

MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER 2010
TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON



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Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

- Council meetings: - Hudson Township Council Chambers
- 1st Wednesday of every month
 - 8:00 p.m.
 - meetings are open to the public

Please take notice of the Section 6(C) of the Procedural By-law No. 2005-04 which states:

“Individuals or groups wishing to appear before council at a regular meeting shall advise the clerk, not later than 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the meeting.”

Reeve: Larry Craig

Councillors: Clint Edwards Dan Morrow
Martin Jarvis Greg Seed

ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS!

Persons wishing to seek elected municipal or local board office should read the relevant legislation and regulations for qualifications required for the office, e.g. the Municipal Act, 2001, the Education Act, and the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to determine whether he or she is qualified to be elected to an office.

Key Dates :

Nomination and campaign period begins : January 4, 2010
Nomination day (last day to be nominated) : September 10, 2010
Election day : October 25, 2010
Council term begins : December 1st, 2010

The term of office is for four (4) years for municipal council and school board trustees.



911 Service and Identification Numbers: The 911 service for emergency situations is available within the township. Your identification numbers are located on the blue sign by the road ... 6 digit numbers for rural properties and 4 digit numbers for the lakes area. Learn your identification number by heart and use it as much as possible on all your correspondence, along with your road name.
***Have your identification number and road name near your phone, in case of emergency.** You are responsible for the sign with your identification numbers : make sure it is always visible all year round ... your life could depend on it!

Consent Granting Authority

Since June 1999, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has delegated the Consent Granting Authority to the townships. Information on severance application must be directed to the Municipal Office.

Tile Drainage Debentures

Tile loans continue to be available at a 6% interest rate for a ten-year term. The maximum amount of loan available to an individual farmer in one year remains at \$50,000. If you require any further information, please contact Michel Lachapelle at the municipal office at 647-5439 during regular business hours.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Please view our Performance Measures scoreboard on our web site at www.hudson.ca

AUDIT 2009:

You will be able to view our Audit for 2009 on our web site at www.hudson.ca as soon as we receive it from our auditors.

Dog By-law 552:

A dog should not be on another person's property without permission. Be a good neighbour and remember that you are responsible for your dog's actions and damages cause by your dog.

HUDSON CEMETERY: The Hudson Memorial Cemetery is now operational and has been since the summer of 2009. For more information on tariff of fees, please go to the hudson website at www.hudson.ca for your information. Please find enclosed a "blue" insert from the Hudson Memorial Cemetery Board Members with their big news!

MUNICIPAL LANDFILL SITE
Twin Lakes Road C#1

SUMMER HOURS: April 1st to October 31st

Monday - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WINTER HOURS: November 1st to March 31st

Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm.
Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Since May 9, 2007, you have been required to sign an attendance sheet when going to the landfill site before using the dump. This helps us gather information on the usage of our landfill site.

NEW INFORMATION: Since January 2010, the Township of Hudson has joined the Ontario Tire Stewardship Program. This means that we now take tires of all sizes at the landfill site at no charge. There is a special area at the dump to drop your tires and the dump supervisor will direct you to it. The tires are picked-up periodically as the pile increases. For this program to be beneficial to the township, **ABSOLUTELY NO RIMS ON THE TIRES WILL BE ALLOWED.**

Garbage pick-up may be arranged for a fee, every Friday. Please call William Walker, Dump supervisor at 648-8644 (leave message).

WHY RECYCLE?

Recycling is very important for many reasons. Often we promote recycling as a way to keep waste out of landfill sites. Recycling reduces pollution and saves energy that would have been expended making products from "virgin" or unrecycled raw materials. Recycling helps the environment by slowing down the rate at which we have to bury garbage in landfill sites. Recycling helps by reducing our need to consume fresh natural resources to make new products. As a result, we save these resources for use by future generations. Most importantly, recycling saves energy and pollution. This could help slow down global climate change.

Thank you to everyone who is recycling. The recycling bins are at the Landfill Site. The “**Recuperator’s Perfect Guide**” is included with the newsletter to help you with the recycling process. **POST IT** where you can easily refer to it!

RECYCLE IT JUST MAKES SENSE!

COMPOST – SAVE SPACE AT THE LANDFILL SITE

Composting is easy. You don’t need any special knowledge or equipment, and it takes only a little extra effort to collect your wastes and establish an active compost pile. Once you’ve got it going, it just takes care of itself. For detailed information on composting, you can check the Internet under “compost”; you will find everything you need to know!

Building permits:

Building permits are required for the following:

- new buildings / prefabricated structures / additions / renovations where structural changes are made / heating systems (wood stove, etc) / chimneys / ventilation systems / plumbing / demolitions / patio decks

*You must obtain a building permit **before** you start any kind of construction. You must fill in an application for a building permit available at your municipal office or available to print off our web site at www.hudson.ca. Once completed, return the application with a \$50.00 deposit to the municipal office. The form will then be forwarded to our Chief Building Inspector. Mr. Clayton Seymour was hired to issue the building permits, do the inspections on site and answer questions relating to a construction project. For more information, you may reach him or leave a message at 563-2375.

Fees for any building permits are payable at the municipal office upon receiving your building permit. The fee schedule for building permits is also available on our web site www.hudson.ca.

BY-LAW NO. 2004-10:

On May 5, 2004, Hudson Township council passed By-law No. 2004-10, “Being a By-law to regulate the use of All Terrain Vehicles” within the township. **You can use a four-wheeler to travel on municipal roads, providing you have a valid driver’s licence, liability insurance and wear a helmet.** The Ontario Provincial Police have a copy of the By-law for their information and enforcement. For more information or details on the By-law, you can call or visit the municipal office during regular business hours.

Off-Road vehicles **MUST** have the specific equipment (e.g., working head lights, working tail lights, working brakes, reflectors, low-pressure bearing tires). Width and weight restrictions appropriate to type of vehicle.

ROADS DEPARTMENT

Norm Beland, Roads Superintendent

Garage phone: 647-4842

Bales of hay and straw:

It is very important not to stockpile the bales of hay and straw too close to the road. These stockpiles are safety issues due to the reduced visibility and snow accumulation during the winter months. The Township is asking its residents to call the roads superintendent **before** piling any bales next to the road.

Replacement of culverts:

If you need to have any repairs done to a culvert, or are interested in making an entrance way to your property, please contact the office before starting any of the work.

The Township would like to thank everyone for their ongoing cooperation, patience and goodwill.

Our objective is to always try to work together with our rate payers. Thank you for working with us!!!

HUDSON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Hudson Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for individuals interested in joining the fire department. If you are interested, please call the Fire Chief, Don Leggett. The Fire Department meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Hudson Fire Hall.

Smoke Alarms : It's the Law!

Under the Ontario Fire Code, every home in Ontario is required to have working smoke alarms.

Homeowners must ensure that smoke alarms are installed between sleeping and living areas. They are also required to maintain the smoke alarms in working order.

In rental accommodation, the obligation to install and maintain smoke alarms in operating condition falls to the landlord. Landlords must also provide smoke alarm maintenance information to the occupant of each unit.

It is an offence for any person to disable a smoke alarm. This requirement applies equally to homeowners, landlords and tenants.

Failure to comply with the Ontario Fire Code smoke alarm requirements could result in a ticket of \$235 or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals or \$100,000 for corporations.

Fire Permits:

Fire permits are required between April 1st to October 31st. Permits are free of charge and may be obtained at the Municipal Office during regular office hours, or you can contact the fire wardens for the Township of Hudson: Mark Moriarty, Dan Morrow, Larry Craig.

A fire permit is not required for heating or cooking (campfire).

YOU MUST FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR FIRE PERMITS : DO NOT BURN DURING THE DAY!!!

The permit is not valid between 2 hours after sunrise and 2 hours before sunset on any day. **Winds shall not exceed 5 km per hour.** If you don't follow the terms and conditions of your permit, you could be

charged by the MNR and upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.00 exclusive of costs. You must phone the New Liskeard Department Office at 647-6360 **before** starting to burn.

****** If there is a fire restriction or fire ban by MNR and/or fire department, no burning is permitted, no permits will be issued and all permits previously issued before the fire ban will be cancelled.***

PLASTIC AND PLASTIC BAGS ARE
NOT ALLOWED TO BE BURNED.

Fire tip: The burning of windrows is to be done after October 31st.

NOTE: It a fire gets out of control on your property and MNR has to intervene, whether you have a fire permit or not, you are responsible for your fire and the cost of MNR assistance will be charged to the owner.

Carbon Monoxide

What is it? How can I eliminate sources of CO in my Home? Carbon Monoxide Detectors? Where Do I Put a CO Detector? These and other questions on Carbon Monoxide can be found on the "pink" sheets included with this newsletter, for your information.

Need information on emergency situations, emergency preparedness guide, emergency survival kit or any other emergency subject, please look up *Emergency Management Ontario* site at www.emergencymanagementontario.ca.

To get information on different security features, you can visit The Office of the Fire Marshal web site at: www.ofm.gov.on.ca.

FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

The Hudson Volunteer Fire Department encourages all residents to develop a home fire escape plan today ... It could save your life tonight!

You will find enclosed a "salmon" sheet insert about FIRE ESCAPE PLAN.

HUDSON OUTREACH LIBRARY

The Hudson Outreach Library is located at the Hudson Municipal Hall on Hwy 65 West & Milberta Rd. It is available for residents of Hudson Township and surrounding areas.

The hours of operations are:

Mondays & Wednesdays - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

If you like to read and you haven't been in to see us yet, please come in! You will be impressed. We have over 3700 catalogued books and videos on our shelves. There is something for everyone. We have picture books for children, stories for older kids, lots of adult fiction, biographies and a growing collection of non-fiction.

In addition to our regular collection, we get a regular rotation of adult and children books and videos from the New Liskeard Library. And we also have a computer equipped with high-speed internet available for public use.

Most of our books and videos have been donated but that doesn't mean they are all old. We get many donations of recently published books in pristine condition. Since opening our doors in April of 2006, we've had over 2500 visitors and have lent out over 2700 items and have over 200 library members. Not bad for a little county library, eh? Come on in. You are sure to find something by your favourite author. And check out our magazine table – all magazines are free for the taking!

This year, thanks to the receipt of special funding, we will be enhancing the children's section and making it way more fun for small fry to check out what's there for them. We will also be expanding our fiction section with better shelving to maximize space.

So drop in soon to the Hudson Library, located at Hudson Hall.

You can also look us up on www.hudsonlibrary.ca.

RECREATION

The Multi-Use building is available for use to the members of the community. To make reservations, please call Gwen Welch at 647-5849.

The newly renovated Hudson Hall may be rented when calling Molly Edwards at 647-4621 (after 5:00 p.m.). Donations are very much appreciated.

Thank you Molly for keeping our Hudson Hall sparkling clean!

Pike Lake Park

There are no lifeguards at Pike Lake. Any recreational activity undertaken at this park is at your own risk. Never leave children alone or unattended at the park. When using the park, please keep the vehicles outside the barriers and do not drive vehicles within the park area. Remember to use the garbage bins provided to keep our park clean and a safe environment for our children!!!

Groups and Services in our community

Hudson Lions Club :

Regular meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Hudson Hall. New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact Gwen Welch, President at 647-5849.

List of Activities

- **Canada Day Celebration - Thursday July 1st, 2010** at the Hudson Hall - Free games for kids, Bingo for seniors and BBQ for everyone. For more information, please call Gwen Welch at 647-5849.
- Roast beef Dinner in November (3rd Wednesday)
- Santa Claus for kids (2nd Sunday in December)
- Seniors outing in February (seniors, please call Gwen Welch for invitations)
- Euchre night: every Friday night at 7:30 p.m. from October to April at the Hudson Municipal Hall (for more information, call Betty Gray at 647-9670).
- Tent rentals available: please contact Gwen Welch at 647-5849 for more information. The Lions Club will put up the tents with your help!

Milberta Community Women's Group : To improve community living. Meeting every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m., except July and August. Contact persons : Betty Jibb (563-2859) or Chris Brazeau (647-7711).

Special Announcement:

The Ontario Family Fishing Weekend has now become a **nine-day event to run from Saturday, July 3rd through Sunday, July 11, 2010, as a licence-free fishing week.**

Looking for information on **BEARS**, please visit the Ministry of Natural Resources web site at www.mnr.gov.on.ca or call at 1-866-514-2327.

Skating Rink:

The skating rink is well employed by kids and adults wishing to put some physical activity in their life. A schedule is posted at the skating rink with the time and availability for either hockey time or freestyle skating; please consult the schedule!

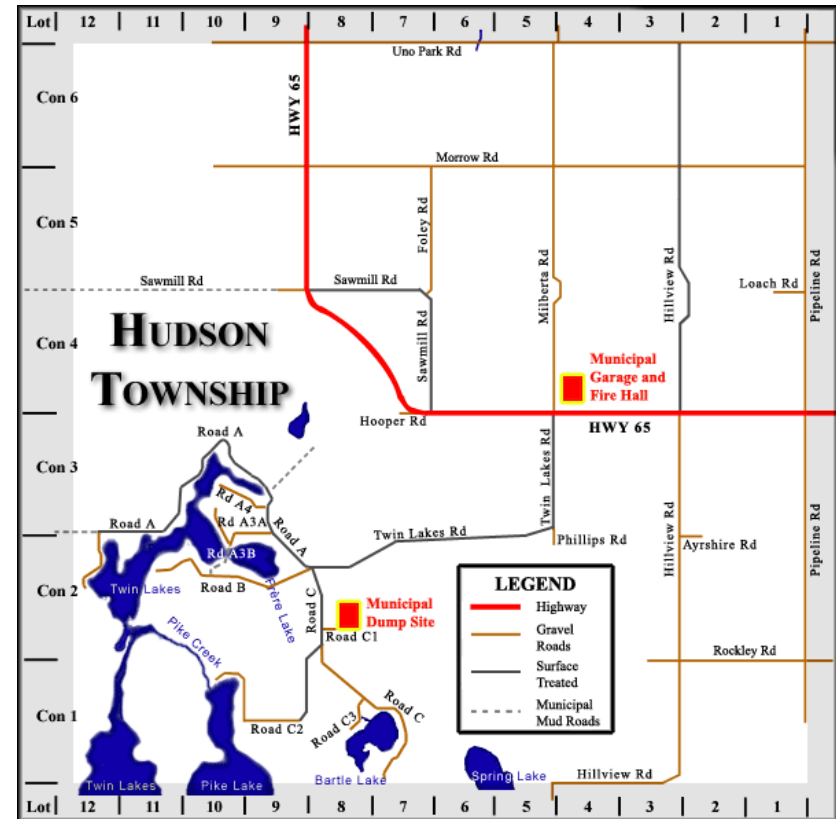
FUNDING

The Township of Hudson was approved for the following funding under the Infrastructure Stimulus Program in 2009:

- Sawmill Road Project \$290,000.00
- Road B Project \$120,000.00
- Hall Project \$125,000.00

All projects will be completed in 2010.

MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HUDSON



All the Concession Roads and the Road Names are indicated on the map for easier referral.