



Huron-Kinloss Newsletter Winter-Spring 2015

Township of Huron-Kinloss
P.O. Box 130, 21 Queen Street, Ripley, Ontario N0G 2R0
Phone: 519-395-3735
Fax: 519-395-4107
Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30a.m. – 4:30p.m.
Website: www.huronkinloss.com

2015 Updates

Lighthouse Re-Opening in 2015

A few years in the making, the Point Clark Lighthouse Restoration is now almost complete! The only work remaining on the tower is the two rows of stone below grade level. To date over 300 stones have been replaced, the entire tower has been re-grouted, and two coats of whitewash applied. At this time we anticipate the completion of all restorations by spring. The grand re-opening of the Lighthouse Museum will be announced in the spring of 2015.

Deep Geological Repository Process

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) has completed the first phase of preliminary assessment for the Township of Huron-Kinloss. Based on the work undertaken, the township has been assessed as having strong potential to meet site selection requirements.

Preliminary Assessments are the third of nine steps in a multi-year process for evaluating potential suitability of communities to host a deep geological repository for Canada's used nuclear fuel and long-term goals and vision.

The next phase of work involves more intensive community learning and engagement. Work will take on a broader focus to include First Nation and Metis communities in the area as well as neighbouring municipalities. Preliminary fieldwork will also begin, including geological surveys, and at a later date, limited borehole drilling, to further assess geology and site suitability against technical safety requirements.

Natural Gas Initiative

The joint efforts of the Municipalities of Kincardine, Arran-Elderslie and Huron-Kinloss have focused on preparing a business case for Bruce Gas with a mandate of bringing natural gas to the areas. The business plan was released to the public in October after which meetings have been held with senior staff of the Ministry of Infrastructure, Ministry of Energy and Ontario Energy Board.

At this stage, while the benefits of natural gas are substantial, costs for low-density systems such as this are expensive. Creative options are needed for Bruce Gas Initiative to proceed.

No decisions will be made until all financial implications are understood and only after a complete community consultation process.

By-Laws

Winter Parking By-Law

The Traffic and Parking By-Law 99-20 as Amended states that parking is prohibited on any street within the Township between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1st to April 30th. Please be considerate and let the plow operators do their job.

Animal Control By-Law

Under Section 4 of the Animal Control / Kennel Licencing By-Law, all dogs over 6 months old must be registered with the township. Invoices for dogs currently registered are sent out in January with the \$15 fee due by March 1st, 2015. The tag is a permanent one but if yours is missing, a replacement tag is \$2. Contact the township to update your dog's information or you can visit Lucknow Travel or Country Depot (Kincardine) to get a new tag.

Tree Preservation By-Law

Residents and contractors should be aware of the Tree Preservation By-Law 2011-85. A tree cutting permit is required for residents wishing to cut trees in the Algonquin bluff area. Call the Municipal Office for more information or visit the website for an application form prior to cutting.

Events/Services

2015 Ripley Reunion

The Ripley Reunion 2015 Organizing Committee continues to meet regularly to plan a weekend full of fun and entertainment. The Reunion, which runs July 31st to August 3rd, is a perfect opportunity to reconnect with family and old friends. If you'd like to hold a team/club/class reunion, please contact Chair Amanda Farrell Walsh at afarrell@tnt21.com.

The Reunion Committee also thanks everyone who purchased merchandise during the Christmas season. There were a lot of Reunion presents under trees this year! If you would still like to purchase merchandise visit Stockyards Western Apparel in downtown Ripley. Watch our website www.ripleyreunion.ca, Facebook Page and Twitter feed (@Ripley2015) for information about Reunion events, as well as the opening of our downtown storefront in the spring.

HAWK Theatre Presents....

"Small Town Homecoming", written by Harold Menary is the next production for the HAWK Theatre. Auditions will be taking place in January with the play running from April 23rd to May 3rd, 2015. Call 519-528-3019 for more information.

Lucknow's Music in the Fields

Once again, Lucknow will be the host for Canada's finest two day line-up of country music. Hold August 28th & August 29th open to attend. For more information on camping, ticket sales, and this year's line-up visit www.musicinthefields.ca. This event sold out in 2014 so don't delay getting tickets!

Ice Cream Trail

It may be early to think about ice cream but the Ice Cream Trail starts May 15th, 2015. For more information go to www.icecreamtrail.ca. A sure sign summer is coming!

Electronic Newsletters

Get all of your Township of Huron-Kinloss information, updates, recreation information, business news and community events by subscribing to the township's e-newsletters. Go to www.huronkinloss.com and click on subscribe!

Choose from **HK Connects** (general township information), **Get Moving Huron-Kinloss** (community services updates, events and information), **Huron-Kinloss Business Banner** (business news and events) and **NWCAC News** (information and updates on the Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee)

Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit (SMART)

Did you know that specialized transit service is available in Huron-Kinloss for persons with a disability? They can provide non-emergency medical trips and social or employment trips for individuals or groups. Trips can be local or even long distance. Go on line (www.saugeenmobility.ca) and fill out their registration form to find out if you are eligible or contact them at 1-866-981-2504.

Marriage Commissioners

Are there wedding bells in your future? Looking for something personal and unique? Contact the township office to learn how marriage commissioners can make your day truly special.

Pay Your Taxes Online with epost™

Get your tax bills in one secure place online with epost™. The Township of Huron-Kinloss has teamed up with epost™ from Canada Post where you can receive, manage, and store your bills online for free. For more information visit their website at epost.ca.

Emergency Management

The Township encourages all residents/business to subscribe to emergency notifications available by email. Go to www.huronkinloss.com and click on Subscribe/Sign Me Up.

Public Works

Huron Landfill Site

Hours of Operation (Year Round)
Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Kinloss Landfill Site

Hours of Operation
May 2nd to October 31st (Saturdays only)
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Bag Tags are available for two dollars each at the Municipal Office or various retailers.

Recycling facilities are available at both landfill sites. Abuse of these facilities may result in the removal of the bins. Batteries can be recycled year round at the Lucknow Works shed 518 Hamilton Street, Ripley-Huron Works Shed 12 Blake St or at the Huron Landfill site.

Free Day at the Huron Landfill site is Saturday, June 13th, 2015.

Watch local papers or visit our website to find out the 2015 dates for Household Hazardous & Special Waste Collection.

Water Management

Veolia Water requires 24 - 48 hours notice to turn water valves off/on. Please call the municipal office or Veolia at 519-524-6583, if such service is required.

Flushing occurs in the spring and fall and is an ongoing part of water system management. We apologize for any inconvenience. The Township highly recommends that all residents install back flow preventers on all outside taps.

Sample results from the Huron-Kinloss water systems indicate presence of Sodium Chloride and Fluoride. Sodium Chloride is a common non-toxic material naturally present in groundwater and produces a detectable salty taste. If a resident is on a sodium-restricted diet or has concerns regarding health issues, they should contact their physician or local health unit. Fluoride is also naturally occurring in groundwater, and while small amounts are considered to be protective against tooth decay, excessive levels may lead to dental fluorosis. If you have any concerns, contact your dentist or the local health unit.

Any persons requiring the use of a fire hydrant must first obtain permission from the Municipal Office and use a backflow prevention device during operation.

The Huron-Kinloss water systems supply naturally occurring hard water. If you have a concern, contact your local plumber about the possible use of a water softener. Water test results for the Huron-Kinloss water systems as well as the Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Program Operational Plans can be viewed at the Municipal Office during regular business hours or online.

Points of Note

The Township and emergency services request that all residents have their address numbers clearly visible from the roadway.

By-Law 2002-108 prohibits the connection of building foundation drains, sump pumps, eaves troughs and/or any other device into municipal sanitary sewers.

Be sure to watch for your **2015 Discovery Guide** in the mail this spring or on-line at www.huronkinloss.com. This handy booklet has current activities, locations and contact information for just about everything that is happening in the township! You are sure to find this a valuable resource so keep it on hand.

Carbon Monoxide – the Silent Killer

Carbon Monoxide is a colourless, tasteless and odourless gas. It can also be deadly. Bill 77 updated the Ontario Fire Code to mandate the use of carbon monoxide alarms in all residences that have a fuel-burning device such as a fireplace, gas stove, water heater or furnace or if the home is attached to a garage. Make sure you have one installed.

Taxes

Taxes are due on the first business day of March, June, September and December. Several different payment methods are available:

- In Person: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, 21 Queen St., Ripley
- After Hours Drop Box (cheques only)
- By Mail: Box 130, Ripley, ON N0G 2R0
- Pre-Authorized Payment: form available on website
- epost™
- Telephone/Internet Banking & Teller /ABM payments at the following institutions (contact your branch)

Royal Bank Scotia Bank Bank of Montreal CIBC
TD-Canada Trust Tel-PayCentral Credit Union

Payments not received by the due date are subject to a penalty of 1.25% per month.

Recreation

Come and celebrate the snow at the **Ripley Winter Carnival** February 13th and 14th. There is a Costume Skate Friday night. Saturday morning is the pancake breakfast followed by a Hockey Skills contest. The afternoon has ice painting, hockey games and Public Skating. Outside horse drawn sleigh rides will be available. Saturday afternoon has Euchure and Bridge tournaments as well as a Family Bingo. Truly something for everyone in the family to enjoy!

New this Year!! A Wolf Cub Adventure Camp is coming this summer. Join in for 4 weeks of outdoor adventure starting July 13th. Book your child for all of them or pick some from Earth Hero's Week, Get Into the Wild Week, Buggin' Out Week or Survivor Week. A minimum of 25 registrants are required each week so book early to ensure the program runs. Fees vary with week. Call 519-395-2909 or email recreation@huronkinloss.com for more information.

Contact Information

Huron-Kinloss Council

Mayor	Mitch Twolan	519-395-0717
Deputy Mayor	Wilf Gamble	519-395-3278
Councillors		
	Lillian Abbott	519-528-3425
	Jeff Elliott	519-395-5056
	James Hanna	519-395-3235
	Don Murray	519-395-4528
	Carl Sloetjes	519-528-3164

Huron-Kinloss Phone Directory

By-Law Enforcement	519-395-3844
Huron Landfill	519-395-3500
Ripley-Huron Community Centre	519-395-2909
Lucknow & District Sports Complex	519-528-3002
Point Clark Community Centre	519-395-3676
Ripley Library	519-395-5919
Lucknow Library	519-528-3011
Water Inquiries	519-524-6583

Public Works After Hours Number 1-866-299-5199

Huron-Kinloss Personnel 519-395-3735

Administrator	Mary Rose Walden	Ext. 121
Clerk	Sonya Watson	123
Treasurer	Jodi MacArthur	127
Director of Public Works	Hugh Nichol	130
Chief Building Official	Matt Farrell	132
Director of Community Services	Mike Fair	151
Facility & Recreation Supervisor	Eric McDougall	162
Drainage Superintendent	Grant Collins	134
Taxation and Revenue Clerk	Phyllis Hunter	126
Deputy Clerk	Joanna Malott	124
Payroll & Accounts Payable Clerk	Leanne Scott	122
By-Law Enforcement Officer	Heather Clark-Falconer	129
Business and Economic Officer	Taralyn Martin	155
Project Coordinator	Kelly Lush	156
Administrative Assistant	Tracey Howe	133
Recreation Assistant	Michelle Goetz	152