

Huron East Newsletter



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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

2017 has been a busy year for the Municipality both in terms of infrastructure renewal and new development. An infrastructure renewal project amounting to \$2 million dollars is nearing completion in Vanastra which includes the complete reconstruction of several streets, including new water mains, sanitary and storm sewers. Council has also issued a tender for the replacement of the roof and windows at the Seaforth Library.

Site works for the JL Retirement Development, a project which will construct an 80-unit retirement home and 40 residential condominiums, is underway behind the Seaforth Hospital. This development also brings with it the need to extend Duke and Centennial Streets and will result in a much needed second access to the Seaforth Hospital.



By the time this newsletter reaches you, the final preparations for the 2017 International Plowing Match will be underway. The 2017 IPM promises to be an event that has something for everybody and will be remembered for years. The Municipality of Huron East is pleased to be host municipality for this prestigious event and on behalf of Huron East Council, I would like to thank the IPM Executive Committee and the hundreds of volunteers for their time, effort and dedication towards organizing this event. A summary of the events at the IPM is included with this newsletter, and I encourage the residents of Huron East to visit the IPM.



Mayor Bernie MacLellan

For Sale

Moncrieff Property

Council has declared the Moncrieff Community Hall (1/2 acre) and the former Moncrieff Ball Park (3 acres) surplus and has invited requests for proposals (RFP's) for the sale of both properties. RFP's are due Thursday, September 14th, 2017 at noon. For additional information, please visit the Huron East website (www.huroneast.com).

2017 Budget

Council adopted a 2017 budget with total expenditures of \$16.5 million including \$5.5 million in capital expenditures. Major capital expenditures include:

- Reconstruction (Roads/Water/Wastewater/Storm Drainage) of Winnipeg Road/Toronto Boulevard/ Regina Road (\$2,210,314)
- Duke & Centennial Street Extension (\$500,000)
- Seaforth Sewage Treatment Plant improvements (\$450,000)
- Replacement of roof/windows Seaforth Library (\$300,000)
- Repairs to bridge structures - M1, M46, M50 & M52, (\$308,000)
- Replacement of 1987 Tanker – Brussels Fire Department (\$300,000)
- Repaving of Hullett-McKillop Road and Sawmill Road (Division Line to North Line - \$257,000 each)
- Replacement of 1994 Public Works Tandem (\$250,000)
- Lighting improvements & condenser replacement – Brussels Morris Grey Community Centre (\$90,000)
- Replacement of Olympia Ice Resurfacers – Seaforth & District Community Centre (\$80,000)
- Condenser floating head pressure system - Seaforth & District Community Centre (\$30,000)
- Improvements to filtration system – Brussels Wastewater (\$75,000)
- Meeting room addition – Grey Fire Hall (\$50,000)
- Replacement of 2003 1 ton Public Works truck (\$45,000)
- Asset management plan update (\$40,000)

The Huron East Municipal portion of the tax levy has increased by 5%. Of the total \$13.8 million tax levy in Huron East, \$5.9 million remains with Huron East, \$5.4 million is allocated to the County of Huron and \$2.5 million is allocated for educational purposes. Property tax increases per ward vary because of the impacts of reassessment and a higher proportional increase in farmland values, but will generally range from a decrease of 0.9% in Seaforth Ward to an increase of 12% in the McKillop Ward. Individual properties may experience slightly different rates due to the phasing-in of assessment increases. Please note 2017 is the first year of the 4-year assessment phase-in program. Urban property owners serviced by water and sewer will note that their quarterly bills have remained at 2016 rates with the exception of an increase of 6% to Vanastra Water rates and a decrease of 3% to Vanastra Sewer rates in 2017.

Tax Sale Legislation Change

PLEASE NOTE: Legislation has changed reducing the number of years a property is in tax arrears before tax sale proceedings can be started from 3 years to 2 years. **If your property taxes are 2 years or greater in arrears, your property is at risk of being registered for tax sale.** This process can add an additional \$2,000 plus to your taxes outstanding as all tax sale costs are recovered from the property owner.

E-Billing

The Municipality is excited to offer e-billing for 2018 Water & Sewer bills/Tax bills and Accounts Receivable bills. If you would like to receive your bills from Huron East via email, please download the application form from www.huroneast.com, come to the municipal office or contact the property tax clerk, utility clerk or accounts payable clerk at 519-527-0160 for assistance.

WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING NEWS

The household hazardous waste depot is located at the Mid-Huron Landfill site for proper disposal of paints, oils, medications, cleaners, etc. The Mid-Huron Landfill Site is located at Holmesville, 37506A Huron Road (Hwy 8) and is open 5 days a week from 8 am to 4 pm and Saturday until noon. This service is free to all Huron County residents.

Compost Sites

Huron East provides 2 compost sites for the disposal of yard and garden waste only. In the south, the compost site is located at 79522 Hannah Line, Harpurhey. In the north, residents are encouraged to use the compost site in Brussels at the north end of Turnberry Street on the west side.

Recycling and garbage collection

Schedules are on the Huron East website. Please note that bag tags for all wards are available at the Huron East Municipal Office and at various locations. For specific wards; check the Huron East website for locations within your ward.

VANASTRA EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTRE

(formerly Tuckersmith Day Care)

- Quality child care with trained professional REECE staff
- Open 6:30 am to 6:00 pm
- Weekly, Bi-weekly and Monthly rates
- Children 16 months - 12 years
- Full or Half Day Child Care
- Emergent Curriculum, Learning Through Play
- Gym and Swim
- After School Care with Swimming Lessons
- Full Time/Part Time/Flexible Schedules
- Kids Crew Care - before & after school, school holidays
- Free Assistance to Qualifying Families
- Please drop in to visit the Centre any time or call 519-482-7634 for information.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Permits are typically required for:

- All new buildings and additions to buildings
- Repair, renovation and alterations of existing buildings
- Prefabricated and relocated buildings
- All swimming pools in excess of 24" in depth
- Building systems (heating systems, fire protection systems etc.)
- Various structures such as decks, retaining walls and structures over 108 square feet
- Demolition of structures (obtaining a demo permit removes this structure from your taxes)
- Change of use of a building
- Please visit Huron East website for Code changes, including measurements for radon.

NOTE: Permits for plumbing and septic systems are issued by the County of Huron at the Huron County Health Unit. Permits for electrical works are issued by The Electrical Safety Authority.

FREE WELL WATER SAMPLING

The Huron County Health Unit reminds you to sample your well water each season and after heavy rain, plumbing work, or if you notice a change in your water's colour, taste or odour.

You can also sign up for email updates on testing well water - send your email address to wellwater@huroncounty.ca.

For more information contact the Huron County Health Unit at 482-3416 or visit their website at www.huronhealthunit.ca

PUBLIC WORKS

Street Lights

Call the municipal office at 519-527-1710 if you notice a street light is not working. We will arrange to have it repaired if you provide the address of the property nearest to the street light that is not working.

Snow Removal & Parking on Streets:

- No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway
- Parking is not permitted on any street or road between the hours of 2 am and 6 am from November 1 to April 15. Violators will be ticketed and may have their vehicles towed and impounded.
- It is ILLEGAL to park a heavy truck on ANY street in an urban area, any time of day/year. The fine is \$200

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Week - October 8 - 14 Every Second Counts Plan 2 Ways Out!

- Develop and practice home escape plans that take into account the unique configurations of the home and occupants, who due to cognitive or physical limitations, may require assistance to escape.
- Protect your family against fire and deadly carbon monoxide. Have your heating system examined annually by a qualified service technician.

For more Fire Safety Information, please contact the Huron East Fire Department at 519-527-0160 or 1-888-868-7513

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RECREATION

Looking for the latest and most up to date recreation information? You can find out program information, public skating, public swimming all on the Huron East website. Go to www.huroneast.com then click on Recreation and then choose which facility you are looking for Brussels, Seaforth or Vanastra.

Brussels Morris & Grey Community Centre

- Brussels Fall Fair will be located at the International Plowing Match Drop exhibits Sept. 17, 3:00-9:00 pm or Sept. 18, 8:00 -11:00 am (Pick up exhibits Sept. 24, 2:00-5:00 pm at BMGCC)
- Walk for Wellness most mornings from 9:00 - 11:00 am
- Adult Volleyball starts late September
- Zumba starts Sept. 7 at 7:00 pm
- Karate starts Sept. 28 at 6:30 pm
- Yoga - Tuesdays 6:00-7:00 pm
- Seniors Yoga - Wednesdays 10:00 am
- Adult volleyball will start early Oct. (looking for teams)

- Pickle Ball is ongoing all year, check out the calendar on the Huron East website for times and dates.

Free Free Free Skating

- Most Saturdays 1-3:00 pm starting in Oct.
- Moms, Tots, Pops and Seniors - Tuesday and Wednesday - starting in October
- Full schedules will be posted on the website at huroneast.com Recreation/ Brussels Arena or call 519-887-6621

Seaforth & District

Community Centres

Skating - Parents & Tots

- Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10:00 am - 12:00 Noon

Public Skating

- Sundays 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm depending on tournaments

All Public Skating is Free thanks to the many sponsors.

Snow Days & PD Days

- Jr. Shinny: 8:00 - 10:00 am
- Public Skating: 12:00 noon - 1:00 pm
- Sr. Shinny: 3:00 - 4:30 or 5:00 pm depending on the next ice rental for that day. More shinny times are available depending on that day's program (Always FULL equipment required for shinny) \$5.00
- Shinny Hockey, Mondays 3:00-4:30 pm \$5.00 per person

Walk for Wellness - Mon.-Fri. 8-10:00 am

Seniors Fitness - Tuesday & Thursday 9:30-10:30 am

Shuffleboard - Wednesdays 1:00-3:30 pm

Pickle ball - starting in October

Tuesday Tunes - Nov. 14 - Dec. 5 from 1:00-3:30 pm

Toy Show - November 25 and 26

Seaforth Fall Fair - Sept. 15, 16 and 17

Egmondville Church Supper - October 25

Breakfast with Santa - December 2

Watch the Huron Expositor for more information on dates, times, locations and other programs or call 527-1272 for details.

Vanastra Recreation Centre

- Free Sunday swims start November 26 through to March 11, 2018 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. Please note there will be no Sunday swims Dec 24 or 31. Many thanks go out to our local businesses and organizations for sponsoring the Sunday free swims.
- The Vanastra Recreation Centre is looking for anyone who would be interested in becoming a Lifeguard and seeking employment in Vanastra. Must be a minimum of 15 years of age and training will be provided with some terms and conditions. Please send a resume to vrc@huroneast.com
- Paint Night is coming to Vanastra. Tuesday Sept 22 or Tuesday Nov 7. Please go to our website to view paint sample. Evening is facilitated by Brushstrokes In Motion, Heather DeJong.
- Vanastra Recreation Centre is now offering a Stay Safe program for youth ages 9-11. This program reinforces a youth's capacity to improve his or her safety in their community or on their own. November 3. Go to www.huroneast.com for more information.