



Township of Chatsworth

NEWSLETTER

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Mayor's Message

Welcome to 2018! This time of year is always exciting as we look back on our accomplishments and look forward to new challenges in the year ahead. Over the past year, many things occurred in the Township of Chatsworth. We decommissioned the Chatsworth Arena. This was bittersweet with the 50+ year old facility holding a great deal of community history for many teams, athletes and citizens. But with this change, we have established a new Community Recreation Task Force that will explore options for a new community recreation facility. A new playground has been installed in Walters Falls. We celebrated Canada's 150th birthday in many of our communities. Capital projects included the reconstruction and paving of Perdue Road/Sideroad 10 and the reconstruction of Concession 8.

The Township participated in a Community First Impressions Exchange with the Municipality of North Middlesex. We will receive the feedback report from North Middlesex on January 29th. This report provides feedback from an outsider's view on their first impression of our community including municipal gateways, downtown areas, parks, etc. The feedback can then be used to support community improvement projects such as downtown revitalization.

With these celebrations, milestones and signs of progress in our community, we continue to focus on citizen engagement, and open and transparent government. We invite you to attend our Council meetings, or follow us on facebook to see what's happening in your community.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank our countless volunteers who have contributed to our community in many ways; main street decorations in Chatsworth, Desboro and Williamsford, Christmas in the Village, fundraising for many recreation projects (Walters Falls playground and improvements to the Ball Booth in Holland Centre).

As we move into 2018 Council and staff will be working to advocate the Provincial and Federal Governments for much needed infrastructure funds to complete identified road and bridge projects. We invite you to attend our 2018 Budget Open House on Wednesday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Council Meeting Dates:

First Wednesday of each month starting at 9:00 a.m.; and

Third Wednesday of each month starting at 6:30 p.m.

All Council meetings are open to the public unless specifically permitted to be closed under Section 239 of the Municipal Act. Council Agenda packages are posted to the Township's website by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday preceding the Council meeting. Should you wish to appear as a delegation, please complete the "Request to Appear before Council" form found on our web site and/or contact the Clerk's Department at 519-794-3232, Ext. 124 or Ext. 134.

Residents and interested parties who would like to address Council are invited to register to speak as a delegation. Individuals who submit letters, requests for delegations, opinions, petitions, presentations, reports and other information provided for or at a Public Meeting, or other public process or addressed to Council, should be aware any personal information contained within their communication may become part of the public record, may be made available to the public through Council process and may be posted on the Township's website.

Community & Business Showcase May 4 & 5 2018

Save the Date! Building on last year's format, we are once again hosting our Community & Business Showcase on May 4th and 5th at the Desboro Arena. Business owners are invited to our second annual "Mayor's Business Reception" on Friday evening and the Showcase is open to the public on Saturday. Watch our website and facebook page for more information, including business registration details.

**2017-2018
Strategic Plan**

In early 2017 Council began the process of completing a Corporate Strategic Plan that included a successful public engagement event. The Plan creates a blueprint for Council and staff over the next year.
The Township has identified the following priority areas:

- Economic Development
- Fiscal Management, Accountability & Sustainability
- Fostering Community Development
- Continuous Improvement
- Quality of Life

The Full Strategic Plan can be found on our website at www.chatsworth.ca

Tax Due Dates:

**February 23rd
and
April 27th**

Payment Information:

Payments for taxes and water may be made by mail, internet and telephone banking, in person or by using the mail drop box at the municipal office or in person at the Township's Administration Centre Monday – Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Pre-authorized payments directly withdrawn from your bank account can be arranged for both water and tax payments. If you are leaving on an extended vacation, this is the best payment method to avoid missing a due date and having penalty and interest applied to your account. When making payment through telephone/Internet banking, please allow two (2) business days for payment to be received by the municipal office.
FAILURE TO RECEIVE A TAX BILL DOES NOT RELIEVE THE TAXPAYER OF THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PAYMENT, NOR THE LIABILITY OF PENALTY CHARGES FOR LATE PAYMENT.

Municipal Water Services

On January 3, 2018 Council approved the 2018 municipal water systems budget with a zero water rate increase planned for 2018. Monthly water rates are a combination of a fixed rate, metered rate, and capital replacement charge rate.

Smart Water Tip

Be aware of the amount of water you use:

- 1 cubic metre (1000 litres) of water = 220 gallons
- One drip per second wastes 10,000 litres or 2200 gallons per year

Conserving water not only helps the environment, it helps save on your monthly water bill.

2018 Dog Tags & Canine News



Dog tags are now available at the Township Office. Tags are due by March 31, 2018.

- Costs:
- First Dog (spayed or neutered) - \$ 20.00 per year
 - First Dog (not spayed or neutered) - \$ 30.00 per year
 - Second Dog - (spayed or neutered) - \$ 40.00 per year
 - Second Dog (not spayed or neutered) - \$ 50.00 per year
 - Third Dog – (if permitted by by-law) - \$100.00 per year

Dog Tags purchased in 2018 will be good for three years. You will be invoiced annually in January for the second and third years respectively. **If you no longer have a dog previously licensed, please contact the Township Office to update our information.** No more than three dogs per property are permitted, unless you are a kennel operator, licensed by the Township.

REMINDER: By-law prohibits dogs from running at large.
Animal Control Officer, Cheryl Roberts 519-373-1000

Recreation News

Ice Rentals: Desboro Arena – Al Mills 519-794-3202
Keady Arena – Ian Henderson 519-934-2568

Parents & Tots: Keady Arena – Every Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Free Skate: Desboro Arena – Every Sunday until April 1, 2018 (2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) (Sponsored by Desboro Community Club)
Keady Arena – Every Saturday until March 31 (12:30 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.)

Hall Bookings: Desboro – Contact Al Mills 519-794-3202
Keady – Contact Erin Weppler 519-375-6106
Williamsford – Celeste Eickholdt 519-794-4608
Walters Falls – Millie Wells 519-794-0824
Scone - Doreen Sulkey (summer rentals only) 519-363-2848

Community Recreation Task Force

As a result of the Chatsworth Community Centre closing, Council has established a Community Recreation Task Force to explore options for recreation programs, services and facilities in the future. Join in the conversation! The **Community Recreation Task Force** wants to hear from you. Please take the time to complete our ten minute Community Recreation Survey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CNL3NNW>

If you do not have access to the internet, please feel free to drop by the municipal office and pick up a paper copy of the survey and return to us by no later than Friday, February 23.

The Task Force will also be hosting two community engagement sessions to seek more information and open dialogue from the public (open to all ages). Please join us at one of two Conversation Café events –

April 9th at 7:00 p.m. – Williamsford Community Centre

April 16th at 7:00 p.m. – Keady Community Centre

Fire Department

Chatsworth Firefighters 29th Annual Garage Sale

Saturday, April 28th

Location to be Determined

Clocks Move Ahead on March 11th – Don't forget to replace the batteries in your Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Alarms. If your alarms are more than 8 years old, they should be replaced.

Winter Maintenance



Your assistance during the winter season will help the Township of Chatsworth Public Works Department provide efficient and effective winter maintenance. Your cooperation with snow removal is very much appreciated.

- Trucks with flashing blue lights are performing winter maintenance. Please give them room to work. Pass with caution, as visibility may be compromised due to blowing snow.
- Park your vehicle in your driveway, well off the road, until snow clearing operations on roads and sidewalks are complete. This allows our crews to do their job and make the streets and sidewalks safe for everyone.
- Do not push snow across roads and streets; not only is this a safety hazard, it is against the law to deposit snow on the roadway.
- Damage to mailboxes can happen two ways during winter maintenance operations; either as a direct hit by the snow plow or by snow and ice dislodged from the roadway and thrown from the plow. If your mail box has been hit by the Township's snowplow, a replacement box will be provided. Should you not wish to accept the mailbox as provided, the Township will reimburse the property owner up to \$50.00 towards the replacement cost. The Township will not replace mailboxes that are damaged by snow/ice thrown from the plow.


Building Department

The Township of Chatsworth provides Building Services (ie. inspections, permits, etc.) through a Shared Services Agreement with the Municipality of West Grey and the Townships of Grey Highlands and Southgate.

If you are interested in building in the Township of Chatsworth and would like to discuss your project, a Building Official can meet with you at the Township office. Please contact us at 519-794-3232, Ext. 128 or building@chatsworth.ca to arrange a consultation. You may also contact the Chief Building Official, Joint Building Services at 226-909-0668.

Building permits allow the Township to protect the interests of both individuals and the community as a whole. By reviewing and approving building plans before any work is done, the Township can ensure that buildings comply with:

- The Building Code, which sets standards for the design and construction of buildings to meet objectives such as health, safety, fire protection, accessibility and resource conservation;
- The local Zoning By-law and other planning controls
- Other applicable legislation, including conservation authority approvals and certain requirements under the Environmental Protection Act.

<p>Chatsworth Votes</p> 	<p>The upcoming 2018 Municipal and School Board Election will take place on October 22, 2018. Due to recent amendments to the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 the nomination period for the 2018 election has changed.</p> <p>Nominations must be filed with the Clerk at the municipal office in the follow manner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In person or through an agent • During regular office hours at the Clerk's office from May 1, 2018 to Thursday, July 6, 2018 (8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.), and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2018 (Nomination Day). <p>Candidate packages, the prescribed nomination form and all other necessary forms about the Municipal and School Board Election are available on the Township's website.</p>
<p>Keep in Touch</p>	<p>If you would like us to keep in touch by emailing you future newsletters, or if you would like to be included in our Council agenda e-circulation, please let us know by sending us a quick note to: office@chatsworth.ca</p>

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GARBAGE & RECYCLE CALENDAR 2018

FORMER SULLIVAN and VILLAGE OF CHATSWORTH (West of Hwy. 6)				FORMER HOLLAND (East of Hwy. 6)			
JANUARY	9, 23	JULY	10, 24	JANUARY	2, 16, 30	JULY	3, 17, 31
FEBRUARY	6, 20	AUGUST	7, 21	FEBRUARY	13, 27	AUGUST	14, 28
MARCH	6, 20	SEPTEMBER	4, 18	MARCH	13, 27	SEPTEMBER	11, 25
APRIL	3, 17	OCTOBER	2, 16, 30	APRIL	10, 24	OCTOBER	9, 23
MAY	1, 15, 29	NOVEMBER	13, 27	MAY	8, 22	NOVEMBER	6, 20
JUNE	12, 26	DECEMBER	11, 24	JUNE	5, 19	DECEMBER	4, 18, 31

NOTE: All waste must be placed at the curb prior to 6:00 a.m.. Garbage and recycling must be placed on the following roadside:

**Township Roads- Mailbox side
Provincial, County and Townline Roads- End of Driveway**

Garbage Tags may be purchased at the Township Office, Variety Plus Convenience Store, Chatsworth, 6 & 10 Convenience, Esso Gas Station Chatsworth, Williamsford General Store and Holland Centre Gas Bar.

LANDFILL SITES & HOURS

There are two landfill sites located within our municipality, which are available to all Township of Chatsworth property owners:

Sullivan Landfill (702320 Sideroad 5) Open Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Mondays 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (November 1st to March 31) and Mondays 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (April 1 – October 31)

Markdale Landfill (775557 Highway 10) Open Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Monday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., holidays open on Tuesdays

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS

The City of Owen Sound will continue to offer the use of their Household Hazardous Waste Program to all residents in the Township of Chatsworth. Household Hazardous waste will be accepted on the following days from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 1900-20th Street East, Owen Sound:

April 7	August 11
May 5	September 8
June 2	October 13
July 7	October 27