



# Huron-Kinloss Newsletter Winter/Spring 2025

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## Updates

### **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](http://www.mpac.ca/schoolsupport).

### **Ripley Dog Park**

Community Services is working with local residents to develop a dog park in Ripley. Volunteers are needed! If you are interested in helping us develop a dog park in Ripley, please contact [recreation@huronkinloss.com](mailto:recreation@huronkinloss.com) or Mike Fair at 519-395-2909.

### **Ripley Medical Centre Now Open**

The Ripley Medical Centre, located at 18 Tain Street, Ripley, is now open in order to improve access to Team-Based Primary Care in the community. Access several Kincardine Family Health Team programs including but not limited to: Midwifery, Occupational Therapy, Kinesiology Services, Chronic Disease Management. Unattached Care Clinic for patients without a family doctor. Please note that services are available by appointment only, with no walk-in or same-day options. For a complete list of KFHT programs, visit <https://kincardinefht.ca>. Call for an appointment 519-396-2700.

### **Golf Car Pilot Project 2025 Registration Open**

Golf Cars must be registered in the Pilot Project and have a Registration Sticker and a current Validation Sticker to participate and to drive a Golf Car within the Township. Golf Cars are permitted on roads from April 1st to November 30th each year. The annual permit fee is \$60.00. Current permit holders will be issued a renewal invoice in the mail in early 2025. Visit [huronkinloss.com/Golf-Car-Pilot-Project](http://huronkinloss.com/Golf-Car-Pilot-Project) for regulations, requirements, and registration.

### **Point Clark Lighthouse**

This summer, include a trip to the revitalized Point Clark Lighthouse Museum and book a tour up the Lighthouse tower, open daily in July and August. Learn more at [secretsofthebackforty.com/point-clark-lighthouse/](http://secretsofthebackforty.com/point-clark-lighthouse/).

### **Ripley Winter Carnival**

The Ripley Winter Carnival will take place on February 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Don't miss the pancake breakfast, hockey skills competition, ice painting, costume skate, and more. Visit [huronkinloss.com/RipleyWinterCarnival](http://huronkinloss.com/RipleyWinterCarnival) for full schedule!

## **By-Laws / Permits**

### **Fire Permits**

Fire permit renewal invoices have been mailed out. Any permits not paid for by the due date will be cancelled. Fire permits are required for Open Air Burning and beach fires. You must report all Open Air Burning to our toll free 24/7

Open Air Burning reporting number at 1-800-511-9911. If you have any questions related to the Open Air Burning By-law or Fire Permits please contact Jeff Bradley, Fire Chief, at [jbradley@huronkinloss.com](mailto:jbradley@huronkinloss.com).

### **Winter Parking By-Law**

Residents are reminded that the Traffic and Parking By-Law 99-20 as amended states that parking is not allowed 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.

### **Dog Tags**

All dogs within the Township must be registered and wear their Huron-Kinloss dog tag for identification. Dogs that are found not wearing a tag are transported to the Township pound. To recover your dog, there is a reclaim fee, pound fees and other penalties that may need to be paid.

To renew or register a new dog, there is an online form for your convenience at <https://www.huronkinloss.com/live-here/animal-services/>. Dog tags can be paid for and purchased at: Country Depot in Kincardine, Hodgins' Home Hardware in Lucknow, the Township Office in Ripley as well as online through the Township website. The cost for a dog tag is \$25.00.

### **Noise Exemption**

Persons having functions where loud noise will occur after 11:00 p.m. need to apply for an exemption to the Noise By-Law 2005-101 by submitting a letter to the Clerk's Department at least 6 weeks prior to the event. Fireworks are only permitted for Canada Day or Victoria Day celebrations and will need an exemption to be detonated at any other time.

## **Public Works**

### **Garbage Collection**

All garbage bags must be sealed, not weigh more than 18kg (40lbs), and have a Huron-Kinloss bag tag sticker. The price of bag tags is \$3.00 and may be purchased at the Township office and various local retailers.

The 2025 collection schedule for garbage and recyclables is available online at <https://www.brucerecycling.com/> or pick up a paper copy at the Township office or local retailers.

Bruce County will be hosting several Household Hazardous Waste Days in 2025. Watch local papers or our website for the 2025 dates and details.

### **Landfill Sites**

Huron Landfill Site – 2087 Concession 6 East

Open Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed: Fri. April 18 and Sat. April 19, 2025, for Easter.

Did you know that Huron Landfill recycles the following:

- Bale wrap
- Electronics & batteries (no car batteries)
- Expanded polystyrene (dense Styrofoam that is found in appliance and electronics packaging, NOT insulation or food packaging)
- Household recyclables, tires

- Mattresses and box springs for a fee
- Scrap steel and appliances (freon must be removed and CFC tagged)

As per the Huron Landfill site Certificate of Approval and Waste Management By-Law 2011-09, the Township is only able to accept materials from Township sources. Proof of Residence or Source is required when disposing of items at the landfill site.

Kinloss Landfill Site – 690 Kairshea Ave  
Open Saturdays beginning April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Yard Waste Depots**

2083 Concession 6 E – Just east of Huron Landfill  
907 Havelock St Lucknow – Just south of soccer fields

Open seasonally from mid-April to mid-November, weather dependent. These depots will be open to the public 24/7 during this time frame. Yard Waste Depots will accept bagged leaves, grass, brush, and small branches (under 6” in diameter). No logs or stumps!

**Water Management**

Starting January 1, 2025, the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) will become the Operating Authority for water and wastewater systems in Huron-Kinloss, continuing the delivery of clean and safe drinking water. We thank Veolia for nearly 20 years of dedicated service and look forward to a long-term partnership with OCWA. Learn more at [www.ocwa.com](http://www.ocwa.com). For inquiries, contact the Manager of Environmental Services at the Township office.

Our Water System Operators require at least 48 hours’ notice to turn water off/on. Please call the Township office if this service is required. The owner/plumber must be present when turning water on to avoid leaks and possible damage. There is no fee for this service.

Flushing occurs in the spring and fall and is an ongoing part of water system management. If you experience low pressure or discoloured water during that time, please flush the lines in your house for 20 minutes to clear your system. The Township highly recommends that all residents install back flow preventers on all outside taps.

**Roads**

If you have a problem to report such as a streetlight out, pothole, tree trimming or removal, snow removal issues, dogs at large, etc. please let us know. You may report these issues at any time through our website by clicking Report a Problem at the top right of each webpage, or download the Huron-Kinloss Connects mobile app.

**Taxes**

Property taxes are due on the first business day of March, June, September, and December. Late payments are subject to a penalty of 1.25% per month.

**Payment Options:**

- Pre-Authorized Payments: Due Date or Monthly. Forms can be found at [www.huronkinloss.com](http://www.huronkinloss.com).
- Payments are accepted at most financial institutions in person, via online banking, or telephone banking.
- In person at the Municipal office at 21 Queen St. in Ripley. \*Drop box - cheques only please.
- Post-dated cheques
- By mail to Township of Huron-Kinloss, P.O. Box 130, Ripley, ON N0G 2R0

**PaySimply**

Pay online by Credit Card, PayPal or Interac eTransfer through PaySimply! PaySimply is our secure third-party payment provider. To pay online with any major credit card (Visa, MC, Amex), PayPal or Interac eTransfer, visit <https://www.huronkinloss.com/property-taxes/>. Please allow 3 business days for processing. Please note that a convenience fee will be applied by PaySimply to cover payment handling and processing charges.

**Huron-Kinloss Sports & Recreation**

**Adult Recreation Programs**

Adult Drop-In Fitness is available at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. Punch cards are available or pay a drop-in fee. Residents have access to spin bikes, weights, bands, TRX and more. Lunch Hour Adult skates are available weekdays from 12-1pm at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre. Visit [huronkinloss.com/recreation](http://huronkinloss.com/recreation) or contact [recreation@huronkinloss.com](mailto:recreation@huronkinloss.com) for more information.

**Ripley & Lucknow Summer Sports Registration**

Ripley Minor Baseball and Soccer registration runs until March 31, 2025. Information and forms can be found online at [huronkinloss.com/RipleySummerSports](http://huronkinloss.com/RipleySummerSports). Lucknow Minor Baseball and Soccer registration runs until March 15, 2025. Forms can be completed at <https://lucknowrec.ca/>.

**Lucknow Swimming Lessons**

Swimming lessons will be offered during July & August at the Lucknow Outdoor Pool. Registration and information can be found at <https://lucknowrec.ca/>.

**Connect With Us**

**Huron-Kinloss Phone Directory**

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|-------------------------------|----------------|
| 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   |
| Booking PCCC                  | 519-395-2909   |
| 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 just part of our toolkit. For information anytime, you can visit us online.

**For the Council Agenda calendar visit** [events.huron-kinloss.com/meetings](http://events.huron-kinloss.com/meetings)  
**To have Council Highlights or Township News** delivered to your email, subscribe at [huronkinloss.com/subscribe](http://huronkinloss.com/subscribe)  
**For monthly updates** on community events, recreation programming and more, subscribe to our HK Connects eNewsletter at [huronkinloss.com/newsletters](http://huronkinloss.com/newsletters)  
**For active, up to date information**, follow us on our two Facebook pages: Township of Huron-Kinloss and Discover Huron-Kinloss  
**For the Community Events calendar** visit [events.huron-kinloss.com/calendar](http://events.huron-kinloss.com/calendar)  
**To engage with Township projects**, visit [haveyoursayhk.ca](http://haveyoursayhk.ca)  
**For career opportunities**, connect with us on LinkedIn