



Township of McMurrich/Monteith
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Newsletter - Spring, 2010

Please welcome Krista Hilder, our new Intern, to our office and community. Krista was hired for a one year contract through a FedNor program called the Youth Internship Program. This program was created to help keep Northern youth in the North; not to migrate outside our area for work.

In late December, 2009, Council submitted an application to the District of Parry Sound District Social Services Board of Administration in Parry Sound for funding to erect an "Affordable Housing" Complex for Seniors. This proposed housing complex will have 12 rental units as well as a community room and kitchen. Council anticipates hearing some positive news in the near future. For more information on this proposal, please contact the municipal office.

The Township was approved in 2009 for funding assistance to erect a Community Centre and Covered Rink Surface through the Building Canada Fund - Community Component. Construction is underway and Council anticipates opening this building to the public soon!!

Our Township has an agreement with the *Burk's Falls Armour Ryerson Union Public Library*, located at 39 Copeland Street in Burk's Falls, so that residents and ratepayers of our Township can utilize their services at no cost for a membership fee. The Library has given some surplus books to us and are available at our municipal office for lending. Please come in and help yourself to the books and return them when you are finished so that others may also enjoy them.

Failure to receive a Tax Notice does not relieve you of penalty being added to outstanding amounts each month!! (1.25% per month or 15% annually) Penalty is added to outstanding amounts after the fifth day of each month.

This is a Municipal Election Year!! Please be sure to check with this office later in the year to make sure your correct information is on the Electors List. Nomination Forms can be accepted until 2pm on September 10, 2010. If a greater number of candidates than required to fill the Council offices are nominated, an election will be held on *Monday, October 25th, 2010*.

Council Contact Information:

Reeve:	Glynn Robinson	685-7779		
Councillors:	David Evans	685-7024	Mervin Mulligan	685-7888
	John Murphy	571-5455	Tina Scott	685-7914

Council meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month. **Exception for Holiday Mondays, where meetings are held the following Tuesday. Meetings are called to order at 7:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Township Office/Fire Hall at 31 William Street, Sprucedale. ** Once approved by Council, copies of the Minutes for the meetings are posted on our website and at our Municipal Office.

If anyone wishes to have a delegation with Council at one of the meetings, you must indicate by written form with all supporting materials to the Municipal Office no later than *12pm noon on the Thursday* before the scheduled meeting. You may be allowed a 15 minute delegation with Council.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - ARE YOU PREPARED??!!

Information pertaining to any declared emergency will be posted on the Twp. website and local Radio Stations: 105.5, 103.3, 100.9 and CBC News 94.3 (FM). The contact phone number is 705-685-7901.

In the event of an emergency, everyone should be prepared to take care of themselves and their families for up to 3 days. It is suggested that everyone, if possible, check with their neighbours to make sure everyone is Okay.

Please note that there is an outside water tap at the municipal office for public use throughout the year. This tap is tested every two weeks and will work by back up generator if there is a power outage.

Make sure that your emergency kit is fully supplied. Some items for you to consider are: flashlights and batteries, radio and batteries, first aid kit, candles and matches, food/bottled water, blankets, extra clothing, medication, extra car keys and cash, important papers (such as for identification purposes).

For more information please visit the Emergency Management Ontario website at www.ontario.ca/emo or www.emergencymanagementontario.ca

McMurrich/Monteith Landfill Site is located at 2161 Hwy 518 West, Sprucedale

Hours of Operation: Closed every Wednesday/Thursday

(April 1st to November 30th) - Friday thru to Tuesday: 9am-5pm

(December 1st to March 31st) -Friday thru to Tuesday: 1pm - 5pm

Note: Ratepayers and Residents are required to purchase a magnetic access card (\$10.00 deposit) from the Township Office in order to enter the Site.

We would like to encourage everyone to please separate the materials that can be recycled from the regular household materials. Your efforts will extend the life of our Landfill site tremendously. *We Recycle Most Items!!*

NOTE: Paint, Used Oil, Antifreeze can now be taken back to some stores. Electronic waste can now be taken to Intyre Electronic Recycling in Huntsville at 7 East Airport Road - (across from Turner's Garage)

Check out this website for more information: www.dowhatyoucan.ca

McMurrich/Monteith Community Access Program (MMCAP)

FREE Public Access to Computers conveniently located inside our Township Office!!

4 up-to-date computers with **HIGH SPEED INTERNET**, Scanner, Digital Camera, MS Office 2003 Suite & 2007, MS Digital Image Pro, and more!

Training Sessions scheduled each month!

NEW: Wireless Hotspot available at all times at MMCAP Site!! Please drop in and ask about it.

Hours of Operation: Tuesday ...1pm - 7pm Wed.- Fri. ...1pm - 8pm and Saturday ...10am - 2pm

Phone: 705-685-1186 Web: www.mmcap.ca Email: cap@suren.net

Recreation Events - Year 2010

The Recreation Committee is in great need of volunteers!! Please call the Township Office to find out how you can help keep the children's activities continuing!! The following activities may be cancelled if there are not enough volunteers.

Sunday, May 2nd - 9am - Highway & Community Cleanup Ministry of Transportation will provide garbage bags; please contact Merv at 685-7888 to co-ordinate the cleanup of our Community .

June 8th - July 27th - Tuesday evenings - 6:30pm & 7:15pm Kids Baseball & Soccer (alternating) - weather permitting - Assistance from Parents appreciated - Please watch your mail box for start date

Saturday, August 7th Summer Event SPECTACULAR - Horseshoe Tournament, Barbeque, Community Sale, Activities for the whole Family and Live Entertainment - *Volunteers required, please call the Township Office*

Saturday, Oct. 30th -1pm-2:30pm Children's Halloween Party -*Volunteers required, please call the Township Office*

Sunday, December 5th - 2pm Community Christmas Tree Decorating Party -Outside Township Roads Garage Hot Chocolate, Bonfire, Roasted marshmallows and wieners. A special visit from Santa!!

Building Department

For all Building questions and/or issues, please call Paul Schaefer, CBO at the Township of Perry office @ 705-636-7615. The CBO will be available at this number Tues. & Fri. 1:00 - 4:30pm and Wed. 8:30am—12:00pm. A Building permit is required for most building projects. Please call if in doubt.

NOTE: If you are found without the required Building Permit; the Fees may be doubled.

Roads Department - Roads Foreman: Jim Jenkins Phone: 705-685-7609 Email: mcmroads@gmail.com

The Township had applied for funding in May, 2009 and received approval through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund for a slurry seal project on Stisted Road which was completed in Fall, 2009 and a reconstruction project on Stisted Road to be completed by Fall, 2010.

Fire Department - Sprucedale Fire Station: 705-685-7883 (Non-Emergency Phone)

Fire Chief: Ken Nixon, Deputy Fire Chief: Jim Kiers For all EMERGENCIES, please dial 911

**** Be sure to watch the Fire Condition Signs throughout the Township. ****

Fire Permits for Open Air burning are now required through the Fire Season (April 1st - October 31st). Permits are available at the Township Office, Kirk's Gas & Convenience or the Landfill Site. You can also check the Township Website for current Fire conditions!!

REMEMBER - Smoke Alarms are now LAW and only a working smoke alarm can save your life.