PERTH SOUTH



NEWSLETTER



Coming this fall- October 31st (Blanshard) November 7th (Downie). Bins to be delivered before start date.

New Automated Collection Service also known as "Wheelie Bins" coming this fall for waste & recycling. For information contact Bluewater Recycling Association (BRA). Telephone: 1-800-265-9799 ext. 236, email: info@bra.org or website: www.bra.org.

Surplus Farm Severance

There will be a public meeting regarding Perth County's surplus farmhouse severance policy on September 22 at 7:30pm at the Mitchell Community Centre (191 Wellington St., Mitchell ON). See Township website for details on proposed policy.

Website Update

Stay posted for updates to come on the Perth South webpage.

Perth South Photo Contest

Stay posted for updates to come about the Perth South Photo Contest. See page 2 for more details.

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Visit us: 3191 Road 122 St. Pauls, Ontario, N0K 1V0

Office Hours: Monday- Friday 8:30am- 4:30pm

Taxes Reminder: Due September 30th and November 30th

Pre-authorized payment forms are available on Township website, or contact our Tax Department at 519-271-0619 ext. 222 for more information. Sign up for 2017 monthly pre-authorized payments by December 31, 2016.

New: Perth South Photo Contest

The Township of Perth South will be holding a photo contest to gather content for the webpage and social media updates. Start taking photos with no recognizable faces within the boundaries of Perth South now to get ready for this! Stay posted on the Township Facebook and webpage for updates about the up and coming photo contest.

Stratford Perth Community Foundation

The Stratford Perth Community Foundation (SPCF) is an organization for everyone; and unique because donations, large or small, are never spent but pooled and invested. The income earned is used to make grants to local charities year after year to build a vibrant, non-for-profit sector in Stratford, St. Marys and Perth County. To make this all work, we share our unique understanding of community needs and help mobilize and guide donors to specific community initiatives. To find out more, visit spccf.ca or call 519-271-1503.

New: Summer Student 2016

This summer the Township has hired a summer student with funding from the Canada Summer Jobs Program. Josh Brick, from Stratford graduated from the University of Guelph in 2016 with a degree in political science, and will be attending Western University in the fall to begin a master's degree in public administration. Throughout the summer he assisted with economic development and public administration related work.

You're Invited: SPCF

You're invited to the official launch of Perth South's Smart & Caring Community Fund launch on Wednesday September 7, 2016 at the St. Marys Golf & Country Club 769 Queen St. E. St. Marys, ON 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by September 1, 2016. To RSVP contact Drea at 519-271-1503 or drea@spccf.ca



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High School Co-op

Are you interested in public administration, public education, social media management or event planning?

In either the fall or winter term of 2016-2017, the Township of Perth South has an opening for a high school co-op placement. Students who are interested in the fields of **public administration, public education, social media management and event planning** are best fitted for this challenging opportunity.

Please contact your high school guidance counselor for more information.

Monthly Business Feature

As a part of economic development planning in Perth South, the Township will be featuring one local business every month on social media accounts. If you would like to have your business featured, please send us a short description of your business and describe what operating in Perth South means to you. Contact Lizet Scott, ext. 224 for more information.

Recreation and Leisure

Optimist Community Centre

Located on Road 122 in St. Pauls. For hall rental contact Terry Heinbuch. 519-273-0447.

St. Pauls Ball Park/ Pavilion

Call Township office for rental of Ball Park and/ or Pavilion (includes kitchen and washroom facilities). 519-271-0619.

Roads and Bridges

Field Debris on Road

It is your responsibility to remove and clean debris deposited by equipment from road surfaces. Please refer to by-law #5-2005 on Township website.

Snow Removal

It is illegal to deposit snow onto public roadways and/or road allowances. Please do not have snow from laneway removal deposited within the roadway as this can be dangerous to traffic.

Environmental

New Automated Collection Service

The automated collection service will begin October 31, 2016 for the Blanshard Ward and November 7, 2016 for the Downie Ward. Wheelie bins will be distributed prior to the implementation dates.

Recycling and Garbage

The collection schedule is available on the Township's website. All bagged garbage is to be tagged (\$3 per bag tag) until the implementation of the automated collection service. Residents who have unused bag tags can bring them to the Township's office for a refund until December 31, 2016.

Composters and Green Cone Digesters

Available at the Township office, with residents eligible for a 50% savings on a composter and/or green cone digester through our rebate program. Contact the Township office for more details.

Landfill Site

The landfill is located at #1592 Perth Rd. 139. It is open on the first and third Saturday of each month 9am to 1pm. Electronic waste (e-waste) disposal is also available on site.

Hazardous Waste

Disposal available at Stratford Landfill or St. Marys Landfill. Schedules on Township website.

NEW UPGRADES 2016

Kirkton- Woodham Pool

In Partnership with South Huron and with a Trillium Foundation Grant, upgrades to renovate washroom and add accessibility features will begin in September 2016.

Ball Park/ Pavilion Upgrades

With the assistance of the Federal "Enabling Accessibility Fund" grant, renovations have been made to the booth and washroom facilities at the St. Pauls Ball Park. This includes the lowering of the booth window, automatic doors, improved lighting, stalls and more accessible sinks and grab bars.

Youth Attraction Strategy



The Township of Perth South is currently recruiting volunteer leaders (including youth aged 15-29) to support the development of a Youth Attraction Strategy. As a contributor to this process, you will have the opportunity to work with a cross-section of the community including municipal politicians and staff, concerned citizens, business leaders, educators and youth. This is a chance to learn about strategic planning, have your voice heard and make a difference in your community. Help us develop a vision for the future of youth in Perth South! For additional details or to express an interest in participating on the team please contact Carrie Parsons at 519-271-0119 or carrie.parsons@ontario.ca. This initiative is a partnership with the municipalities of Perth County and facilitated by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).



Proactive Property Assessment Review

Property taxation is the Township's largest source of revenue. This revenue is used to fund expenditures and capital projects. Increases in municipal responsibilities and decreases in provincial funding have resulted in additional financial pressures on municipalities. To address these pressures, municipalities are increasingly looking at assessment-based management to make sure of the accuracy and stability of the assessment base used for property taxation purposes.

The County of Perth, in collaboration with North Perth, Perth South, Perth East and West Perth, will be employing the services of an independent property tax assessment consultant to review property assessments in all member municipalities. The purpose of this review is to make sure that the property taxation system is fair and equitable. This will be done through the analysis of the property assessment roll to identify and correct property values or classifications.

Youth Strategy Roundtable and Employer Breakfast

Learn about grants, incentives and training dollars for your business. Join us at the Downie Optimist Community Centre on September 28th:

Employer Info Breakfast: 7:30am-9:00am

Youth Strategy Roundtable: 9:15am-11:30am

Register:

<http://fclmpbevents.eventbrite.com/>

More Info: For more information, contact Kay at 519-881-2725 or kay@planningboard.ca



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Booklets about emergency management can be downloaded from the Perth County Emergency Management website: perthcounty.ca/emergency. Be sure to like the Emergency Management Facebook page and follow them on Twitter @PerthCoEmrgMgt.

Important Information about the 2016 Assessment Update

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for assessing and classifying more than five million properties in Ontario in compliance with the Assessment Act and regulations set by the Government of Ontario.

In 2016, MPAC will update the assessed values of more than five million properties in Ontario based on a legislated valuation date of January 1, 2016.

For the 2016 province-wide Assessment Update, MPAC is delivering Property Assessment Notices earlier than ever before. This change is being made as a part of the organization's commitment to bring greater stability and predictability to the property assessment and taxation system.

Residential property owners can expect to receive their Property Assessment Notice starting May 24. Notices for business properties and farms will be mailed in the Fall of 2016.

For information on how assessment works, market trends, the Request for Reconsideration process and property assessment and taxation, visit aboutmyproperty.ca. If you would like to see the information MPAC has on your file or your property or compare your property to others in your area, you can register and login using the Roll Number and Access Key located on your Property Assessment Notice.

Do you have questions about your 2016 Property Assessment notice? Visit aboutmyproperty.ca or contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) Customer Contact Centre at 1-866-296-MPAC (6722) or 1-877-889-MPAC (6722).

Building Permits

Planning to build or complete renovations to your home, business or farm building? Building permits are required to ensure that zoning requirements, fire and structural safety standards, as well as other building standards are met, primarily for safety reasons.

Whether you do the work yourself or hire a contractor, it is the property owner's responsibility to ensure that a Building Permit is obtained when required and that the required inspections are called for and any infractions are corrected.

Closing Building Permits

Over the next few months the Building Department will be again sending out letters to property owners with open and outstanding Building Permits. Open permits can cause issues when you plan to sell or refinance your property. Financial institutions will request, when a property is sold or when refinancing is obtained, confirmation that all inspections have been completed and details on any outstanding work orders and Building Permits issued. To book an inspection or to inquire whether there are any open permits on your property, contact the Building Department.

Chief Building Official

Martin Feeney (CBO): 519-271-0619 ext. 225 or email at mfeeney@perthsouth.ca. Ask about completing a Form 357 (available at Township office) when demolishing a building. This form is necessary to remove the assessed value of the building from your assessment.

Dog Licence

Dog owners must register their dog(s). Licence fees are invoiced annually. Reference Animal Control by-law No. 41-2006 on the Township website.

Marriage Licences

Marriage licences are issued by the Township Clerk. Call 519-271-0619 ext. 224.

2016 Tree Rebate Program

Available to Perth South landowners. Rebate covers 25% of the cost of trees to a maximum of \$500.00.

Sebringville Cemetery

The Sebringville Cemetery will now be maintained by the Township. There are currently no plots available.

Water

Residents with private wells are advised to monitor them by taking periodic water samples (available at Township office). Residents are also asked to conserve water where they can.



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Fire/Burning Regulations

(By-law #18-2014) available on the Township website. Burning requires permission from your local Fire Chief.

Plan for Spring Municipal Drains

If you require any type of municipal drainage maintenance contact Scott Richardson of the Township of Perth South at 1-888-714-1993 ext. 2059 or send an email to srichardson@northperth.ca.

This must be done prior to commencing any work in order to ensure the proper approval process is in place. Please note that local Conservation Authority approvals or fees may be required.

Thank You

Township of Perth South Staff wish to thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.