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2017 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 3rd 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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HSFD NEWS



Municipality of Huron Shores Spring 2017 Newsletter

TREASURY DEPT. NEWS:



TAX BILL MAILING PROCESS

The Municipality mails tax notices to the most recent address on the assessment roll and strives to ensure that they are received in a time frame that allows for payment by the due dates. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to remit payment in a timely manner, regardless of receipt of the tax notice. If your mailing address has changed please provide written notification to the Municipal Office **IMMEDIATELY**. "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 31/17** (the last business day of each month). If you do not receive your bill, contact the Municipal Office.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS: COMING SOON!

Pre-Authorized

Debit Plan (PAD):

Staff are currently working through the process for this service. Watch huronshores.ca for details.



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SPRING ROAD CONDITIONS

Due to the mild February weather, frost heaves have already presented. The travelling public is advised to take extra care and reduce speed when driving on municipal roads. Public Works is actively patrolling and identifying severe areas of concern. Be alert for public works equipment, personnel, oncoming vehicles, and heed 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 co-operating in this matter.



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.

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 Recreation Committee
 - ⇒ Huron Shores Cemetery Board
- If interested, please contact the Municipal Office. Volunteerism drives our community; we **thank all** those presently serving for their time and dedication.



EP Week May 7-13

Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is an annual event in May. This year's theme is **Plan. Prepare. Be Aware.** Emergencies can strike anywhere, at any time. That's why everyone in Ontario is encouraged to be prepared—by having a plan, assembling a survival kit, and by staying informed. For details, visit: www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/beprepared

FIRE DEPT. NEWS: New Fire Chief: After 24-plus years with the Thessalon Township and then the Huron Shores Fire Department, and 11 years as Fire Chief, Gib Medve has retired. Effective January 1/17, Jim Kent became Fire Chief for the Municipality. Council and Staff congratulate Former Chief Medve on his retirement and wish Fire Chief Kent well in his new role and responsibilities as Chief.

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.



COMING EVENTS

- Family Fun Time:** March 12-17, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Iron Bridge Rec Centre, 1 Chiblow Lake Rd.
- Pancake Breakfast:** April 2, Sowerby Hall, 1410 Basswood Lake Rd.
- ATV Fun Run:** May 27, Little Rapids Gazebo, 34 Little Rapids Rd.
- Quilt Show:** May 27-28/17, Iron Bridge Rec Centre, 1 Chiblow Lake Rd.
- Farmers' Markets:** Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., June-Mid-October, at the 12-Sided Barn, 1410 Basswood Lake Rd., Sowerby; & at Iron Bridge Museum, 1 James Street
- Iron Bridge Music Fest:** June 17, Iron Bridge Rec Centre.
- Iron Bridge Public School Reunion:** July 29, Iron Bridge Rec Centre.
- Annual Country Fair & Silent Auction:** August 7, Heritage Park Museum, 2 Little Rapids Rd.
- Iron Bridge Community Days & Family Ball Tournney:** August 11-13, Lions Club Ball Park.
- Iron Bridge Fall Fair & Parade:** Sept. 2, Iron Bridge Rec Centre.

Spring Cleaning

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 are 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 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



Municipal Waste Sites and Recycling Bins may **ONLY** be accessed during regular operating hours. Waste Site Identification Cards are being developed, however distribution is delayed. Producing your card to the caretaker will be required to enter the waste sites. Watch for your cards in a future mail out. Council plans to implement a bag limit in the not too distant future. These measures are being undertaken to maximize the life of our landfills. Watch huronshores.ca for more information as it becomes available.

WASTE DISPOSAL SITE HOURS

Winter – Oct. 1 to March 31	Summer – Apr. 1 to Sept. 30
Mon. & Wed. 2:00-6:00 p.m.	Mon. & Wed. 4:00-8:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Sat. 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.

WASTE DISPOSAL & RECYCLING BIN LOCATIONS:

Ward 1: Waste Site, 200 Hwy. 129 Ward 3: Waste Site, 41 Red Rock Rd.,
 Ward 2: Waste Site, 473 Cullis Rd. Ward 4: Waste Site, 1035 Dean Lake Rd.

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.**

TIRE COLLECTION & E-WASTE DISPOSAL: Tires and Electronic Waste (E-Waste) may be brought to the Wards 1 and 3 Waste Sites **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 located at the City Landfill, 402 Fifth Line East. The Hazardous Waste Depot Hours of Operation are: April 4 – October 28, 2017 (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.

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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 31/17.** Details and application form are available on huronshores.ca.

Community Event Investment Fund (CEIF): This is an initiative of the Municipality and is administered through the Economic Development Advisory Committee (EDAC), as a fund that is dedicated to assist not-for-profit organizations start up a new event that could become an annual event (up to a maximum grant of \$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.




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. **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. **NOTE:** When paying taxes on line or by telephone, if you have more than one tax bill, please make sure that the correct amounts are applied to the respective tax bills.

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 at mpac.ca.