

Huron East Newsletter



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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As summer winds down and we start to settle into our fall schedules, I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate several organizations in our community that contribute to the unique fabric that is the Huron East community. The Seaforth Golf Course recently hosted another successful Seaforth County Classic and the Walton TransCan Grand National Championship returned this year with a very successful week. In Brussels, the recently opened Brussels Four Winds - Wedding & Event Barn brings a unique facility into operation in our Municipality. Our manufacturing base continues to expand; the Marcrest manufacturing facility in the north end of the Grey Ward is in full operation and Sun-North is expanding its facilities in Seaforth. These events and new facilities being built are reflective of the diversity and opportunities within our Municipality.



As noted elsewhere in this newsletter, municipal elections will be held this fall and Council certainly encourages your participation. This will be our second election with telephone/internet voting and the voting period will commence on October 5th and conclude on October 22nd. I would like to on behalf of Council, thank two Councillors who are not running for re-election for their work and dedication. Councillor Kevin Wilbee has served 4 years for the McKillop Ward and Councillor Nathan Marshal has served 8 years in the Seaforth Ward.

Mayor Bernie MacLellan

ELECTION

2018 Municipal Elections will be held in Huron East with races for Mayor and Councillors in the Brussels and Grey Wards. Councillors in the McKillop, Seaforth and Tuckersmith Wards have been acclaimed.

The Municipal Elections will once again be conducted using internet and telephone voting.

If you are unsure if you are on the Voter's List, or wish to verify your information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 519-527-0160. If your elector record is missing date of birth information, which is required to vote, you will be required to correct this information at the Clerk's office.

All eligible voters will receive a Voter Identification Letter which contains a Personal Identification Number (PIN). Voter Identification Letters will be mailed on or around September 24th, 2018. If you do not receive your Voter Identification Letter, please contact the Municipal Office.

All candidates meetings will be held on the following dates and all meetings will start at 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 19 - McKillop Ward, Caven United Church	Sept. 20 - Grey Ward, Ethel Community Centre
Sept. 25 - Seaforth Ward, Seaforth Arena	Sept. 27 - Brussels Ward, Brussels Arena
Oct. 1 - Tuckersmith Ward, Vanastra Recreation Centre	



The Voting Period will commence on Friday, October 5th, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. and end on Monday, Oct. 22nd, 2018

2018 Budget

Council adopted a 2018 budget with total expenditures of \$11.5 million including \$3.2 million in capital expenditures. Major capital expenditures include reconstruction (Roads/Water/Wastewater/Storm) of Church Street in Seaforth (\$622,600), Repairs to Bridge Structures T24 & T25 in Tuckersmith (\$400,000), Seaforth Sewage plant improvements (\$380,000), replacement of 1987 Tanker – Brussels Fire – deferred from 2017 Budget (\$353,150), paving of various rural roads (Bruce St, Henfryn Line, Industrial Park Drive, Lamont Drive, MacLellan Drive, Mt Pleasant Line & Walton Rd (\$320,666), Phase 1 of Duke St & Centennial Drive in Seaforth (\$195,035) and replacement of 2005 PW Backhoe (\$150,000).

The Huron East Municipal portion of the tax levy has increased by 5.6%. Of the total \$14.7 million tax levy in Huron East, \$6.4 million remains with Huron East, \$5.7 million is allocated to the County of Huron and \$2.6 million is allocated for educational purposes. Property increases per ward vary because of area rated services but will generally range from a decrease of 0.25% in the Brussels Ward to an increase of 8.82% in the McKillop Ward. Individual properties may experience slightly different rates due to the phasing-in of assessment increases. Please note 2018 is the second 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 2017 rates with the exception of an increase of 6% to Vanastra Water rates and a decrease of 4% to Vanastra Sewer Water rates in 2018.

Vacancy Rebate

Commercial and Industrial properties may be eligible for a property tax rebate. The property must have been vacant for a minimum of 90 consecutive days in order to be eligible. The **deadline is February 28th** of the year following the taxation year for which the application relates. The building inspector may be required to inspect the vacant unit. This application is not valid for seasonal businesses. **Notice of Phase Out – Vacancy Rebate** – Eligible applicants will receive 20% rebate for the 2018 taxation year, 10% rebate for the 2019 taxation year and the 2020 taxation year is the end of the program with 0%.

E-Billing

The Municipality is excited to offer e-billing 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 (ext. 22), utility clerk (ext. 23) or accounts payable clerk (ext.24) at 519-527-0160 for assistance.

WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING NEWS

REUSE, REDUCE, RECYCLE!

Recycling & Garbage Collection has changed in Huron East. Please refer to the website for calendars, contacts, and details.

There are a few large recycling depots in Huron East for those occasions when you have lots of cardboard or when you've missed your regular pick up day. These bins are for recyclable materials only. If garbage is placed in them, the bins will be permanently removed.

Leaf Pick Up

(Seaforth/Egmondville/Harpurhey/Brussels)

Leaf Pick Up will take place when the majority of the leaves have fallen - usually late October.

Leaves in biodegradable yard waste bags placed at the curb, will be collected in a timely manner. (Huron East does not provide bags)

Leaves raked into windrows at the curb will be collected less frequently as the leaf sucker circulates between communities in the north and south areas of Huron East as follows:

- Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday in the Seaforth/Egmondville/Harpurhey Area
- Thursday/Friday in Brussels

Residents are encouraged to take yard and garden waste to the Municipal Compost Sites at 79522 Hannah Line in Harpurhey and at the north end of Brussels, and place it in the areas marked COMPOST.

Do not leave bags/boxes/containers at the compost sites. Leaf pick up is weather dependent.

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

For recent Ontario Building Code changes please go to the Huron East website.

Electrical Vehicle Charging System

Requirements have been introduced into the Ontario Building Code, check our website for details.

Building Permits are typically required for the following:

- All new buildings and additions to buildings
- Repair, renovation and alteration of existing buildings
- New and used corrugated grain/feed bins 12 feet or greater in diameter
- Prefabricated and relocated buildings
- All swimming pools in excess of 24" deep
- Building systems (heating systems, fire protection systems, etc.)
- Various structures such as decks, retaining walls, wind generators in excess of 3 kw and free standing towers over 60 ft. high
- Demolition of structures (obtaining a demolition permit removes this structure from your taxes)
- Change of use of a building

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

Notice to owners with sump pumps

It is illegal to pump storm water from eaves troughs or basement sump pumps into the sanitary sewer. **Sump Pumps should discharge water directly onto the ground and away from neighbouring properties.**

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.

Parking

The best parking spots downtown are actually NOT parking spots. Look for the Lines; Read the Signs. Please refer to Parking By-Law 5-2012 on the Huron East website to ensure you are obeying the law so you won't get a ticket.

There is plenty of parking for business owners, staff and tenants in municipal parking lots, private parking lots and on side streets. It's against the law to park the wrong way on any road.

Backflow Preventers

Owners of Industrial/Commercial/High Density Residential properties, please review By-Law 77-2005 on the Huron East website that provides for the Regulation of Potable Water Supply Part 7 - Cross Connection Control to ensure that you are meeting the requirements for backflow prevention.

Water Metres - keep access to water meters free of obstructions (snow, closed gates, etc.)

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Week - October 7 - 13

Look. Listen. Learn.

Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.

- "LOOK" for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.
- "LISTEN" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should meet.
- "LEARN" two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

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 - Sept. 18 & 19

Theme is Tractors & Tailgates, BMG Recreation Board is hosting a Tailgate Party at the back door - pulled pork, hot dogs and Mac and Cheese.

- Adult Volleyball starts late October
- Zumba starts Sept. 6 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm drop ins welcome
- Karate starts late September
- Seniors Yoga - Wednesdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm must be pre-registered
- 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 1:30 - 3:30 pm starting in Oct.
- 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. Shiny: 8:00 - 10:00 am
- Parent & Tots: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Public Skating: 1:00 - 2:00 pm
- Sr. Shiny: 3:00 - 4:30 or 5:00 pm depending on the next ice rental for that day. More shiny times are available depending on that day's program (Always FULL equipment required for shiny) \$5.00
- Shiny Hockey, Mondays 2:00-3:00 pm \$5.00 per person

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

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

Shuffleboard - Wednesdays 1:00-3:30 pm

Pickle ball - Mondays 1:00 - 3:00 pm, Tuesdays 6:30 - 9:00 pm, Thursdays 1:00 - 3:00 pm & 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Tuesday Tunes - Nov. 13 - Dec. 3 from 1:00-3:30 pm

Toy Show - November 25 and 26

Seaforth Fall Fair - Sept. 14 and 15

Egmondville Church Supper - October 24

Breakfast with Santa - December 1

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 January 6 through to March 3, 2019 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. 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
- 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.