





Huron-Kinloss Newsletter Summer/Fall 2017

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Comprehensive Zoning By-Law Review

The Township of Huron-Kinloss has begun the process of completing a comprehensive review of its Zoning By-law with the expertise of MHBC Planning.

The Zoning By-law is a legal document that specifies how land can be used through regulations (property setbacks, building heights, etc.) and permissions (residential, commercial, agricultural, etc.). The Township's current bylaw is 16 years old and requires an update as a result of the recent approval of the Township's new Official Plan in 2016. The comprehensive review will also ensure the Zoning By-law reflects current practices, changes to provincial policy, and supports the strategic directions of the Township.

A draft of the proposed Zoning By-law will be available following the August 14th, 2017 Council Meeting on the Township website and at the municipal office. An Open House has been scheduled for **Saturday September 9th, 2017** from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. We encourage residents to review the draft document and attend the Open House to provide input and seek information on their own particular property. Public comments are welcome throughout the process and can be submitted to Pierre Chauvin at pchauvin@mhbcpplan.com or Sonya Watson, Clerk at swatson@huronkinloss.com or can be dropped off or mailed to the Municipal Office.

It is anticipated that the final draft of the Zoning By-law will be before Council by November/December 2017.

Updates

NWMO Adaptive Phased Management Project

The Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) is narrowing its focus to fewer communities as it prepares to further advance the next set of activities in the selection process for a deep geological repository for Canada's used nuclear fuel. The next activities in Huron-Kinloss will involve planning for more geological studies and initial discussions about visioning and partnership. Regional engagement will continue, as the project will only proceed with interested communities, potentially affected First Nation and Métis communities, and surrounding communities working in partnership to implement it. The Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee meet the first Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. All meetings are open to the public.

Natural Gas

EPCOR is pleased to announce the launch of its Customer Care Centre at 735 Queen St, Kincardine. EPCOR Utilities Inc. and its partner municipalities – Kincardine, Arran-Elderslie and Huron-Kinloss are reaching out directly to residents to learn about and confirm their home heating requirements, and discuss how they can get ready to convert to natural gas. Resident feedback will factor into decisions EPCOR will make as it proceeds with its partner municipalities toward the goal of bringing reliable, clean and affordable natural gas to Southern Bruce. For more information, please contact: Tim le Riche, Specialist – Corporate Communications, 780-969-8238, 780-721-2013 (cell), tleriche@epcor.com

Events

Point Clark Lighthouse Festival

Come out Friday, August 11th for a Sunset Dinner catered by Burke's Catering, Dinner Theatre by HAWK theatre showcasing "The Great Huron-Kinloss Debate", live music by Serena Rutledge, lighthouse tours, beer and wine tasting and a cash bar. On Saturday, August 12th enjoy free kids activities at the Lighthouse. The Corn Roast dinner will follow from 4:30 – 7 p.m. Tickets for both Friday and Saturday night can be purchased at the Point Clark Lighthouse or Municipal Office in Ripley.

Lucknow's Music In The Fields

Music In The Fields is moving to the Lucknow and District Kinsmen's 'Graceland' location this year. The event will take place August 24th – 26th. Tickets are on sale now!

For more information visit www.musicinthefields.ca

Ice Cream Trail

The Ice Cream Trail™ is celebrating Canada's 150th Anniversary this year! Join Sammy Sprinkles on this fun photo scavenger hunt, receive a free t-shirt and a chance to win 250 Huron-Kinloss dollars! For more information, visit our Facebook page or www.icecreamtrail.ca.

Huron-Kinloss Sports

Lucknow Learn-to-Skate begins October 16th and runs every Saturday for 16 weeks. Registration is open until October 6th. Contact Mark for more information: 519-528-3002 or lucrec@hurontel.on.ca

Registration for Ripley's Learn-to-Skate, Can-Skate and Star-Skate programs will take place on Saturday, September 23rd from 11 – 1 p.m. in the arena lobby.

Public Works

Huron Landfill Site

2087 Concession 6 East
Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (year round)

Kinloss Landfill Site

690 Karishea Ave
Saturdays April 1st to October 28th
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Waste Management

A Household Hazardous Waste event will be held Saturday, September 9th at the County of Bruce Public Works shed, 545 Ludgard St, Lucknow from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. For more information, please visit the County of Bruce website: www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardous-waste.php

Water Management

To have your water valve turned off/on, please call the municipal office or Veolia at 519-524-6583. We ask for a minimum of 48 hours' notice. This service is free of charge.

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 outside taps.

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.

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 test results for the Huron-Kinloss water systems can be viewed at the Municipal Office during regular business hours.

The Municipal Drinking Water Licensing Program Operational Plans may be viewed at the Municipal Office during business hours or on our website. For Huronville residents who receive their water from the Kincardine Water Distribution system, a copy of the Kincardine plan may also be viewed at: www.kincardine.net

Taxes

Taxes are due on the first business day of March, June, September and December. Late payments are subject to penalty of 1.25 % per month. Several different payment methods are available:

- In Person, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- After Hours Drop Box (cheques only)
- By Mail, P.O. Box 130, Ripley, ON N0G 2R0
- Pre Authorized Payment (form on the website)
- Online Billing with epost™ from Canada Post
- Telephone/Internet Banking & Teller/ABM payments at the following institutions:
Royal Bank, Scotia Bank, CIBC, Credit Union, TD-Canada Trust, Bank of Montreal, Tel-Pay Central

Property Tax Bills “Go Paperless”

Effective for 2018, the Township of Huron-Kinloss will offer electronic delivery of property tax bills. By choosing this option, you will no longer receive a paper copy of your bill.

Electronic billing saves administration costs and reduces waste by eliminating the need for paper bills to be printed and mailed to each household in the municipality.

Visit us online at www.huronkinloss.com to learn more and sign up to receive your property tax bills by email starting in January 2018.

Water and Wastewater Fees

In order to meet the current and future needs of municipal systems, increases to user rates have been implemented. The annual water service rate has increased to \$430.00 per unit from \$405.00. The waterworks distribution rate has increased from \$190.00 to \$200.00. The Lucknow sewer service rate for 2017 is \$370.00, compared to \$350.00 in 2016 and the Ripley sewer service rate has increased to \$280.00 from \$260.00.

2017 Budget

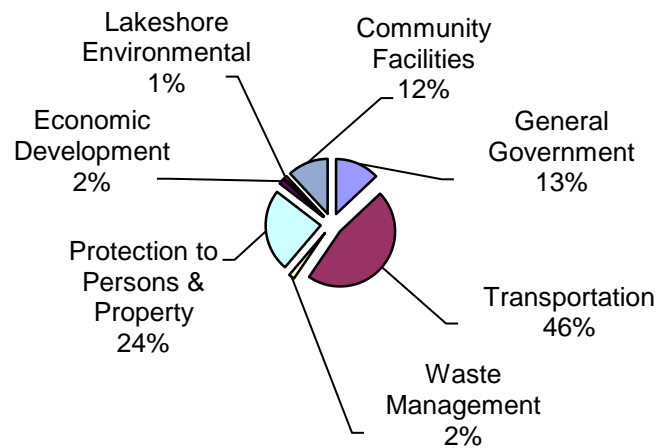
The 2017 budget contains \$7.52 million in operating expenditures and \$3.85 million in capital expenditures. After revenues and transfers from reserves are applied, the Township must levy \$7,235,395; an

increase of \$230,953 or 3.3% over the 2016 levy. In order to raise these funds, the residential tax rate will be set at 0.00588157; a 2.9% increase over the 2016 tax rate.

Reassessment has resulted in a shifting between classes. For this assessment cycle, the major increases are in the farmland class. The total taxable residential assessment for 2017 has increased by only 1%, compared to 20% in the farmland class.

The average* residential single family home paid \$2,771.28 in property tax for 2016. Based on the municipal, County and education tax rates for 2017, that amount would decrease by \$19.08 to \$2,752.20 or 0.7%. According to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) the average value of a residential single family home is 238,306.* Based on reassessment data from MPAC, your assessment may be more or less than the average.

Allocation of Municipal Tax Dollars by Department



Contact Information

Township of 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 Arena	519-528-3002
Point Clark Lighthouse	519-395-2494
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

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Chief Administrative Officer	Mary Rose Walden	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
Fire Chief	Chris Cleave	164
Facility & Park Supervisor	Chris Davey	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
Community Development Officer	Michelle Goetz	155
Project Coordinator	Kelly Lush	156
Administrative Assistant	Tracey Howe	133
Recreation Assistant	Natalie Meekins	152
Accounting Clerk	Heather Clark-Falconer	131