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2016 Regular Meetings of Council are held as follows, unless otherwise posted:
the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from January – June and September – November;
the 2nd Wednesday of the month in July and August;
and the 2nd Wednesday of the month in December.
Please notify the Clerk/Administrator by the Friday preceding the Council Meeting should you wish to make a presentation and/or submission to Council.

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**Municipality of Huron Shores
Spring 2016 Newsletter**

TREASURY DEPT. NEWS:

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 your mailing address has changed please provide written notification to the Municipal Office IMMEDIATELY.** The taxpayer is responsible to ensure that payments are made in a timely manner, regardless of receipt of the tax notice. "Change of Address" Forms are available at the Municipal Office or on the Treasury Dept. webpage at huronshores.ca. **The installment due dates for the Interim Tax Bill are March 31 and May 31/16** (the last business day of each month).

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OP-

TIONS: 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.

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The Municipality is seeking creative minds to develop a slogan to brand Huron Shores. Details can be found on huronshores.ca or by contacting the Municipal Office.

Cash Prize!



MAKING ONTARIO ACCESSIBLE Please visit huronshores.ca to read the Municipality's Multi-Year Accessibility Plan and Policies 2014-2019. We welcome your input. Also, visit the government site: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/accessibility-laws> to learn more about the Provincial requirements for businesses, organizations and communities.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU

The Municipality is seeking volunteers for the following:

- ⇒ Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC)
- ⇒ Sowerby Heritage Centre Committee
- ⇒ Iron Bridge Historical Museum Committee
- ⇒ Huron Shores Ward 4 Rec Committee

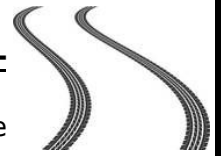
If interested, please contact the Municipal Office by no later than **Friday, March 18th**. Volunteerism drives our community; we **thank all** those presently serving for their time and dedication.



FIRE DEPT. NEWS: CO Alarms: It's the law in Ontario to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms adjacent to each sleeping area in your home if you have a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage. If you have any questions or require assistance with the installation of your alarms, call the Municipal Office and a member of the Dept. will be glad to help you and answer any questions you may have. Smoke, CO alarms, and combination units are available for purchase at the Municipal Office.

Open Air Burning Permits: The Municipality has adopted a year-round Open Air Burning Permit System. The fee is \$5.00 and the permittee **must call the Municipal Office during regular office hours to advise of his/her intention to burn.** Please visit the Fire Dept. page on huronshores.ca for details.

**SPRING
ROAD CON-
DITIONS**



Frost heaves are starting to appear. The travelling public is advised to take extra care and reduce speed when driving on municipal roads. Public Works is actively patrolling and identifying the areas of concern, please be alert for public works equipment, personnel, oncoming vehicles, traffic cones and barricades.

NUISANCE BEAVER :

Property Owner Responsibilities:

The Municipality respectfully requests that all landowners monitor, maintain and/or remove beaver and/or dams on their properties to keep water to levels that will not create flooding hazards and/or dangerous erosion to public roadways. In the interest of keeping our community a safe one, we appreciate and thank everyone for cooperating in this matter.





Pancake Breakfast: April 3, Sowerby Hall, 1410 Basswood Lake Rd.

ATV Fun Run: May 28, Little Rapids Gazebo, 34 Little Rapids Rd.

Farmers' Markets: Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., June-Mid-October, located at the 12-Sided Barn, 1410 Basswood Lake Rd., Sowerby

Antiques & Collectibles Show: May 21, Iron Bridge Rec Centre, 1 Chiblow Lake Rd.

Iron Bridge Music Fest: June 18/16, Iron Bridge Rec Centre (Arena).

1940s—The Decade of Events along the North Shore: Daily, July 15-August 15, Iron Bridge Historical Museum, 1 James St.

Annual Country Fair & Silent Auction: July 31, Heritage Park Museum, 2 Little Rapids Rd.

Iron Bridge Community Days & Family Ball Tourney: August 12-14

Iron Bridge Fall Fair & Parade: Sept. 3, Iron Bridge Rec Centre (Arena).

Fall Harvest & Music Fest: Sept. 17, Iron Bridge Rec Centre. For event details and more, visit huronshores.ca.



Please consider the following this spring:

The Garage Sales By-law: You are permitted **only three (3) garage sales per year** on any premises. If you are planning a garage sale, please contact the Municipal Office for further details with respect to permitted signage, etc.

911 Numbering/Civic Addressing: Maintenance of 911 signs is the responsibility of property owners. Please check the condition of your 911 sign as part of your spring yard cleanup.

The Clean Yard By-law: Please ensure your property meets the requirements of the Clean Yard By-law.

Family Pets: Dog tags are **required** annually, expiring December 31 of the year issued. Tags are \$5.00, or \$3.00 if spayed/neutered. Proof of rabies vaccination is also required. To report a dog running at large, please contact the Municipal Office. Pets defined as **Dangerous Dogs** must be registered at the Municipal Office.



Huron Shores Ward 4 Recreation Centre: Consider purchasing a \$10/month membership to the Ward 4 Gym. Located at 23802 Hwy. 17, (1/2 km east of the intersection with Dean Lake Rd.) Please contact Bonnie at (705) 843-2168 for details.

Waste Site & Recycling News

Effective **April 1st, 2016**, Municipal Waste Sites may **ONLY** be accessed during regular operating hours. Key holder agreements will be terminated. All tipping fees and other regulations are unchanged. Council will be reviewing additional measures (i.e. bag limits, identification tags, etc.) to maximize the life of the landfills and **welcomes public input and ideas**.

WASTE DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

Winter Hours – Oct. 1 to March 31

Monday & Wednesday 2:00-6:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Summer Hours— April 1 to Sept. 30

Monday & Wednesday 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Notice: All Waste Disposal Sites in the Municipality of Huron Shores are **CLOSED** on Statutory and Civic Holidays, Family Day, Easter Monday and Remembrance Day.

RECYCLING BIN LOCATIONS:

Ward 1: Waste Site, 200 Hwy. 129, accessible during regular operating hours.

Ward 2: Waste Site, 473 Cullis Rd., accessible during regular operating hours.

Ward 3: Iron Bridge, between Village General Store and Rec Centre.

Ward 4: Waste Site, 1035 Dean Lake Rd., accessible during regular operating hours.

There are **tipping fees** for the dumping of **mixed building debris** at all Municipal Waste Disposal Sites. Please contact the Municipal Office prior to depositing these items at the Sites. Also, all **refrigeration appliances** (freezers, fridges, dehumidifiers, etc.) must have the Freon removed and be tagged accordingly by a licensed technician prior to drop off at the Waste Disposal Site. **Propane tanks/cylinders are not accepted.** Please take them to any of the local propane recycling depots in the area.

TIRE COLLECTION & E-WASTE DISPOSAL: Tires and Electronic Waste (E-Waste) may be brought to the Wards 1 and 3 Waste Sites during regular operating hours, **at no charge**. E-Waste items are TV's, computer components, stereo equipment, etc.

HOUSEHOLD BATTERY RECYCLING: Deposit your household batteries, single use, cell phone and computer batteries at the following locations: All Municipal Waste Sites; the General Store & Municipal Garage in Little Rapids; the Municipal Office & Village General Store in Iron Bridge.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL:



Residents and Ratepayers of Huron Shores may drop off Household Hazardous Waste at the **Sault Ste. Marie Household Hazardous Waste Depot** free of charge. The Depot is currently located at 115 Industrial Park Crescent (turn off Great Northern Road across from Giovanni's Restaurant); but later this year it will be relocated permanently to the City Landfill at 402 Fifth Line East (watch for information regarding this upcoming move). The Hazardous Waste Depot Hours of Operation are: April 14 – October 29, 2016 (except for holidays); Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Fluorescent lights** are also accepted for disposal at the Depot as well as at Lowe's, (bulbs only), & Canadian Tire (tubes & bulbs) in Sault Ste. Marie.

MUNICIPAL GRANTS

Roads Donation Program: This Program provides a grant to a Committee of property owners who utilize private or municipally unmaintained roads to access their properties in order to assist with the cost of improvements to the road(s). **Application Deadline is May 31/16.** Details and application form available on huronshores.ca.

Community Event Investment

Fund (CEIF): The Community Event Investment Fund (CEIF) is an initiative of the Municipality, administered through the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), as a fund that is dedicated to help not-for-profit organizations start up a new event that could become an annual one (maximum grant \$1,000.00). **Applications must be submitted to the Municipal Office at least four (4) months prior to the event.** Application and details are available at huronshores.ca.

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NOTE: 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.**

TAX RECEIPTS: Due to Canada Post rate increases, receipts will only be mailed if the intact installment page (not just the installment slip) is included with your payment, if you have an outstanding balance, or, if specifically requested.

REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION: If you have concerns regarding the assessed value of your property you may contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) to file a **Request for Reconsideration (RfR)**.

The deadline for submitting an RfR for the previous tax year is **March 31st**. RfR Forms are available at the Municipal Office or by visiting mpac.ca. **NEW:** To file an RfR for the **2017 Tax Year**, property owners will have 120 days following the issue date of the 2016 Property Assessment Notice from MPAC.