

# 2018 Spring Newsletter

## Municipal Elections 2018

Municipal elections are held in Ontario every four years and the next election will take place on  
**Monday, October 22, 2018.**

Casting a ballot or submitting nomination papers are ways for citizens to become more involved and make a difference in their community. There are other key dates in the municipal election process for candidates and voters to be aware of, such as nomination day and declaration of acclamations.

**Voting Method:** The election method for the 2018 Municipal Election for the Township of McMurrich/Monteith will be Vote by Mail.

**Nomination Period:** The nomination period for the 2018 Municipal Election will open May 1, 2018 and will close at 2:00 p.m. on July 27, 2018.

## Treasury / Tax Department

**The due dates for the 2018 Interim Tax Notices are March 26<sup>th</sup> and May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Tax payments may be made in person at the Municipal Office (cash or cheque), by mail, telephone/online banking and by post-dated cheques. Cheques are to be made payable to the "**Township of McMurrich/Monteith**", and in **Canadian Funds**. If paying by telephone or on-line banking please use your 19-digit roll number starting with "4912". You can now also pay by credit card through PlastiQ at [www.mcmurrichmonteith.com](http://www.mcmurrichmonteith.com). Payments must be received on or before the due date to avoid penalty.

There is also a mailbox located at our Municipal Office if you prefer to drop off your payment.

**Please note:** The Township of McMurrich/Monteith Council and staff do not have the authority to waive or alter a penalty and/or interest charge on late payments for any reason. Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse a taxpayer from being responsible for the timely payment of taxes.

### **Mailing Address Change**

Please take a moment to confirm that your mailing address is correct. If the address that we have on your tax bill is not up-to-date, please notify our office by mail, telephone or e-mail to ensure all future correspondence is forwarded with the correct address.

## Building Department

### **Schedule of Office Hours**

**Wednesday 9:00 am - 12:00 pm – Paul Schaefer is in the Township Office to receive phone calls or visits.**

**Mondays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 pm and Thursdays 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. Paul is available to receive phone calls at (705) 382-3332**

Please remember to apply for a Building Permit **prior** to beginning any construction. Submit your application as soon as possible so that the Building Department has sufficient time to process your application.

**It is the homeowner's responsibility to ensure that a Building Permit is obtained when required. Failure to comply with Municipal By-laws and Provincial Building Codes, may lead to unnecessary and costly litigation.**

Storage Sheds and other accessory structures are not permitted on vacant / undeveloped lands. Such structures are considered to be an accessory to the primary use on the lands and, therefore, do not meet the requirements of the Zoning By-law 16-2016 without primary structure. This also applies to sheds under 10 square meters, which do not require a building permit, however they must meet the requirements of the Township's current Zoning By-law 16-2016.

**"NEW"** code change requires all **new** construction to install a hard wired, interconnected, visual smoke alarm in all bedrooms and on all floors.

If you are not sure if you are required to obtain a Building Permit, contact the Building Department at (705) 685-7838 or email: [cbo@mcmurrichmonteith.com](mailto:cbo@mcmurrichmonteith.com).

## LANDFILL GATE CARDS

New Gate Cards are available at the Township Office, Monday-Friday, 9:00am – 4:30pm.

If you cannot attend the office, mailing is an available option.

**Please inquire with the Office regarding replacing or purchasing your Access Card.**

## Introduction to our New Employees

Carol Conrad – Deputy Clerk Treasurer – [deputyclerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com](mailto:deputyclerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com)

Corinne Buckindale – Administrative Assistant – [admin@mcmurrichmonteith.com](mailto:admin@mcmurrichmonteith.com)

**Come into the office and meet Carol and Corinne.**

**Carol is here full time and Corinne is here Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.**

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 Sprucedale, Ontario  
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 Tel: (705) 685-7901  
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[www.mcmurrichmonteith.com](http://www.mcmurrichmonteith.com)

Open Office Hours:  
 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### **Council 2014-2018**

#### **Reeve:**

Joanne Griffiths

#### **Councillors:**

Dan O'Halloran

Ron Walton

Carol Armstrong

Angela Friesen

### **Meetings of Council**

**1st Monday of every month at 6:30 pm, Council Chambers, 31 William St.**

**(Council will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of a month where the Monday is a Statutory Holiday)**

If you wish to be included on the Agenda, please contact Cheryl Marshall, Clerk-Treasurer at (705) 685-7901 or email [clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com](mailto:clerk@mcmurrichmonteith.com) (*Materials due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of preceding month of meeting*) All Council/Committee Meetings are open to the public! Agendas & Minutes are posted on our website [www.mcmurrichmonteith.com](http://www.mcmurrichmonteith.com)

### **EAST & WEST PARRY SOUND VICTIM SERVICES.**

If you need assistance in an emergency situation (example) ice/snow storm, flooding, etc. please contact VICARS at (705) 746-0508 to have your name and address added to their vulnerable people list. If you're able, place a neon ribbon around your 911 sign to bring assistance. As in any emergency, call 911

### **Load Restrictions**

**Please be advised that load restrictions will take effect when posted.**

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Fire Department has developed a new Training Program and is currently seeking Volunteer Firefighters and Emergency Medical Responders to join our Stations. For more information please contact Paul Schaefer, Fire Chief at (705)685-7883 or [mmfdchief@gmail.com](mailto:mmfdchief@gmail.com)



## HAZARDOUS WASTE DAYS 2018

**Saturday, May 26th**  
**Saturday, Aug. 25th**  
**10am – 2pm at**  
**Strong Township**  
**Landfill Site**  
**483 Forest Lake Rd;**  
**Sundridge, Ontario**

## MMCAP HOURS (Public Access to Computers)

Tuesdays: 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday to Friday:  
3:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays:  
10:00a.m. to 2:00p.m.

Free Wi-Fi available from our parking lot at 31 William Street or come in and use our computers.

Faxing and Photocopies available @ a minimal fee.



## Food Bank

The Burk's Falls and District Food Bank is open:  
Tuesday's 1-3 pm  
Friday's 9:30-11:30 am

## Recreation Committee Events

The Recreation Committee meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Council Chambers in the Municipal Office at 31 William Street, Sprucedale. We encourage you to attend a meeting to provide your input and ideas which are essential to improving our communities.

Feb. 16 & 17	Winter Carnival – This Years Theme - Vikings
Sun. March 25	<i>Children's Easter Party</i>
Sun. April 22	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
Sat. May 12	<i>Community Clean Up</i>
Wed. July 4	Family Bike Ride
Sat. July 28	<i>Summer Event – Family Festival</i>
Sat. Sept. 15	Community Clean up

## Fire Department

### FIREWORKS BYLAW # 15-2017, REVISED OPEN AIR BURNING BYLAW #14-2017 and REVISED FEES & CHARGES BY-LAW #24-2017

Bylaws are available online and at the Township Office.

Please ensure that you are in compliance.

NO DAYTIME OPEN AIR BURNING OF BRUSH, GRASS OR INCINERATORS

**FROM April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Permits are Required!!**

**Permits are available at the following locations"**

**Municipal Office, Landfill Site and Kirk's Gas & Convenience**

<b>LOW</b>	<p><b>NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED</b> Open Air Burning &amp; Incinerators (including burn barrels with a mesh size of not more than 5 mm as lid) require a license and are then allowed starting at 6 p.m. and completely out by 8 a.m. Camp Fires are allowed for cooking and warmth at anytime</p>
<b>MODERATE</b>	<p><b>NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED (CAUTION)</b> Open Air Burning &amp; Incinerators (including burn barrels with a mesh size of not more than 5 mm as lid) require a license and are then allowed starting at 6 p.m. and completely out by 8 a.m. Camp Fires are allowed for cooking and warmth at anytime</p>
<b>HIGH</b>	<p><b>NO DAYTIME BURNING ALLOWED – Including Incinerators</b> <b>NO OPEN BURNING – NO FIREWORKS</b> Only Enclosed Camp Fires for cooking &amp; warmth. Enclosed fire, surrounded by brick/stones or in metal burn container/ ring no larger than 1 meter (3 feet).</p>
<b>EXTREME</b>	<p><b>COMPLETE FIRE BAN</b> <b>NO BURNING ALLOWED AT ANYTIME</b> <b>NO FIREWORKS</b></p>

## Landfill Site/Recycling Center

### LANDFILL HOURS

**Summer Hours:** Monday, Tuesday, Friday,  
Saturday and Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Winter Hours:** Monday, Tuesday & Friday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**CLOSED WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS YEAR ROUND**

**Clear Bags Only**

**We Recycle: Paper/Cardboard, Plastics/Glass, Electronics, Tires, Metal**  
**Please Don't Litter – Take Pride Where You Reside**

## BY-LAWS for 2018

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF McMURRICH / MONTEITH**  
**BY-LAW 04 – 2018**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF THE**  
**WASTE DISPOSAL SITE**

located at 2161 Hwy 518 West, Sprucedale

Please refer to our Website for further updates and to read the entire bylaw under Bylaw Tab

[www.mcmurrichmonteith.com](http://www.mcmurrichmonteith.com)

## Canine Control

**DOG LICENCES:** Annual licenses are \$10.00 for the first dog, \$25.00 if you have 2 dogs and \$45.00 if you have 3 dogs. Licenses may be purchased at the Township Office or by contacting our By-law Officer, Chris Fraser at 1-705-358-6230

Please make sure your family pet has adequate shelter. As a responsible pet owner, you have an obligation to care for the health and wellbeing of your pet as well as a duty to ensure your dog's activities don't interfere with your neighbours or the environment.