



Huron-Kinloss Newsletter Summer-Fall 2015

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Updates

Official Plan

The Township has accepted the proposal of MacNaughton Hermesen Britton Clarkson Planning Limited (MHBC) for services related to a Comprehensive Review of the Township of Huron-Kinloss Official Plan (OP). The OP currently provides policy guidance to land use and planning decisions in both the rural/agricultural and urban/settlement areas of the Township. The review will remove OP coverage from all lands outside of the Identified Settlement Areas and those lands will fall under the County of Bruce OP. The review will incorporate a Growth Management Study for possible expansion of the urban settlement boundaries, incorporate Source Water Protection Policies, and ensure conformity to the Provincial Policy Statement. Information updates regarding the Official Plan Review will be available on the Township website. Consultation meetings will be held in Lucknow, Ripley and Point Clark to receive public comment. Dates of all public meetings will be advertised and posted on the Township website. An update of the Comprehensive Zoning By-law will follow the Official Plan update.

Nuclear Waste Management (NWMO)

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 of Huron-Kinloss has been assessed as having strong potential to meet site selection requirements and has been identified for further study.

The next phase of work involves more intensive community learning and engagement. As we begin Phase 2, the NWMO will work with Huron-Kinloss to confirm the plan for technical and safety assessments, as well as broadened engagement and well-being studies. Through progressively more detailed studies, the NWMO and our community will develop an expanded understanding of our potential suitability for hosting the project. Work will take on a broader focus to include First Nation and Métis communities in the area as well as neighbouring municipalities. Preliminary fieldwork will also begin, including geological mapping, limited borehole drilling and 2-D seismic surveys, to further assess geology and site suitability against technical safety requirements. All of these activities will be undertaken collaboratively with the community.

The Township of Huron-Kinloss Nuclear Waste Community Advisory Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted. All meetings are open to the public.

Huron-Kinloss Septic Re-Inspection Program

The Huron-Kinloss Community Septic Re-Inspection Program began in 2007 and Cycle One was completed in 2014. Cycle Two of the program will run from 2015 until 2022 following the same inspection order as Cycle One. You will be contacted when your property is due for inspection, approximately eight years after your first inspection. Similar to Cycle One the fee is included on your tax bill and will not be charged at the time of inspection. The updated fee for 2015 is \$60 and will increase incrementally throughout Cycle Two.

Carbon Monoxide – the Silent Killer

Carbon Monoxide is a colourless, tasteless and odourless gas that can be deadly. As of April 15, 2015 it is now legally required to have a carbon monoxide alarm installed outside all sleeping areas of buildings with no more than six residential occupancies. 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 are required to have alarms installed. Buildings with more than six residential occupancies have until October 15, 2015 for this law to come into effect. Make sure you have carbon monoxide alarms installed in your home.

By-Laws

Lawn Watering By-Law

The Lawn Watering By-Law 2010-46 will be in effect June 1st to September 15th. Even numbered properties may water on even numbered days and odd numbered properties on odd numbered days. Watering can take place from 6:00a.m. to 9:00a.m. and 6:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. except for those properties having automatic sprinkler systems, which will be permitted to water lawns during the hours of 4:00a.m. and 7:00a.m.

Fireworks By-Law

As per The Township of Huron-Kinloss Noise Control By-Law 2005-101 Fireworks are only permitted on Canada Day or Victoria Day. If you have any rental properties please make renters aware of this by-law.

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.

ATV By-Law

The All Terrain Vehicle Use By-Law 2008-44, permits riders on certain roadways between the hours of 6:00a.m. and 11:00p.m. Operators and the vehicles must be properly licensed and follow all regulations under the Highway Traffic Act. ATV's are not permitted in any urban areas, on the beach or along any Township walking trails.

Events

Point Clark Lighthouse Festival

The Lighthouse has reopened! Throughout the last five years the Lighthouse has underwent major reconstruction. Over 300 stones have been replaced as well as the windows. As of June 27th the Lighthouse and Museum are officially reopened.

The Museum is open daily offering tours from 10a.m. until 5p.m. and evenings Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6p.m. until 10p.m.

Come out August 7th and 8th to help celebrate at the Point Clark Lighthouse Festival. This year a two day event! The Friday Night Gala starts at 6 p.m. and includes a meal catered by Burke's Catering, wine and beer tastings, live entertainment and an auction. Families are invited to participate in activities, such as paddle boarding, sandcastle building and kite flying on the Saturday afternoon from 1:00p.m. until 4:00p.m. The annual Corn Roast and Car Show will run from 4:30p.m. until 8:00p.m. For more information visit www.huronkinloss.com.

Ice Cream Trail

The Huron-Kinloss Ice Cream Trail™ is back! Join Sammy in exploring Huron-Kinloss' Heritage for a chance to win great prizes! Contest runs until September 27th. For more details visit our Facebook page or www.icecreamtrail.ca.

Event Calendar

For up to date information check out the Community Events calendar on our website at www.huronkinloss.com.

E-Newsletters

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

Public Works

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
May 2nd to October 31st Saturdays
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.

Household Hazardous & Special Waste Collection day is September 12th, 2015 8:00a.m. - 11:00a.m. at 545 Ludgard Street, Lucknow, ON.

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.

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, 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.
- After Hours Drop Box (Cheques Only)
- By Mail, P.O. Box 130, Ripley, ON N0G 2R0
- Pre Authorized Payment (Form on the website)
- 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

Water and Sewer Fees Increase

Increases to user fees have been implemented to meet the current and future needs of the water and wastewater systems. The annual water service rate has increased to

\$380.00 from \$350.00. The waterworks distribution rate in 2014 was \$175.00; 2015 is \$180.00. The Lucknow sewer service rate for 2015 is \$330.00, compared to \$310.00 in 2014 and the Ripley sewer service rate increases to \$240.00 from \$225.00.

Online Billing 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 so you can receive, manage, and store your bills online for free. For more information visit their website at epost.ca.

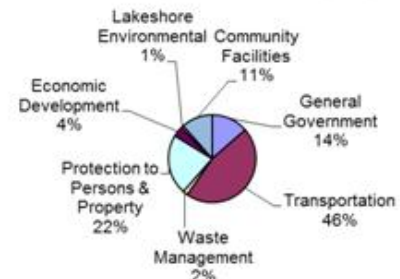
Huron-Kinloss Budget 2015

The 2015 budget contains \$6.38 million in operating expenditures and \$2.41 million in capital expenditures. After revenues and transfers from reserves are applied, the Township must levy \$6,457,443; an increase of 10.74% over the 2014 levy. In order to raise these funds, the residential tax rate will be set at 0.00545923; a 5.99% increase over the 2014 tax rate. The total residential tax rate, which includes municipal, county and education is set at 0.01119825; a 1.7% increase from the 2014 tax rate.

The average* residential single family home paid \$1,250.39 for the municipal share of property tax in 2014. Applying the 2015 tax rate, that amount would increase by \$78.23 to \$1,328.63. When combined with the County and education tax rates, the average property owner can expect an increase of \$52.86 or 2% overall.

* 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

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Mayor	Mitch Twolan	519-395-0717
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Councillors		
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	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 Arena	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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Administrator	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
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