



Huron-Kinloss Newsletter Summer/Fall 2024

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Updates

Parks and Trail Plan

Huron-Kinloss parks and trails are vital spaces for community gatherings. We're creating a Parks and Trails Plan and need your input to make it successful. Share your thoughts on improvements, what you enjoy, and ideas for future plans!

Take the online survey today at www.haveyoursayhk.ca and visit the project team in person at our open houses:

- August 17th - Point Clark Community Centre
- September 21st - Virtual

Envisio Dashboard

Launching in September 2024, the public dashboard will give residents an inside look at how the Township is progressing on key priorities identified through the Strategic Plan. Follow along our journey to becoming a unified, caring and engaged community that cultivates opportunities and embraces its rural lifestyle:

www.huronkinloss.com/strategic-plan

Municipal Election 2026

The next municipal election will take place in October 2026. Changes are being made to allow voters to manage their election information all in one place for provincial, municipal and school board elections.

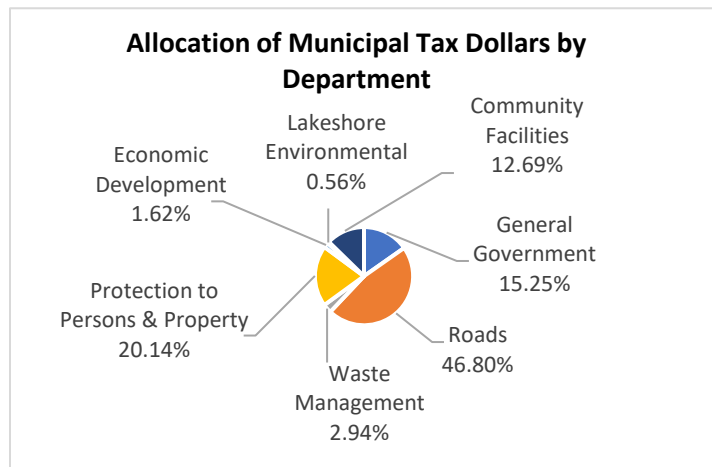
Confirm, update or add your information to the Register by visiting <https://vreg.registertovoteon.ca/en/home>. If you have had a change in school board support, you will need to contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation at www.mpac.ca/schoolsupport.

Fall in the Back Forty

Fall is the perfect time in the Back Forty! Looking to explore more of your own backyard? Hosting guests this fall? Make www.secretsofthebackforty.com your first stop for Huron-Kinloss curated itineraries for all ages and interests!

2024 Budget

The Township of Huron-Kinloss Council approved the 2024 Budget on March 18, 2024. The 2024 budget contains \$11.3 million in operating expenditures and \$8.9 million in capital expenditures. After revenues and transfers from reserves are applied, the Township must levy \$10,803,422; an increase of \$697,284, or 6.9% over the 2023 levy. To raise these funds, the residential tax rate will be set at 0.00723628; a 4.6% increase over the 2023 tax rate.



Property Taxes

Property taxes are calculated using the assessed value of your property and multiplying by the combined tax rates for your property class. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) determines the current market value assessment for all properties in Ontario. Information on how your property is assessed, including comparable properties, is available by visiting www.aboutmyproperty.ca.

The increase to the municipal portion of the tax bill for 2024 is \$31.82 for every \$100,000 in assessment. According to MPAC the average current market value of a residential single-family home in the Township of Huron-Kinloss is \$262,000.

Combining the municipal, county and education taxes, the average* home paid a total of \$3,451.96 in property tax for 2023. For 2024, that amount will increase by \$158.22 to \$3,610.18; an overall increase of 4.6%.

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

Payment Options

The due dates for the 2024 Final Property Tax Levy are September 3, 2024, and December 2, 2024.

Payment Options:

- In person at the Township of Huron-Kinloss Municipal Office, 21 Queen St., Ripley. Open hours Monday – Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Drop box is offered at this location, cheques only please.
- Mail to P.O. Box 130, 21 Queen St., Ripley ON N0G 2R0
- Pre-authorized payment plan – Visit www.huronkinloss.com to sign up for the monthly or quarterly preauthorized payment plan.
- Internet/Telephone/Teller/ABM payments at the following institutions: BMO, Central 1 Credit Union, CIBC, Meridian, Manulife Financial, PC Financial, Scotiabank, Telpay, TD Canada Trust, RBC

Electronic Tax Bills

The Township offers electronic delivery of property tax bills. Visit www.huronkinloss.com/tax-e-billing/ to learn more and sign up to receive your property tax bills by e-mail.

Water and Wastewater Fees

The Township collects user fees to meet the current and future needs of the water and wastewater systems. The annual water service rate for users of municipal water will increase by \$5.00 to \$495.00. The waterworks distribution rate will increase by \$10.00 to \$240.00. The rates for users of the Lucknow and Ripley sewer systems have increased by \$25.00 to \$550.00 and \$450.00, respectively.

Permits & By-Law

Building Permits

The Township of Huron-Kinloss offers Cloudpermit, an online system for residents, builders, and the business community to apply for and track building permits. The system allows you to start an application, complete it at

your convenience, and receive email updates on its progress. You can also request building inspections through the platform. Visit www.huronkinloss.com/Building-Permits/ and start the process today.

Fire Permits

The Township will invoice for the renewal of fire permits each year. All open-air burning must be reported using the toll free 24/7 number 1-800-211-9911. Questions related to the Open-Air Burning By-Law or fire permits can be directed to Chief Bradley at jbradley@huronkinloss.com.

Dogs on Leash

All dogs must be leashed when attending public spaces within the Township, including the entire lakeshore beach area. The penalty amount is \$250 for violations as per the Animal Control/Kennel Licensing By-law No. 2017-116. Dogs are permitted to be off leash at the Point Clark Dog Park located at 344 Lake Range Dr, Point Clark.

Public Works

Recyclables

Household/Blue Box recycling service is provided bi-weekly to all Huron-Kinloss residents. Here are some Do’s and Don’ts for what can be recycled in Huron-Kinloss:

Do Recycle in your Blue Bin	Do Not Place in your Blue Bin
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paper• Newspaper & catalogues• Boxboard & egg cartons• Glass• Aluminum and steel cans• Plastic food containers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corrugated cardboard• Disposable coffee cups• Milk & juice cartons• Glassware, pottery, dishware• Planter pots

Leaf Pick Up

Leaf collection is provided once a year in early November by Township staff. Leaves must be in paper bags and weigh no more than 11 kg (25 lbs). Bags may be purchased at any of our local hardware stores. Please check our website for the 2024 Leaf Collection dates.

Water Management

Our Water System Operators require at least 48 hours’ notice to turn water valves off/on. Please call the municipal office if this service is required.

Flushing occurs in the fall and is an ongoing part of water system management. You may experience low pressure or temporary discoloration of your water during this time. If this happens in your home, you are encouraged to remove all faucet screens and filters and thoroughly flush the water system for approximately 20 minutes to restore water quality in your home.

Roads

Road reconstruction in Lucknow this year includes the following roads and bridges:

- Wheeler St. from Stauffer St. to Havelock St.
- Outram St. from Wheeler St. to Hamilton St.
- Wheeler St. bridge rehabilitation
- Ludgard St. bridge rehabilitation

Work will include a new watermain and services, new storm sewers and catch basins, asphalt pavement with curb and gutters, and new sidewalks. Work is expected to end October 2024. During this time the roads will be open to local traffic only. There will be a 4-6

week period when both bridges are fully closed and traffic will be detoured to Gough St. or Campbell St.

Point Clark Stormwater Master Plan

The Township of Huron-Kinloss is developing a Stormwater Servicing Master Plan to improve road drainage in the area between Concession 2 and Concession 4 in Point Clark. The second Public Information Session to be held on:

Saturday August 24, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Point Clark Community Centre.

Please visit www.haveyoursayhk.ca to view the project page and provide your input.

Huron-Kinloss Sports & Recreation

Ripley-Huron Community Centre

New this winter at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre is a Sunday morning ladies’ hockey league for women over 35, looking to play a fun game of hockey. Huff n Puff senior men’s hockey will return on Friday mornings. For more information on these programs, please contact recreation@huronkinloss.com. Sponsored public skating in Ripley is Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

Lucknow & District Sports Complex

In Lucknow, there will be sponsored public skating on Sundays from 1-2 p.m. and \$5 skate and shoot on Fridays at 4 p.m. Learn to Skate registration is open, and forms can be completed at www.lucknowrec.ca.

Connect With Us

Huron-Kinloss Phone Directory

Municipal Office	519-395-3735
Toll-Free Municipal Office	844-395-3735
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	519-395-3735
Public Works After Hours	1-866-299-5199
Open Air Burning Notification	1-800-511-9911

The Township uses a variety of tools to communicate with residents: local newspapers, posters, and semi-annual tax newsletters such as this are part of our toolkit. For information anytime, you can visit us online.

Council Agenda Calendar visit <https://events.huronkinloss.com/meetings>
Council Highlights or Township News delivered to your email, subscribe at <https://www.huronkinloss.com/subscribe/>
Monthly Updates on community events, recreation programming and more, subscribe to our HK Connects eNewsletter at <https://www.huronkinloss.com/newsletters/>
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To Engage with Township projects, visit <http://www.haveyoursayhk.ca/>