



Huron-Kinloss Newsletter Winter/Spring 2026

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Updates

Municipal Election 2026

The next municipal election will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2026**. Changes are being made to allow voters to manage their election information all in one place for provincial, municipal and school board elections.

Who is Eligible to Vote?

To be an eligible elector in the Township of Huron-Kinloss, you must be a Canadian Citizen, at least 18 years old, and a resident, owner, or tenant (or spouse of an owner/tenant) of land in the Township. This includes cottages and trailers within campgrounds.

Please confirm your registration details, especially if you:

- Are a seasonal resident or one of multiple owners of a single property.
- Live in an apartment building or a newer subdivision.
- Have turned 18 since the last municipal election or are a student living away from home.

Visit www.RegisterToVoteON.ca to confirm, update, or add your information. You will need to provide proof of identity and residence.

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.

Interested in Running for Council?

Nominations for municipal office will be accepted at the Huron-Kinloss Municipal Office beginning May 1, 2026. Nomination forms and the unofficial list of candidates will be available at www.huronkinloss.com/election

A Potential Candidates Information Session will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Office (30 Park Street, Walkerton) to provide important information to those wishing to run for Council or support candidates through third-party advertising.

How to Vote

Council has determined that the 2026 Election will again use telephone and internet voting methods; there will be no paper ballots.

Voter Information Packages containing a secure PIN to access the voting system will be mailed in October to all registered electors

During the voting period, a Voter Help Centre will be available at the Municipal Office, located at 21 Queen St. in Ripley, to provide voting stations and staff assistance.

Stay Up to Date

We encourage all residents to stay up to date as more details become available leading up to October. You can follow the Township of Huron-Kinloss on Facebook, sign up for the HK Connects e-newsletter on our website, or find the most current information at www.huronkinloss.com/election.

Golf Car Pilot Project 2026 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 2026. Visit www.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, which is open daily in July and August. Learn more at secretsofthebackforty.com/point-clark-lighthouse

Ripley Winter Carnival

The Ripley Winter Carnival will take place on February 13th & 14th 2026. Don't miss the pancake breakfast, hockey skills competition, ice painting, costume skate, and more.

Visit www.huronkinloss.com/explore-and-play/ripley-winter-carnival for the full schedule!

By-Laws / Permits

Fire Permits

Fire permit renewal invoices have been mailed; unpaid permits will be cancelled after the due date. Permits are required for all open-air and beach fires. Please review the 2026 by-law amendments online before burning. Note that notifying Fire Dispatch prior to burning is no longer required. Visit <http://www.huronkinloss.com/live-here/fire-and-emergency-services> for more details.

Winter Parking By-Law

Per By-Law 99-20, parking is prohibited on all Township streets from 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. (November 1 to April 30). This restriction allows snowplows to clear roads safely and efficiently. Vehicles parked on the street during these hours may be ticketed or towed.

Dog Tags

All dogs must be registered and wear a Huron-Kinloss tag to ensure they are returned if found. Under By-law 2017-116, owners of unlicensed dogs may be fined and required to pay pound and administrative fees. New registrations are \$25, and replacement tags are \$10. Register at the Township Office or online at huronkinloss.com/live-here/animal-services. You may also register by mail by sending payment, dog details, and a self-addressed stamped envelope to the Township Office.

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 & Recycling Household Collection

Garbage collection is on a weekly basis and remains on the same schedule according to your section. Please ensure each bag is closed, weighs no more than 18kg (40lbs), and has a Huron-Kinloss bag tag attached. You can buy tags for \$3.00 at the Township office or at various local retailers.

As of January 1, 2026, the Ontario Blue Box program has transitioned from a municipal responsibility to the producer responsibility. The collection schedule will remain bi-weekly schedule according to your section. However, we will be able to recycle more than ever! For a complete list of recyclable materials www.circularmaterials.ca/resident-communities/huron-kinloss/

For details or questions about your recycling, please contact Bruce Area Solid Waste and Recycling (BASWR) at 1-800-794-9770 or info@brucerecycling.com.

Landfills

Huron Landfill Site (2087 Concession 6 East)

Hours: Tue, Fri, Sat | 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Closed April 3–4)

In addition to regular disposal, this site recycles electronics, tires, and household batteries (no car batteries). You can also recycle mattresses or box springs for a fee, as well as scrap steel and appliances that are Freon-free and CFC-tagged. Dense Styrofoam from appliance packaging is accepted, though food containers and insulation are not. Per By-Law 2011-09, you must provide proof of Township residency for all disposals. Please check the Township website for more details and other fees.

Kinloss Landfill Site (690 Kairshea Ave)

Hours: Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., opens April 4

Limited to white goods (household appliances), scrap metal, tires, and brush only. No garbage or household recycling.

Water Management

Please notify the Township office at least 48 hours in advance to turn your water service on or off. This service is free of charge. To prevent leaks or property damage, an owner, plumber, or representative must be on-site when the water is turned back on.

Report a Problem

Please report issues such as streetlights, potholes, tree maintenance, snow removal, or dogs at large through our website by clicking "Report a Problem" at the top right of any page of our website. You can also report concerns anytime using 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.
- 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

You can pay online via credit card, PayPal, or Interac e-Transfer through PaySimply, our secure third-party provider. To use these options, visit www.huronkinloss.com/property-taxes/. Please note that PaySimply charges a convenience fee and payments take three business days to process.

Huron-Kinloss Sports & Recreation

Winter & Spring Fitness:

A variety of fitness classes for adults and seniors of all abilities are available in Lucknow, Ripley, and Point Clark. Program details and youth programming are available at huronkinloss.com/explore-and-play/.

Summer Sports & Camps

Ripley: Early bird registration for Minor Baseball and Soccer is open until March 1, 2026. Registration for the 5-week Wolf Cub Adventure Camp for ages 5–10 opens January 19, featuring a variety of sports, crafts, and adventures. Complete details for all sports and camps are available at huronkinloss.com/explore-and-play/summer-camps and huronkinloss.com/ripleysummersports.

Lucknow: Minor Baseball and Soccer registration remains open until March 20, 2026. The 8-week Summer Sports Camp and outdoor swimming lessons both run throughout July and August. Registration and information for all seasonal programs can be found at 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
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	1-833-757-7539

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

To have Council Highlights or Township News delivered to your email, subscribe at huronkinloss.com/subscribe

For monthly updates on community events, recreation programming and more, subscribe to our HK Connects eNewsletter at 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

To engage with Township projects, visit haveyoursayhk.ca

For career opportunities, connect with us on LinkedIn