

H-K NEWS SUMMER-FALL 2010

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ELECTION 2010

The 2010 Municipal Election will be held on Monday, October 25, 2010. The Township of Huron-Kinloss Council consists of seven members: Mayor, Deputy Mayor and five Councillors at large.

Also, there are four different school boards each with their own trustee.

Nominations will be accepted for all positions until September 10, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. The list of current unofficial nominations is on our website.

For 2010, we will be using a Telephone and Internet method of voting. PINs will be mailed out to all persons on the voting list by October 11. Voting period is October 18 at 8:30 am to October 25 at 8:00 pm.

The Voter's List will be available September 1, 2010 so make sure your name is on the list -check the municipal website or contact the municipal office. Make your voice heard—vote in the 2010 election !

HURON-KINLOSS BUDGET 2010

The Township of Huron-Kinloss adopted the 2010 budget at the April 19th, 2010 Council Meeting. Budget details are available on the website.

The Township Levy is \$4,256,316; an increase of 12.25% over the previous year's levy. In order to raise these funds, the residential tax rate will be set at 0.00471583; a 4.95% increase over the 2009 tax rate. The total residential tax rate, which includes municipal, county and education is set at .01134625; a 1.29% decrease from the 2009 rate.

2010 is the second year of a 4 year assessment phase in. According to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) the average value of a residential single family home in 2008 was \$205,073. Based on the data from MPAC the value of that home has increased to \$218,362 for 2010.

The average* residential single family home paid \$921.47 for the municipal share of property tax in 2009. Applying the 2010 tax rate, that amount would increase by \$108.29 to \$1,029.76. Combined with the County and education tax rates, the average property owner can expect an increase of 5.10% or about \$120.00, overall.

(* Based on reassessment data from MPAC, your assessment may be more or less than the average.)

Council has also increased the annual water service rate from \$220 per year to \$250 per year for 2010 and \$280 per year for 2011.

Allocation of Municipal Tax Dollars by Department



WATER/SEWER CHARGES

Water Systems : (Lakeshore, Ripley, Lucknow & Whitechurch)-\$250/year per unit

Waterworks Distribution Rate: Ripley \$95 per year, Lucknow \$100 per year

Sewage Service Rate: Lucknow & Ripley \$190 per year per unit

Sewage System Re-Inspection Fee: \$55 per year for each property with a private sewage system

TAXES

**DUE 1st BUSINESS DAY OF
MARCH, JUNE, SEPTEMBER & DECEMBER**

Several payment methods are available—pick the one that is right for you !

- In Person, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, 21 Queen St., Ripley (Cash, Cheque, Interac)
- After Hours Drop Box, 21 Queen St., Ripley (Cheques Only)
- By Mail, P.O. Box 130, Ripley, ON N0G 2R0 (allow sufficient transit time)
- Pre Authorized Payment (sign-up form available on website)
- Telephone/Internet Banking & Teller/ABM payments at the following institutions (contact your branch)

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

Payments not received by the due date are subject to penalty of 1.25%

TOWNSHIP OF HURON-KINLOSS COUNCIL

Mayor

Mitch Twolan
519-395-0620

Deputy Mayor

Wilf Gamble
519-395-3278

Councillors

Lillian Abbott
519-528-3425
James Hanna
519-395-3235
Anne Eadie
519-396-6927
Jeff Elliott
519-395-5056
Don Murray
519-395-4528

HURON-KINLOSS STAFF

Administrator
Mary Rose Walden
Clerk
Sonya Watson
Treasurer
Jodi MacArthur
Director of Public Works
Hugh Nichol
Deputy Treasurer / Tax Clerk
Christine Heinisch
Chief Building Official
Matt Farrell
Director of Facilities & Recreation
Mike Fair
Admin Assistant/Deputy Clerk
Joanna Malott
Receptionist/ AP Clerk
Phyllis Hunter
Administrative Assistants
Tracey Howe/Kim Reid
Drainage Superintendent
Grant Collins
By-Law Enforcement Officer
Brienne Elliott

H-K PHONE DIRECTORY

Municipal Office 519-395-3735
By-Law 519-395-3844
Drainage 519-395-3735
Huron Landfill 519-395-3500
Ripley Arena 519-395-2909
Lucknow Arena 519-528-3002
Point Clark
Community Centre 519-395-3676
Point Clark
Lighthouse 519-395-2494
Ripley Library 519-395-5919
Lucknow Library 519-528-3011
Water Inquiries 519-524-6583

PUBLIC WORKS AFTER HOURS NUMBER 1-866-299-5199

SUMMER SPORTS BANQUET
Friday, September 10th, 2010
7 pm at the Ripley Arena
Plan to attend !

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WASTE MANAGEMENT

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

The Kinloss Landfill Site
Hours of Operation
April 1st to October 31st
Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Recycling facilities are available at both landfill sites. Abuse of these facilities may result in the removal of the bins.

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.

The Township highly recommends that all residents install back flow preventers on all outside taps.

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.

Hydrant Flushing

Flushing occurs in the spring and fall and is an ongoing part of water system management. We apologize for any inconvenience.

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

Water Testing

Sample results from the H-K water systems indicate the 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 the 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.

POINTS OF NOTE

- The Township and emergency services request that all residents have their address numbers clearly visible from the roadway. Make it easy for emergency services to find you!
- If you experience a power outage, call your energy supplier immediately to ensure they are aware of the situation.
- By-Law 2002-108 prohibits the connection of building foundation drains, sump pumps, eaves troughs and/or any other device into municipal sanitary sewers.

LUCKNOW TOWN HALL CELEBRATES 100 YEARS !

On Saturday, September 11, 2010, join in the celebration as the Village of Lucknow celebrates the 100th anniversary of the town hall !

This Carnegie building officially opened its doors in June 1910. Come out for tea, enjoy a card party and stay for some local entertainment.



Celebrations conclude with an Old Time Dance .



VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS

There are no current vacancies but if you live in Ripley and are interested in becoming a volunteer member of the Ripley-Huron Fire Department please submit your resume to the Township of Huron-Kinloss, Box 130, Ripley, ON N0G 2R0 Attention: Fire Chief

PHRAGMITES AUSTRALIS

The new pesticide regulations require that approvals must be authorized by the MNR for pesticide use on the invasive species Phragmites Australis. The Township of Huron Kinloss received approval to apply pesticide to the invasive species and will utilize an application method of wicking as well as cutting.



Over the next few years the Township will continue with the wicking and cutting program in an attempt to eradicate this invasive species from our shorelines.



2nd Annual MUSIC IN THE FIELDS September 4th, 2010 Gates open @11 a.m.

Check the website @ www.musicinthefields.ca to see this year's exciting line-up of Canadian country artists.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

The Township recently reviewed and updated its Emergency Response Plan. Please refer to the website at www.huronkinloss.com/municipal for the full plan and an Emergency Survival Checklist. An emergency can happen at any time. **BE PREPARED !**

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Next local date to dispose of hazardous waste: August 7th, 2010 at the Kincardine landfill site

Are wedding bells in your future? Check out the marriage commissioners on the new website !!

NEW WEBSITE UP AND RUNNING !!

Click on www.huronkinloss.com to see the new website!
If you have a community event you would like people to know about, send us an email at info@huronkinloss.com