



The Township Of McMurrich/Monteith

“Tracks from the past lead to the future”

THE TOWNSHIP OF McMURRICH/MONTEITH IS A LOVELY COMMUNITY LOCATED IN
ALMAGUIN HIGHLANDS, WITHIN THE PARRY SOUND DISTRICT.
McMURRICH/MONTEITH HOSTS THE TOWN CENTER OF SPRUCEDALE.

SPRUCEDALE BOASTS BEAUTIFUL PARKS AND OPEN SPACES, AS WELL AS CLOSE
PROXIMITY TO HUNTSVILLE AND PARRY SOUND.



Welcome to McMurrich/Monteith

We are pleased to have you in our community as a new resident/business.

We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information that we hope will help you feel more comfortable and answer some common questions that most residents and businesses have. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us.

The Township of McMurrich/Monteith

Town Office Phone:

Phone: (705) 685-7901

Fax: (705) 685-7393

Office Hours:

Mon-Fri

9am-4:30pm

Website:

www.mcmurrichmonteith.com

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Letter from the Reeve



Welcome to the Township of McMurrich/Monteith! We are a small community made up of approximately 800 year-round residents who enjoy the quality of life offered by the Almaguin Highlands. The Township of McMurrich/Monteith has 1,800 residents total, including the summer/seasonal residents. Our Township is proud to be considered one of the Villages of Almaguin! The town centres within McMurrich/Monteith include Sprucedale, Bear Lake and Whitehall. Sprucedale is a quiet community that boasts open spaces at affordable prices. Our communities offer a wide range of services to its residents, and have access to most other services within a 15-20 minute drive to Burk's Fall's or Huntsville.

For recreation, our Community Centre offers a capacity of 194 persons, which can be used for weddings, meetings, dances, exercise classes, craft sales and much more. Beside the Community Centre is the arena, used for skating in the winter, and as an outdoor facility in the summer. Within the vicinity of the Community Centre, we also offer a ball diamond and a soccer field. Come check out our playground that is situated across from the Township office and Community Centre on William Street. We have recently upgraded the playground to include a train for the children, part of the commemorative ceremonies for McMurrich's 125th Anniversary.

The closest school is Evergreen Heights Education Centre, located in Emsdale; only a 10-minute drive away. The school offers classes from kindergarten to grade 8, and for younger children, a preschool is also offered in Emsdale. High school students are bused to the Almaguin Highlands Secondary School in South River.

Our residents have a local Post Office and a convenience store, as well as fire protection from our Volunteer Fire Department and First Response Services. Sprucedale also has a gas station, a restaurant and bar, and a hair salon, as well as a variety of other businesses.

We are very excited to have you join our community, and we hope you enjoy McMurrich/Monteith as much as we do!

Reeve

Town Council Members

Our Reeve at present is Joanne Griffiths. There are four other council members who serve on the township council along with the Reeve. Our town Clerk is Cheryl Marshall. Council likes to encourage open communication, so if you have any questions, please feel free to contact them and they will be happy to help you in any way they can.

Name	Position	Contact Number	E-mail
Joanne Griffiths	Reeve	705-783-1185	joanegriffiths@mcmurrichmonteith.com
Daniel O'Halloran	Deputy Reeve	705-685-7057	danielohalloran@mcmurrichmonteith.com
Carol Armstrong	Councillor	705-685-7680	carolarmstrong@mcmurrichmonteith.com
Ron Walton	Councillor	705-783-1747	ronwalton@mcmurrichmonteith.com
Cliff Strickland	Councillor	705-685-1311	cliffstrickland@mcmurrichmonteith.com
Cheryl Marshall	Clerk- Treasurer	705-685-7901	clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com

The Township of McMurrich/Monteith Council meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month except for holiday Mondays, where meetings are held the following Tuesday. Meetings are called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Township Office that is located at 31 William Street, Sprucedale.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and watch council meetings however only pre-registered delegates are permitted to speak or address council when it's in session. For more information on becoming a delegate see: www.mcmurrichmonteith.com

McMurrich/Monteith Staff

Phone for office- 705-685-7901

Clerk Treasurer – Cheryl Marshall

- clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com

Deputy Clerk Treasurer- Louise Heintzman

- deputyclerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com

Fire Chief– Paul Schaefer – 705-685-7883

- mmfdchief@mcmurrichmonteith.com

Building Inspector – Paul Schaefer – 705-685- 7838

- cbo@mcmurrichmonteith.com

Public Works Roads Foreman – Jim Jenkins – 705-685-7609

- mcmroads@mcmurrichmonteith.com

Animal Control/ By-Law Officer – Chris Fraser – 705-358-6230

- almaguinbylaw@outlook.com

Community Economic Development Officer- Courtney Rizzo – 705-783-4328

- Courtney.rizzo04@gmail.com

McMurrich/Monteith Emergency Numbers

Emergency Contacts	Numbers
Almaguin Highlands Ontario Provincial Police	911 office- 705-382-2015 24 hour non-emergency – 1-888-310-1122
Fire Services	911 Fire Chief – 705-685-7883 – non emergency
Huntsville Hospital	(705) 789-2311
North Bay Hospital	(705) 474-8600
Ontario Poison Center	1-800-268-9017
North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit	North Bay office- 705-474-1400 Parry Sound office- 705-746-5801 Toll Free- 1-800-563-2808
Ontario Ministry Health and Long Term Care	Health.gov.on.ca
Public Safety Canada-Flood/sewer back up	Getprepared.gc.ca
Public Health Agency of Canada – contaminated water	Getprepared.gc.ca
Hydro One	1-888-664-9376 – customer service 1-800-434-1235- power outage and emergencies
Health Centre	705-382-2900

For more information, please contact:

Municipal Clerk

Township of McMurrich/Monteith

705 685-7901

McMurrich/Monteith Community Contacts

Community Contacts	Numbers
Evergreen Heights Education Center – Emsdale	705-636-5955 www.nearnorthschools.ca/evergreen-heights
Land of Lakes Public School – Burk’s Falls	
Almaguin Highlands Secondary School – South River	705-472-5563 www.nearnorthschools.ca/almaguin
Sprucedale and District Horticultural Society	Gardenontario.org/site.php/Sprucedale Secretary – Grace Knott – 705-636-5751 President – Lynn McIntosh – 705-636-7718
Sprucedale Senior’s Friendship Club	Lynda Howse, President; Phone: (Residence) 705-685-7938 or 705-685-7471
Parry Sound District Social Services Administration Board	Psdssab.org
Burk’s Falls Armour and Union Public Library	Burksfallslibrary.com
Park to Park Trail Association	Parktoparktrail.com
Ontario 211 Services	www.211ontario.ca

McMurrich/Monteith Business Directory

Accommodations

1. Bear Lake Resort – 416-936-4156
2. Lighthouse Cottages and Camping – 705-685-1176

Restaurants/ Food

1. McManus General Store and Restaurant -705-685-7959
2. Sprucedale Hotel and Pub – 705-685-1260

Retail

1. Almaguin Web Services – 705-571-6881
2. Bonazza Extinguishers – 705-349-3473
3. Chemex Canada Inc. – 705-380-0974
4. Cozy Pup Creations – 705-783-9891
5. Debanna Farms Feed and Variety Store – 705-224-8019
6. R&H Distributing – 1-866-607-3049
7. Sprucedale Quality Meats Inc. – 705-685-7747
8. Kirk's Gas Station - 705-685-7851

Services

1. D&L Snyder Enterprises – 705-685-1357
2. True North Machine Ltd. – 705-685-1498
3. Brent Quarries – 705-765-6447
4. ClayMar Electric – 705-380-1233
5. Hewitt Electric Ltd. – 705-685-7161
6. Mulligan's Enterprises Inc. – 705-685-7736
7. Cottage Pain Clinic – 705-571-6618
8. Josie's Private Home Care – 705-685-1329
9. Spruce Up Hair Care – 705-685-1277
10. Trails End Property Services – 705-380-2999

Business Resources

Name of Organization	Description	Contact Information
The Business Center – Nipissing Parry Sound	“We provide support to start-up and small enterprises during their first through fifth years of operation in the districts of Nipissing and Parry Sound by offering easy access to business consulting services and information concerning marketing research, business planning, management, marketing, technology and financing.”	Website: www.thebusinesscentre-nps.ca Phone: 705-474-0400 Email: info@thebusinesscentre-nps.com
Community Futures Development Corporation – NECO – North Bay	“NECO is a regional economic development organization, which invests in, and nurtures small business, and develops partnerships with private and public sectors to create and maintain jobs in our communities. The website offers business planning aids, applications for programs and loans, and much, much more!”	Website: http://neco.on.ca/ Phone: 705-476-8822 888-476-8822 Email: neco@vianet.on.ca
Community Business and Development Center (CBDC) – Parry Sound Area	“The Parry Sound Area Community Business & Development Centre is a federally supported not-for-profit Community Futures Development Corporation, governed by volunteers in partnership with FedNor. The services provided by the CB&DC exist to promote economic growth and community development of the Parry Sound region. The centre focuses on job creation by community strategic planning and providing funding and advisory services to area businesses. Industry Canada/FedNor and others provide various tools for businesses to assist both start-up and existing businesses. The CB & DC can offer these products as tools to entrepreneurs in the Parry Sound area.”	Website: cbdc.parrysound.on.ca Phone: 705-746-4455 Email: info@cbdc.parrysound.on.ca
Women’s Own Resource Center	“Our Mission is to provide information, referral, and support to assist women in	Website: www.womensownresource.org

(WORC)	<p>working toward their economic goals.” “The Women's Own Resource Centre's Vision is to provide women with opportunities to achieve success.” Our Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To promote women’s access to resources and opportunities. 2. To promote and celebrate women’s successes. 3. To support women in becoming economically independent through creating sustainable livelihoods. 4. To assist with self-reliance, raise self-esteem and a positive self-concept. 	<p>Phone: (705) 386-9672</p> <p>Email: info@womensownresource.org</p>
Employment North – Sundridge	<p>“Employment North Sundridge Office is located in the hub of the Almaguin Highlands Region.</p> <p>We provide employment services to the Almaguin region and in the District of Parry Sound which includes Magnetawan, Powassan, South River, McMurrich/Monteith and Sundridge.”</p>	<p>Website: www.employmentnorth.com</p> <p>Phone: 1-800-461-5541</p> <p>Email: info@employmentnorth.com</p>
Agilec – Employment Center – Burk’s Falls	<p>“Agilec's™ professional services, personal coaching, and customized tactical plans offer a fast, sustainable approach that helps you adapt to change, move forward, and succeed.</p> <p>At Agilec™, we have expanded our services to meet the evolving needs of our customers. Our empathy-built solutions stem from our six core values that support our mission to help people and organizations develop their potential.” Also includes McMurrich/Monteith residents.</p>	<p>Website: www.agilec.ca/our-locations/burks-falls</p> <p>Phone: 705-382-6100</p> <p>Address: 205 Ontario Street, Burk’s Falls 9-4 Mon-Fri</p>
Blue Sky Net – North Bay	<p>“BLUE SKY NET” facilitates the development of Information Communications Technology (ICT) projects throughout Northern Ontario. We believe that access to technology is crucial to the economic and cultural success of Northern Ontario” Also see: Connected North – ConnectedNorth.ca</p>	<p>Website: www.blueskynet.ca</p> <p>Phone: 705-476-0874</p> <p>Email: Executive Director susan.church@blueskyregion.ca</p>

<p>Ministry of Northern Development and Mines</p>	<p>“Northern Ontario makes up about 90 percent of Ontario, and is bigger than most provinces. In this rugged and varied land, you’ll find everything from towns and cities to farmland and forest to muskeg and rock. Only the most remote parts of the province are not linked by permanent roads or Internet service.</p> <p>The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines advocates on behalf of Ontario’s northern region, as well as on behalf of the province’s minerals industry. We deliver government programs and services in Northern Ontario and represent the interests of our partners and stakeholders at Queen’s Park.”</p> <p>MNDM also promotes the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation.</p>	<p>Website: www.mndm.gov.on.ca/en</p> <p>Phone: 705-670-5755 1-888-415-9845</p>
<p>FedNor</p>	<p>“FedNor is the Government of Canada’s economic development organization for Northern Ontario. Through its programs and services, and through its financial support of projects that lead to job creation and economic growth, FedNor works with businesses and community partners to build a stronger Northern Ontario.”</p>	<p>Website: fednor.gc.ca</p> <p>Phone: 1-877-333-6673</p> <p>Address: 107 Shirreff Avenue, Suite 202 North Bay, On</p>
<p>Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce</p>	<p>“A Chamber of Commerce is an organization that acts on behalf of its members to develop business contacts, promote economic development and the community it represents. It works to promote civic, commercial, industrial and agricultural progress in the community.</p> <p>It also strives for legislation that is beneficial to its members and community. “</p>	<p>Website: burksfallschamber.com</p> <p>Email: info@almaguinhighlandschamber.com</p>

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How do I go about renting the Community Centre?
 - a. Our facility has a fully equipped kitchen and is completely wheelchair accessible. This is the perfect place to celebrate your next social event. Please contact the office at (705) 685-7901 to book your event.

2. Who are the area internet providers?
 - a. Please visit Blue Sky Net for a list of internet service providers.
<http://blueskynet.ca/project/service-providers/>
 - b. Alternatively, you can go to www.ConnectedNorth.ca to enter your address and check your availability.

3. How do I access internet in the Municipality if I don't have internet at home?
 - a. McMurrich/Monteith Community Access Program (MMCAP), conveniently located inside the Township office. You can also access the Wi-Fi from the parking lot.
 - b. MMCAP offers FREE access to 4 up-to-date computers with high speed internet.
 - c. Tuesday1pm until 7pm
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday3pm until 8pm
Saturday10am until 2pm

4. Where are the Public Beaches?
 - a. Doe Lake: Take Hwy #518 W to Almaguin Drive
- Turn right onto Birch Court
 - b. Bear Lake: Take Hwy #518W to Beach Street
 - c. A public boat launch is also located at 157 Almaguin Dr.

5. What is there to do in town? What are the recreational opportunities?
 - a. The Sprucedale Community Centre, located at 31 William Street, Sprucedale, is the site of many recreational opportunities. It is the location of the sporting fields, including the soccer and baseball field, as well as the skating rink. For more information, please contact the office at 705 685-7901.
 - b. At this same location, a public park and children's play structure is also available.
 - c. A well-maintained hiking/walking trail is located towards the back of the property, behind the Community Centre building. The recreational trail winds deep into the rugged and beautiful terrain surrounding Sprucedale. The trail begins on a boardwalk that stretches across a solitary beaver pond and then proceeds into a forest where you

will come across broad maples and high ridges. Your trek will take you past wildlife filled marshes and what is commonly known as the “talking rock”. You may not see deer, moose or beaver, but all around will be signs of their activity. The trail is 2 km long, and is great for hiking, picnicking, cross-country skiing and snow-shoeing.

6. What do I need to know about the Local Landfill?
 - a. ONLY CLEAR/TRANSLUCENT BAGS ARE ALLOWED
 - b. NO SCAVENGING OF METAL PILE
 - c. ONLY CLEAN WOOD AND BRUSH ACCEPTED
 - d. The Landfill Site is located at 2161 Highway 518 West. Hours of operation are 9am - 5pm. Closed on Wednesday, Thursday, and Holidays. Winter hours (December 1st to March 31st) are 1pm to 5pm on Monday, Tuesday and Friday, and Saturday and Sunday from 9am - 5pm.
 - e. Entry to the site is prohibited when the gate is locked. Upon entering with the gate access card, please identify yourself to the Attendant before unloading any materials. The Attendant will direct you to the appropriate areas for your materials. All materials that are recyclable must be recycled. There is no charge or limit for regular household garbage bags, but all recyclable items in those bags must be taken out or bags will be refused. Only material from this Township will be allowed into the site. Any material found to be from another Township will be refused. Please check with the Attendant before bringing an item if you are unsure if there is a charge.

7. How do I get involved with the Volunteer Fire Department?
 - a. Member Opportunities Include:
 - Medical Responder
 - Firefighter
 - Driver / Pump Operator
 - Dispatch Support
 - Team environment
 - Community Involvement
 - b. Requirements:
 - Min. 18 years of age
 - Valid Driver’s License
 - Availability for Wednesday night Training
 - Resident of McMurrich/Monteith Township
 - You must have a personal vehicle
 - c. Auxiliary Opportunities Include:
 - Auxiliary Support
 - Junior Firefighters (15-17 years old)
 - Heavy Equipment Owners/Operators
 - Boat Owners/Operators
 - d. Direct Inquiries to:
 - Fire Chief: Paul Schaefer - Office: 685-7883Or

- Cheryl (Town Clerk)- Township Office: 685-7901

8. How do I contact the Township Building Department?
 - a. The Township of McMurrich/Monteith has agreed to share the Building Department Services with the Township of Armour. For all Building Department issues please call Paul Schaefer, C.B.O., at (705) 685-7838. Paul will be in the Township of McMurrich/Monteith Wednesday mornings from 9 a.m. - noon. Alternatively, you can contact him any time on Wednesday and Thursdays until noon.

Local Events

February

Winter Carnival – The Sprucedale Winter Carnival is a great opportunity for families to get out during this chilly season. There will be warm food, snowman building contests, and a variety of outdoor activities. Enjoy the winter season!

August

Family Fun Festival – Come out and enjoy the summer! There will be kid's games, food, vendors, live music, and square dancing. We even managed to have an appearance from Little Obie, CN's Safety Locomotive! Great for families!

October

Halloween Haunted Trail – 2016 was the first year for the Halloween Haunted Trail. Plans to make it bigger and better every year are in the works! With lights, spooky music and decorations, and live actors ready to jump out and scare, you can bet it will be a SPOOKY time! Kid's Halloween contest and games will also take place in the Community Centre, so be sure to stick around!

November

Christmas Craft Sale – Organized by the Sprucedale Seniors Friendship Club, the Christmas craft sale takes place during the last week of October, or the first week of November. Vendors set up booths, where you can get your Christmas shopping done early! A variety of gifts from candles, soaps, home knitting, baked goods, Christmas cards, and home décor will be displayed at the Community Centre, as well as the Senior's Friendship Centre.

December

Christmas Social – This Christmas gathering includes decorating a tree with the community, a visit from Santa, and a light supper provided by the McMurrich/Monteith Recreation Committee. Come get into the Spirit of Christmas at the Sprucedale Community Centre!

*Some Dates Subject to change on a yearly basis. Please contact the Municipal Office or the individual event organizers for more details.

Town History

McMurrich/Monteith is a municipality and census subdivision in the Almaguin Highlands region of Parry Sound District, Ontario, Canada.

The municipality was formed in 1998 through an amalgamation of the former Township of McMurrich and the eastern two-thirds of the unincorporated Township of Monteith. The remaining portion of Monteith became part of Seguin. Part of the area is named after John McMurrich.

“A Track Through Time”, a book about our township’s rich history is available for \$30 at our township office.