

Huron East Newsletter



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

The past year and a half has been challenging for everyone in our community due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel with the rollout of vaccines and our Huron-Perth community achieving the 70% fully vaccinated threshold. As we approach this fall, it is important to encourage those who have not been vaccinated and those still needing their second dose to attend one of the convenient walk-in clinics being scheduled throughout Huron County. The sooner we reach greater thresholds, the sooner we can move past this pandemic. On the brighter side, it is great to see our businesses open and our community active. Recently, I was heading to an evening meeting and was so pleased to see a youth baseball game in action.



Construction in Seaford is finally coming to an end, with new streetscapes along our Main Street and Goderich Street East. The downtown areas look great. We are also pleased to be replacing the Green Bridge at the intersection of Front Road and Kinburn Line. We thank our federal and provincial partners for the funding to undertake these large, well needed, construction projects.

I am excited to see the renovation of the Brussels, Morris & Grey Community Centre moving forward thanks to funding from the federal and provincial governments through an Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Community Culture and Recreation (CCR) Funding Stream, with \$1,915,200 federal and \$1,595,840 provincial contributions. The renovation will include new dressing rooms, new lobby with heated viewing area, and a fitness centre.

Huron East has been experiencing increased growth in housing with new developments occurring throughout the Municipality, including a new subdivision being developed by the Municipality in Brussels in the very near future. With the current housing shortage, we anticipate seeing continued demand in the residential housing market and Huron East is well positioned for this new growth.

All these exciting projects and developments demonstrate that the Municipality of Huron East is a vibrant community.

Mayor Bernie MacLellan

Message from the CAO/Clerk

As your new Chief Administrative Officer and Clerk I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the residents and businesses of the Municipality of Huron East. I look forward to working with you, your municipal staff, and your elected Council in continuing to make Huron East a vibrant and prosperous community.

Some key initiatives that I will be working on in the very near future will include a communication plan, corporate and community strategic plans, and an economic development strategy for the Municipality of Huron East. These initiatives will strengthen our ability to attract investment and create opportunities for the residents and businesses of Huron East.

I welcome the opportunity to speak with any one of you on what is important to you in Huron East. Communications, conversations and dialogue will help me lead the administration of this municipality and to identify and set priorities. Feel free to give me a call to touch base and introduce yourself. I can be reached by phone at (519) 527-0160 extension 27 or by email at cao@huroneast.com.

Brad McRoberts, MPA, P.Eng.
CAO/Clerk

2020 Budget

Council adopted a 2021 budget with total expenditures of \$18.6 million including \$8.1 million in capital expenditures. Major capital expenditures include Replacement of the Bridge Structure T13 at Front Road and Kinburn Line (\$2,564,100), Brussels Wastewater filtration building upgrades (\$2,200,000), Phase 1 of the Connecting Link-Hwy 8 Reconstruction (Sidewalks/Water/Wastewater - \$947,641), Completion of Phase 2 reconstruction (Water/Wastewater/Storm/Sidewalk/Streetlights) of Main Street - County Rd 12 in Seaford (\$715,900), Replacement of the 1986 Tanker Truck at the Grey Fire Station (\$500,000), Repaving of Morrison Line from Kippen Road to Mill Road (\$448,000), and Water/ Wastewater SCADA system upgrades (\$155,000).

The Huron East Municipal portion of the tax levy has increased by 5.71%. Of the total \$17.1 million tax levy in Huron East, \$7.8 million remains with Huron East, \$6.6 million allocated to the County of Huron and \$2.7 million allocated for educational purposes. Property increases per ward vary because of area rated services but will generally range from an increase of 0.97% in the McKillop Ward to an increase of 6.59% in the Grey Ward. Individual properties may experience slightly different rates due to the changes in their assessment values. Please note 2021 was scheduled to be the 1st year of a new 4-year assessment phase-in cycle however due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, property reassessments have been postponed. Your 2021 and 2022 property assessments will remain at 2020 values unless there has been work completed on the property. Urban property owners serviced by water and sewer will note that their quarterly bills have remained at 2020 rates.

COVID-19 Precautions

Town Hall is open to the public. For your safety and the safety of our staff the following precautions are in place:

- Appointments are encouraged if visiting someone in the office.
- Face masks are required to enter Town Hall as per Huron Perth Public Health and everyone is encouraged to use the hand sanitizer available.
- In order to maintain social distancing, only one person is allowed in the offices at this time so if someone is already in being assisted please kindly wait in the lobby (maintaining your social distance) until it is your turn.
- Frequently touched surfaces are disinfected on a regular basis throughout the day.

Vanastra Plaque Dedication Ceremony

On Sunday, September 19th at 10:00 am a plaque dedication ceremony will be held in front of the Vanastra Recreation Centre to commemorate the contributions that Vanastra and radar made to World War II. Numerous Legions and retired military personnel will be attending and a fly-by is also scheduled at approximately 11:00 am. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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 several large recycling depots in Huron East for those occasions when you have additional 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.

If your recycling/garbage is not picked up, please call either Waste Management 1-888-730-3344 or Bluewater Recycling Association 1-800-265-9799 depending on the area served.

Landfill/Transfer Stations

Residents that require a landfill must use the landfill/transfer station that their particular ward is assigned to:

Seaforth/Tuckersmith

- Mid-Huron Transfer Station (519-482-7668)
37506A Huron Road (Highway 8)
Tuesday to Saturday (8 am to 1 pm)

Grey/McKillop

- Walton Landfill Site - 42966 Walton Road
Alternating Saturdays - 9 am to 4:30 pm
(same week as Bluewater Recycling Collection)

Brussels

- Morris Landfill Site - 85047 Clyde Line
Wednesdays (10 am to 3 pm)
Saturdays (9 am to 5 pm)

LEAVES

Mulch your leaves this year and save time, energy and your back by not raking! All you need to do is run over the leaves with your lawnmower.

Compost - Take yard and garden waste to the Municipal Compost Sites at 79522 Hannah Line in Harpurhey and 108 Turnberry Street in Brussels, and place in the areas marked COMPOST. Do not leave bags, boxes, containers or garbage at the compost sites.

Rake your leaves into windrows at the curb to be collected by the Leaf Sucker beginning October 18, 2021 and ending November 12, 2021, on:

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

Bag - Leaves in paper yard waste bags placed at the curb, will be collected in a timely manner. (Huron East does not provide bags.) Do not blow mulched leaves or grass onto sidewalks or road edges, this creates slippery surfaces for pedestrians, cyclists & drivers and is an offence (Section 180 Highway Traffic Act).

The leaf sucker is not able to pick up mulched leaves or grass. Debris on the road clogs our catchbasins, which leads to flooding after heavy rains.

Fall Pick Up in Vanastra - November 1 and 15
Brush clippings, leaves and garden refuse must be bundled, tied or in paper bags for pick up at curbside on these 2 dates.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Prevention Week is October 3 - 9

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

mbedard@huroneast.com

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

For recent Ontario Building Code changes please go to the [Huron East website](#).

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.

PUBLIC WORKS

Notice to owners with sump pumps

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

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

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 No. 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.

Municipal Road Safety

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.

VANASTRA EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING CENTRE

(formerly Tuckersmith Day Care)

Under the direction of the Huron Perth Health Unit, Ministry of Education and the Municipality of Huron East, extra precautions are being taken to support the health and safety of children, families and staff. To reduce the spread of COVID-19, families and staff will be screened, the cleaning and disinfecting of toys, equipment and highly touched surfaces will be increased as per Health Unit guidelines.

- Quality child care with trained professional RECE staff
 - Open 6:30 am to 6:00 pm (Mon. to Fri.)
 - Children 16 months - 12 years
 - Emergent Curriculum, Learning Through Play
 - Fee Assistance to Qualifying Families
 - Register your child with Huron County Childcare Wait List at www.onehnsn.com
- At this time there will be no Centre tours. Call 519-482-7634 for more information.

BRUSSELS MORRIS & GREY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Zumba

Starts Sept. 9 - Thursday evenings 7:00 to 8:00 pm

Pickle Ball

Outside for September & inside in October Monday & Tuesday evenings 7 pm to 9 pm
If there is interest in an afternoon pickle ball, please call the arena and we will try to start it up if there are enough participants.

Karate

Starts Sept. 15 - Wednesday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

Walking

Starting Sept. 16 - available in the auditorium

9:00 to 10:30 am (Monday to Friday)

For more information and to register for programs call the BMGCC office at 519-887-6621 or check the Community Guide or email bmgcc@ezlink.com

SEAFORTH & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRES

Shuffleboard - Wednesdays 1:00 to 3:00 pm

Pickle Ball

Monday and Tuesday 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Thursday 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Community Market

Thursdays 3:00 - 7:00 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

VANASTRA RECREATION CENTRE

We are open under Provincial Stage 3 guidelines and are happy to welcome you back. In order to ensure your safety when visiting our facility, all programs and admissions will follow the COVID-19 measures provided by the Ontario Government Road Map and Huron Perth Public Health. Please go to our website www.huroneast.com for the most current protocols.

Private swimming lessons, water exercise classes and public swims will all be available during Stage 3. The website has been updated for program details and scheduled swim times. To schedule a swim time or register for a program call 519-482-3455 or email vrc@huroneast.com

Water Safety Instructor course starting soon. You must be a minimum of 15 years of age and completed the Assistant Lifeguard or Bronze Cross course. Check the website for dates, times and cost. Join the Red Cross team, helping to deliver our injury prevention message and keeping Canadians safe from water related injuries. Call to register.

Thank-you to everyone who participated in our Rain Barrel sale fundraiser. We hope you have made good use of your rain barrel for your flowers and gardens this year. Your support has been greatly appreciated.