Huron Shores Fall 2014 Municipal News & Events

ELECTION NEWS: Municipal Election Day is Monday, Oct. 27/14. Are you interested in running for Council? Information and Nomination Forms are available at the Municipal Office or at huronshores.ca. Also, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) is offering an on-line course, at amo.on.ca for potential candidates entitled "So You Want to Run for Council?". **Deadline for Nominations is Friday, Sept. 12/14 at 2:00 p.m.** A nomination form must be filed with the Clerk/Administrator before spending or raising any money for campaign activities. The filing fee is $200 for Head of Council; $100 for Councillor. Huron Shores is governed by a 9-member Council (Mayor + 8 Councillors, 2 representatives/Ward). **An Advanced Poll will be held Saturday, Oct. 18/14** from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Polling location(s) will be advertised in *The North Shore Sentinel*, on huronshores.ca, and northchannelcurrent.ca.

VOTERLOOKUP.CA: The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) has launched voterlookup.ca, a website which allows electors to confirm or update their information for the municipal and school board elections.

MCCREIGHT'S BRIDGE CLOSURE: Due to the failing condition of McCreight's Bridge, it will be closed to vehicular traffic but will remain accessible to recreational vehicles (ATVs, snowmobiles) and pedestrians. Closure notification will be advertised on huronshores.ca, northchannelcurrent.ca, and in *The North Shore Sentinel*.

WATERPIPE BY-LAW: At the request of Algoma Public Health (APH) Council passed By-law #14-26 to prohibit the use of waterpipes (i.e. hookahs) in workplaces and enclosed public places. This by-law is in addition to By-law #04-06 to Regulate Smoking in Workplaces and Enclosed Public Places. Please visit the By-laws page of huronshores.ca to view these by-laws and other frequently requested by-laws.

FIRE PREVENTION: Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11/14: "Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives: Test Yours Every Month!" The Fire Department reminds everyone to test your smoke alarms and to plan and practice your home fire escape plan. To learn more about the volunteer fire department and the Junior Firefighter Program come out to the Department's **Open House and Barbecue** to be held from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 7/14 at the Iron Bridge Fire Stn. **AND** Thursday, Oct. 9/14 at the Little Rapids Fire Stn.

OPEN AIR BURNING: Please remember that annual permits are now required to conduct open air burning.

911 NUMBERING/CIVIC ADDRESSES: Maintenance of 911 signs is the responsibility of property owners. Please check the condition of your 911 sign as part of your fall yard cleanup. Visible, clear signage may be key to assisting you or someone in your household in receiving timely emergency assistance.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS: The Emergency Response Plan is available for viewing at the Municipal Office, Library and on huronshores.ca. The Emergency Management Ontario website (www.ontario.ca/beprepared) contains excellent information on preparing for emergencies.

2013 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: Available for viewing on huronshores.ca and at the Municipal Office.

RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE DECREASE: The 2014 budget has resulted in a **3.1% decrease** to the overall residential tax rate.

TAX BILL MAILING PROCESS: The Municipality strives to ensure that all tax notices are mailed out on time and to the most recent address on the assessment roll. **If there is a change to your mailing address, please provide written notification to the Municipal Office immediately in order to ensure uninterrupted delivery of correspondence.** It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to ensure that payments are made in a timely manner, regardless of receipt of the tax notice. The installment **due dates for the Final 2014 Tax Bill are Sept. 30 and Nov. 28/14** (the last business day of each month). "Change of Address" Forms are available at the Municipal Office or on-line via the Treasury Dept. page at huronshores.ca.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS: E-Payments: On-line property tax payment is available at **huronshores.ca**. To remit payments via this secure service, simply click on the bright red button, login, and set up your account by following the step-by-step instructions. When paying please include your 19-digit roll number without any dashes (e.g. 5724000001135790000). Pay each tax bill individually. Allow two (2) business days to receive your account confirmation. A fee will be charged by the provider for this service.
Canadian Financial Institution: Payment may be remitted via your local financial institution branch, by telephone or on-line. **In Person:** Cash or cheques, in Canadian funds only, are accepted at the Municipal Office. **Interac/Debit Card service is not available.**

PROTECTING YOUR FAMILY PET: It is a dog owner's responsibility to ensure that pets are kept securely on their own property or leashed and under control of a responsible individual when off the property. Should the family pet wander away from home or become lost, a dog tag will help to identify it. Tags may be purchased at the Municipal Office for $5.00, or $3.00 with proof of spaying/neutering. Please bring proof of rabies vaccination. Owners of pets falling under the definition of **Dangerous Dogs** are to register those pets with the Municipal Office. An **Exotic Pets By-law** has been implemented to regulate the possession, harboring and transport of certain types of exotic animals. Prior to acquiring any exotic pets, please consult with the Municipal Office respecting permitted species and licensing of same.

NUISANCE BEAVER – Property Owner Responsibilities: Beaver will become very active with the onset of the fall and winter seasons. The Municipality respectfully requests that all landowners monitor, maintain and/or remove beaver and/or dams on their properties to control water levels so as not to create flooding hazards and/or dangerous erosion to public roadways.

ATTENTION HURON SHORES BUSINESSES: If you are a new or existing business owner please contact the Office to add your business to the Huron Shores Business Directory, in print and/or on-line via huronshores.ca. This is a FREE service offered to all businesses/organizations located within the Municipality.

SNOW REMOVAL FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY: Council respectfully requests that you refrain from parking on, and plowing snow across, public roadways in the winter season. Doing so creates dangerous conditions for the travelling public and winter maintenance operations.

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: The Municipal Office will be closed from Noon, Wednesday, Dec. 24/14, to Friday, Jan. 2/15, inclusive. Our doors will re-open at 8:30 a.m., Monday, Jan. 5/15.

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