

# Huron East Newsletter



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

2019 was a busy construction year for both the private and public sector in Huron East and it has continued into 2020. The first phase of the reconstruction of County Road 12 from Highway 8 to the Egmondville bridge was completed and it allowed the opportunity to extend sanitary sewer services to approximately 90 Egmondville properties. Information packages for property owners will be sent out shortly and connections must be made to the system by July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

Tenders have been awarded for the second phase of the project which will include the reconstruction of Seaforth's Main Street. A pre-construction meeting with property owners to discuss the construction schedule, detour routes, etc. will be held later in March.

Two residential developments in Seaforth have also made significant progress which is carrying forward into 2020. The Zulk condominium development installed the majority of their servicing last fall and it is anticipated that construction of new residential units will start this spring and Pol Quality Homes anticipate starting to service their subdivision in the north end of Seaforth later this year.

The Huron East website is currently undergoing a redesign and is scheduled to be fully operational in June 2020. I encourage you to check it out as it will provide many new features to enhance the information and services available including online payments, news alerts and an online reporting tool for municipal concerns.

If you have any comments or concerns that you would like to bring to Council's attention, please contact either the Municipal Office or any member of Council. Contact information for Council members can be found on the Huron East website.



*Best Regards,*

### **2020 Budget**

Council has commenced the 2020 budget process. Council will be reviewing different components of the budget during their regular meetings and members of the public are welcome to attend these meetings. A notice of the final budget meeting, anticipated on March 17<sup>th</sup>, will be placed in local newspapers and a brief synopsis of the budget will be placed on the website prior to this meeting.

### **Property Taxation & Assessment**

Tax notices are sent out twice a year; the interim bill in early March and the final bill in early September. Each bill contains two installment dates. The 2020 installment dates are as follows: March 31<sup>st</sup>, June 30<sup>th</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup>.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to ensure payment is received at the municipal office on or before these due dates to avoid penalty. If making payments by telephone or electronically, please allow for processing time as payments must be received in the municipal office on/or before the due date to avoid penalty charges.

### **Mailing Address**

Please notify the tax department if your mailing address is incorrect or has changed. **Failure to receive a tax notice does not exempt you from penalty.**

### **Purchasing a Farm**

When a farm is sold it will become 100% residential tax class. This can mean the difference of thousands of dollars on a tax notice. Please call AGRICORP at 1-888-247-4999 or email [contact@agricorp.com](mailto:contact@agricorp.com) as soon as possible after the purchase of a farm, in order to get the property in the correct tax class.

### **Assessment Value Appeals**

For all property assessment concerns, please contact MPAC (Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) at 1-866-296-6722 or go to your property at [www.aboutmyproperty.ca](http://www.aboutmyproperty.ca). Have your property roll number available to assist with your inquiry. If you wish to appeal your 2020 property assessment the deadline is 90 days after the date of MPAC's Assessment Notice. Request for Reconsideration forms are available at the Municipal office in Seaforth, at [www.huroneast.com](http://www.huroneast.com) or [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca).

### **E-Billing**

If you would like to receive your Water/Sewer, Tax or Account Receivable bills from Huron East via email, please download the application form from [www.huroneast.com](http://www.huroneast.com), come into the municipal office or contact the property tax clerk, utility clerk or accounts payable clerk at 519-527-0160 for assistance.

### **After Hours Drop Box**

The Municipality has installed an after hours drop box at the front door of Town Hall for ratepayers' convenience.

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK MAY 3 – 9, 2020

For more information on Emergency Preparedness Week call 519-527-0160 or 1-888-868-7513 [mbedard@huroneast.com](mailto:mbedard@huroneast.com)



**ALERT READY**  
 EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT BREAKFAST DATES FOR HURON EAST**

Brussels – June 21, 2020

Grey – June 28, 2020

Brucefield - June 6 & Sept. 12, 2020

Seaforth - July 1, 2020

Proceeds from the breakfasts assist with equipment purchases.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING

### 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.

### Mid-Huron Recycling Centre

The household hazardous waste depot is located at the Mid-Huron Recycling Centre for proper disposal of paints, oils, medications, cleaners, etc, at no charge.

The Mid-Huron Recycling Centre located at Holmesville, 37506A Huron Road (Highway 8) is open Tuesday to Saturday from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

It is a transfer site for waste materials, recyclables and recoverable materials that can be unloaded manually.

Call for details 519-482-7668.

### Compost Sites

Disposal of yard & garden waste located at:

- 79522 Hannah Line, Harpurhey
- 108 Turnberry Street, Brussels

### Grey & McKillop Recycling & Garbage Collection Changes

The garbage and recycling service provided by Bluewater Recycling to Grey and McKillop residents will be changing to an automated wheelie-bin collection during the first week of May.



Grey and McKillop residents will receive a flyer from Bluewater Recycling outlining the details of the delivery of the bins, etc.

### Recycling and garbage collection

Collection schedules along with bag tag locations are on the Huron East website. Bag tags are available at the Huron East Municipal Office.

## VANASTRA EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTRE

- Quality child care with trained professional RECE 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
  - Fee Assistance to Qualifying Families
- Please drop in to visit the Centre any time or call 519-482-7634 for information, or register your child with Huron County Childcare Wait List at [www.onehnsn.com](http://www.onehnsn.com)

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

If you are not sure if you need a building permit, call the Building Department at 519-527-1710.

### **Call before you dig - Always get locates!**

Call Ontario One Call 1-800-400-2255 to get all utilities (gas, hydro, water, sewer, cable, telephone lines) located before you start digging.

### Septic & Plumbing Permits

As of January 1, 2020, Huron East is the approval authority for septic and plumbing permits and inspections. Please contact the Building Department.

### 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

## 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.**

### Municipal Road Safety

For safety and to ensure proper drainage, municipal road allowances are not to be planted with crops. Every property should have a defined legal entrance. The grass ditch area between the fence line and road should not be used as headlands.

A permit is required for new field entrances, laneways or driveways. The application and information is on our website.

The average rural road allowance is 66 feet.

### Watering Restrictions (By-Law 34-2006)

Outdoor watering - even numbered houses on even days and odd numbered houses on odd days from 7:00-9:00 morning/evening.

### Grass Mowing

Do not blow grass onto the roadway.

In urban areas, it collects in catch basins and leads to possible flooding. It creates a hazard for bike and motorcycle operators and is an offence (Section 180 Highway Traffic Act).

## RECREATION

The Huron East Recreation Department is committed to providing services and programs that encourage health, fitness, recreation, education and social opportunities. You can discover information on programs and services in the Huron East Community Guide or by visiting our website at [www.huroneast.com](http://www.huroneast.com)

## BRUSSELS MORRIS & GREY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Walking Available - 9:00 - 11:00 am every morning

### Pickle Ball

Monday and Tuesday 6:45 to 8:45 pm  
Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

### March Break

Let's Get Cooking (Ages 8 - 12)

9:00 am to 12:30 pm - Cost \$5.00/day

Cooking and Crafts (12-14 year olds that would like to help are welcome)

Must pre-register by calling 519-887-6621 or email [bmGCC@ezlink.ca](mailto:bmGCC@ezlink.ca)

## SEAFORTH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRES

- Tuesday Tunes - every Tuesday from 1:00 to 3:30 pm until early May.

- Shuffleboard - every Wed. 1:00 to 3:00 pm

- Walk for Wellness

- Monday to Thursday 8:00 - 10:00 am

- Skating - Parents & Tots (Free)

- Tues. Wed. and Thurs. from 10:00 am until Noon

- Free Public Skating (Thanks to many sponsors!) Sundays 1:00 - 2:30 pm depending on tournaments

- Pickle Ball

Tuesday and Thursdays 7:00 - 9:00 pm

Monday and Thursday 1:00 - 3:00 pm

### March Break

Skating - Parent & Tots (Free) - Wed. and Thurs. from 10:00 to noon

Free Skating - Wed. and Thurs. from 1:00 to 2:30 pm

For more information and to register for programs call the SDCC office 519-527-1272 or check the Community Guide or email [c4tharena@huroneast.com](mailto:c4tharena@huroneast.com)

## VANASTRA RECREATION CENTRE

Spring Session Swimming Lessons starting soon. Schedule and registration form is available online [www.huroneast.com](http://www.huroneast.com). Please note registration fees must be paid in order to register. Payment options are on the registration form.

Standard First Aid with CPR - April 25/26

2-day course offers hands on first aid and CPR training. Course meets legislation requirements for worker safety and insurance boards and includes the latest first aid and CPR guidelines.

Babysitting Course - May 1

This course is great for kids age 11 and up. Advance registration is required.

Stay Safe - June 8

This course offers basic first aid and safety skills for kids ages 9 and up. Please call to register.

### March Break

Swimming - March 16 to 20 - 1:30 - 3:30 pm

- General Admission Standards apply, children under the age of 6 must be supervised by an adult or caregiver in the water.

- Admissions rates - \$3.25/child, \$4.25/student (13 yrs+), \$5.25/adult and \$13.50/family

Find all program information, schedules, and prices at [www.huroneast.com](http://www.huroneast.com) click on Recreation or call 519-482-3544.