

PERTH SOUTH



Perth South Newsletter

August 2017

New Website Launched

The Township of Perth South is excited to announce that it has launched its new re-designed website—www.perthsouth.ca. The website has been developed to enhance the user experience making it more convenient and accessible.

SHOW OFF YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY SKILLS

We are looking for unique images that showcase the best that Perth South has to offer!

Submit your photos for a chance to see them featured in an upcoming Township publication, advertisement, or online on our website or social media sites. Any photos selected for use will be credited to the submitted photographer. Email your submissions to Lizet Scott at lscott@perthsouth.ca.



Photo submission by Melinda Zurbrigg

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[@PerthSouthTwp](https://twitter.com/PerthSouthTwp)



Visit our webpage:
www.perthsouth.ca



Call us: 519-271-0619 or
1-866-771-0619



Visit us: 3191 Road 122
St. Pauls, Ontario, N0K
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*Office Hours: Monday- Friday
8:30am- 4:30pm*

PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES:

- **SEPTEMBER 29TH, 2017**

- **NOVEMBER 30TH, 2017**

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 for more information. Sign up for 2018 monthly pre-authorized payments before December 31, 2017.

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UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Visit the Township website for a full listing of upcoming Council Meetings.



Get the Word Out!

Post your community group or organization's event to our Community Events Calendar today!

To have your event posted on the Township's website please visit the Events Calendar page at www.perthsouth.ca/submitevent and fill out the on-line form.

All submissions are subject to review, editing, and approval prior to posting.



Stratford | Perth Centre for Business

helping business succeed

The Stratford Perth Centre for Business is committed to helping small business owners achieve their business goals.

The Centre offers complimentary consultation and easy access to resources, including business start-up services to support the development of new and already established small businesses. In addition to advisory services, events, seminars and training opportunities are held throughout the year to meet small business essentials.

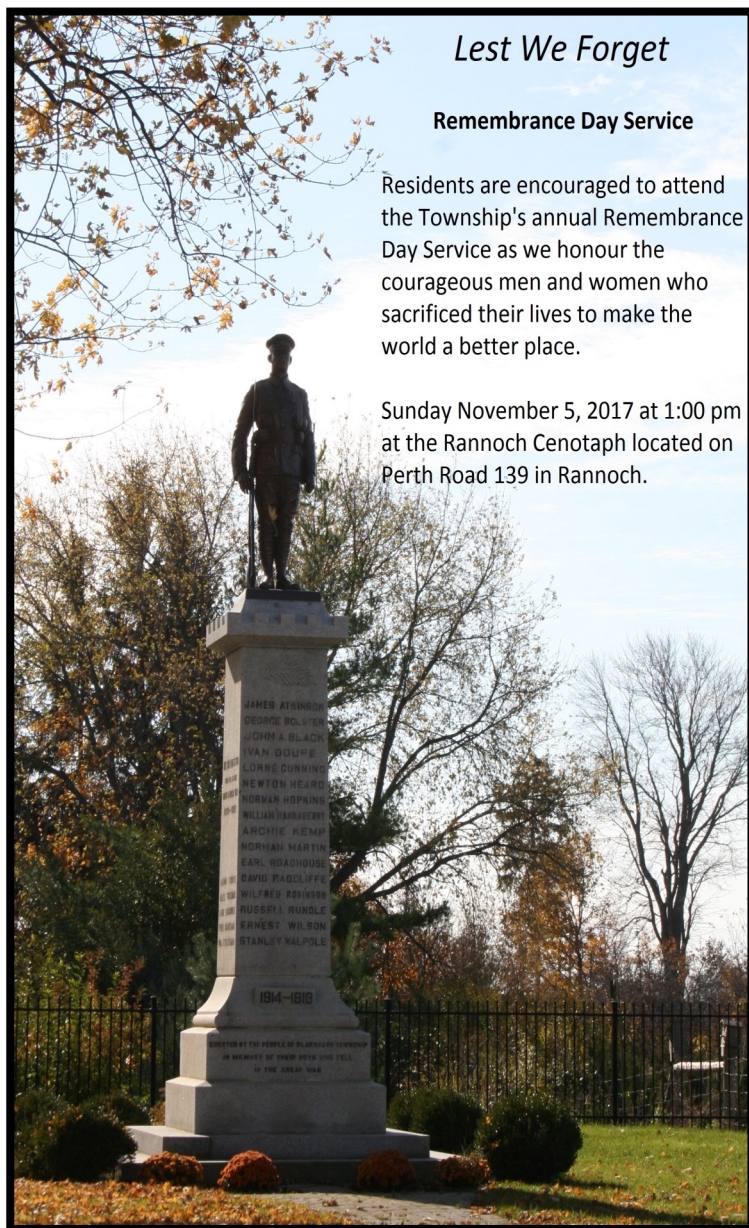
Full advisory services are available in Stratford from Monday to Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm and advisory services are available in St. Marys and across Perth County through scheduled appointment.

Contact a Business Advisor to book an appointment at 519-305-5055 or toll-free 1.844.812.5055 or info@stratfordperthbusiness.ca

General Information

2018 Municipal Election

Thinking of running for council? The next Municipal Election will be held on October 22, 2018. The term of Council begins on December 1, 2018 and concludes in 2022. The nomination period opens on May 1, 2018 and closes on Nomination Day, July 27, 2018. To run for office, you must be an eligible elector in the Township of Perth South. More information related to the 2018 Municipal Election will be posted on the Township website in early 2018.



Lest We Forget

Remembrance Day Service

Residents are encouraged to attend the Township's annual Remembrance Day Service as we honour the courageous men and women who sacrificed their lives to make the world a better place.

Sunday November 5, 2017 at 1:00 pm
at the Rannoch Cenotaph located on
Perth Road 139 in Rannoch.

STRATFORD PERTH MUSEUM

Located on a five acre complex just west of Stratford in Perth South, the museum showcases a number of exciting exhibits throughout the year some in partnership with the Stratford Festival. Visit the museum's website for a complete listing of their current exhibits. In the winter months join them for skating on their outdoor rink and snowshoeing the trails.

4275 Huron Road/Hwy 8, Perth
South - 519-393-5311

www.stratfordperthmuseum.ca



Protection Services

Building Permits & Inspection, Fire, Police & Emergency Management

BUILDING PERMITS

Planning to build or complete renovations to your home, business or farm? 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, that the required inspections are called for and any infractions are corrected.

Fill out a Building Permit Application, either in person at the Township Office or on-line at www.perthsouth.ca. In addition to the completed application form, applicants must

also submit building drawings, plans and other documents to the Township office for processing. A detailed description of the planned work and intended occupancy, identification of the building lot or site, a valuation of the proposed work including materials and labour costs are also required.

A full list of Building Permit Fees is available on the Township's web site www.perthsouth.ca.

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

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 e-mail mfeeney@perthsouth.ca.

FARM STORAGE BUILDINGS

Farm storage buildings are designed for low human occupancy under the National Farm Building Code. Buildings such as unused barns and farm storage sheds require a Change of Use permit if they are going to be used for anything other than their intended use.

Renting all or a portion of a farm building to the general public to run a business or for self storage purposes is prohibited under the Ontario Building Code and require certain considerations in order to allow such a use.

Protection Services

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TREES—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? County Council has enacted By-law 3557-2016 for the purpose of improving the forest, soil, fish, wildlife and water resources in Perth County by conserving and improving the woodlands and woodlots. This By-law prohibits the destruction or injury of any living tree located in a woodlot or woodlands within the County as defined by the By-law. Any property owner planning to destroy or injure trees in Perth County woodlands or woodlots shall file a Notice of Intent as detailed in the By-law. Failure to do so will result in a Stop Work Order being issued and anyone who contravenes the By-law is guilty of an offence and is liable for the associated fine of up to a maximum of \$100,000.

Property owners with woodlands and woodlots are encouraged to review By-law 3557-2016 to ensure that they understand the impact this By-law has on woodland and woodlot trees. Any questions in regards to By-law 3557-2016 or the destruction or injury of trees should be directed to Marvin Smith, By-Law Enforcement Officer, Perth County 519-291-2236.

LOCAL PLANNING SERVICES - CHANGES COMING JANUARY 1, 2018

The Township of Perth South, along with the Municipality of North Perth, Township of Perth East and the Municipality of West Perth, have notified the County of Perth that effective December 31, 2017, local planning services will no longer be required from the County.

Through this change, Perth South will take on a larger role in local planning implementation and be responsible for Zoning Amendments applications, Minor Variances, Site Plans, Subdivision administration/implementation, and Comprehensive Zoning By-law updates. The new arrangement will include the joint hiring of two planners by the four lower tiers as part of a shared services agreement to enhance the level of service available to local residents.

The County of Perth will continue to process applications for Official Plan Amendments, Subdivision Approvals, Land Division Committee, and Part Lot Control. The County will also manage the County Official Plan, countywide transportation matters, legislative changes affecting planning and development, countywide environmental assessments, County 911 signs, and comment on Provincial Policy Matters on behalf of the lower tier municipalities.

Further updates will be provided on the Township's website as they become available.

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POLICE SERVICE DELIVERY CHANGES COMING

The Township of Perth South currently receives policing services from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). Over the past several months, Staff and Council have been investigating other policing options, specifically with the Stratford Police Services to determine if they could match or provide additional police services at a reduced cost to the Township.

Stratford Police Service and the OPP both attended Council meetings and presented details on policing in Perth South. A Municipal Policing Survey was conducted to encourage residents to ask questions in regards to policing services that could be directed to the police services of their choice or both for a response. The police presentations, municipal policing survey questions and associated answers, along with various Staff Reports that have been prepared can be found on the Township website.

At the July 11, 2017 Council Meeting, Council directed staff to proceed with a municipal policing contract with the Stratford Police Service and to prepare and bring back for approval a by-law and contract for policing services provided by the Stratford Police Service for a five (5) year term. The policing contract and by-law will be reviewed by Council at the September 6, 2017 Council meeting. It is anticipated that the policing change will occur in the spring of 2018. Please visit the Township website for further updates on police services in Perth South.



Library Services

Access to literature, resources, internet use, and literacy programming are all important services that libraries provide. Library memberships are available to Township residents, **free of charge**, at the following libraries:

<p>Huron County Library— Kirkton Branch</p> <p>70497 Perth Road 164 (Hwy 23) Kirkton</p> <p>519-229-8854</p> <p>www.huroncounty.ca/library</p>	<p>St. Marys Public Library</p> <p>15 Church Street N., St. Marys</p> <p>519-284-3346</p> <p>www.stmaryspubliclibrary.ca</p>	<p>Stratford Public Library</p> <p>19 Andrew Street, Stratford</p> <p>519-271-0220</p> <p>www.stratford.library.on.ca</p>
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The Connect 2 Skills Pilot Program is a FREE 8-week pilot program led by the Four County Labour Market Planning Board to prepare adults who are 18+ and not in school for jobs in the manufacturing sector. The program combines a tailored academic training curriculum, developed and delivered by Conestoga College, with on-the-job learning during a paid work placement with local manufacturers.

There will be 4 cohorts:
 September 11, 2017 Stratford
 October 30, 2017 Stratford
 January 8, 2017 Stratford
 January 15, 2017 Listowel

**Are you an employer in Perth County interested in getting more information?
 Registration is open for both students and employers!**

Program students will receive 144 hours of in class programming and 34 hours of training on topics such as health and safety, searching for jobs and interviews. A total of 96 hours will be spent in a workplace—two days of job shadowing and two weeks of full-time paid work.

Visit the Connect 2 Skills Facebook page or www.planningboard.ca.

Contact : Hannah Conroy—hconroy@perthcounty.ca
 Kimberly Kowch (North Perth intake) - kkowch@northperth.ca

Environmental Services

Solid Waste Disposal and Recycling

Download the mobile app to your smartphone for instant collection reminders



Once you've got the my-waste app, set up alerts easily to remind that recycling or waste collection day is coming up. Never miss another collection day.

By setting your collection zone, you will have recycling/waste information at your fingertips 24/7. For more information visit www.bra.org/collection-reminders.

WASTE AND RECYCLING—Need to change your waste bin size? Please contact Bluewater Recycling Association at www.bra.org or call 1-800-265-9799.

LANDFILL SITE—The landfill is located at 1591 Perth Road 139. It is open on the first and third Saturday of each month from 9 am to 1 pm. Electronic waste (e-waste) disposal is available on site.

HAZARDOUS WASTE—Disposal available at Stratford Landfill or St. Marys Landfill. Schedules are on the Township's web site.

THE GREEN CONE—SOLAR POWERED FOOD WASTE DIGESTER

It is a completely natural system that reduces your food waste to its natural components of water, carbon dioxide and a small residue. This solar-heated unit takes ALL cooked and uncooked food waste including meat, fish, bones, dairy products, vegetables and fruit. The only exceptions are bulk amounts of food related materials that require a very long time to breakdown, namely: cooking oil/fat, the hard shells of nuts and seafood. Put all your food waste into your Green Cone, situated in a sunny part of your garden, and forget about it – almost everything disappears!



Waste food can be disposed of cleanly and quickly, before it becomes smelly. With no food waste in your garbage bins your other waste is drier and lighter. It's easy to set up and maintain and is safe for you, your pets and plants. Additional information can be found at www.bra.org/organic/digesters.

The Township offers a 50% rebate on the \$90.00 cost of Green Cone Digester per household to Perth South residents. The after rebate cost to residents is \$45.00. Contact our office if you are interested in purchasing a Green Cone Digester.

Environmental Services

Water Systems



WELL WATER TESTING

Free bacterial water testing services are provided to all

Perth County residents on a private well by the Public Health Laboratory and the Perth District Health Unit.

Water quality can change. It is recommended that you test your well water a minimum of three times a year, preferably spring, summer and fall.

Water testing kits can be obtained at the Perth District Health Unit located at 653 West Gore St. in Stratford or at the Township Office. For additional information please visit www.PDHU.on.ca.



STRATFORD PERTH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

It all comes back to you

Make a lasting difference in Perth South by donating now or signing a pledge form to support your Smart and Caring Community Fund. This "Community Fund" is being built by the people and for the people of Perth South to support Perth South's critical priorities, key projects and ongoing needs.

FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL FUNDING FOR DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS

Perth South is excited to receive grant funding from the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) for the Black Creek and St. Pauls Drinking Water Systems. Perth South's approved grant application included pumphouse upgrades at both the Black Creek and St. Pauls Drinking Water Systems, each totalling approximately \$50,000. The CWWF grant funding will cover \$37,500 of the cost for each water system, with the balance of the cost being offset by the water system reserve funds. "On behalf of the Township of Perth South and Council, I would like to thank both the Federal and Provincial governments for their investment totalling \$75,000 into the drinking water system infrastructure in Perth South" said Mayor Wilhelm. "This investment will improve the efficiency of system operations and upgrade mechanical equipment which will ensure that the drinking water systems continue to provide clean reliable drinking water to residents on these system."



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Centre for Business
helping business succeed

Perth South Networking Breakfast



Come join us at River Valley Golf & Country Club with other like minded business owners for a delicious breakfast and networking opportunity.

October 30th
7:30—9:30
River Valley Golf & Country Club
4725 Line 1, Perth South

Register: 519-305-5055
StratfordPerthBusiness.ca



Department of: investStratford Partner of: Province of Ontario Member of: One Network

Transportation Services

Roads, Bridges & Culverts, Street Lights and Sidewalks

CROPS PLANTED ON ROAD ALLOWANCE

Residents are reminded that crops are not to be planted on municipal right of ways. The standard road allowance width is 20 meters or 66 feet and is required for utilities and roadway drainage purposes. As crops grow taller and fuller through the spring and summer seasons they can obstruct visibility as motorists approach rural intersections. Cropped road allowances should be returned to a grassed area. 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 ditch profile and grass.

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 the Township website.

SNOW REMOVAL

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

CAN WE FIND YOU? When was the last time you checked your 911 sign or your house number? Take a few minutes to ensure the 911 sign blade

is securely fastened to the post, and that the post is at the entrance to the laneway where emergency vehicles can easily see it. For homeowners in villages, numbers must be clearly visible. We can't help you if we can't find you.

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.

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.

THANK YOU!

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

STAFF CHANGES

Bill Doupe, Operations Manager with the Township of Perth South since 2006 retired on May 26, 2017. We wish Bill an enjoyable retirement. Mark Elston has filled the position of Operations Manger. Welcome Mark!



Bill Doupe and Mayor Bob Wilhelm