



FROM THE REEVE'S DESK

Greetings to all the residents of Central Huron. By the time you receive this newsletter our capital projects for the year will be well underway. The Municipality was successful in obtaining economic stimulus grants funded by both the Federal and Provincial governments to stimulate the economy and improve much needed infrastructure in the area. As a result Orchard Line was repaved and we are starting plans for a much needed new Fire Hall.

There are many positive events happening in Central Huron. The big upcoming event in the community will be the Grand Opening in September of the Regional Equine and Agricultural Centre of Huron or as we like to call it REACH. We are very excited about this project and the great benefits it will bring. Many of our residents have visited REACH and are thoroughly impressed with the facilities and the education and show opportunities. If you are interested in touring the facility and hearing more of the story please contact myself or the office. We are more than happy to show you around.

Our partnerships with the Province of Ontario, University of Guelph, Avon Maitland District School Board, Huron Perth Catholic School Board, Clinton Raceway, County of Huron, the Agricultural and Equine Industry partners and private residents have helped make this dream come true.

As you can see Central Huron is a great place to live and getting better. Let's make Central Huron the envy of the area. I am proud and very pleased to serve as Reeve and we hope we are meeting your expectations. As the end of summer nears and autumn is upon us, Council and staff wish everyone a bountiful harvest season.

Remember: A winner never quits and a quitter never wins!

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular Council meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Committee of the Whole meetings are now held on the fourth Thursday of each month commencing at 9:00 a.m. Planning Advisory Committee meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month commencing at 4:30p.m. If you wish to address Council at any of these meetings, please contact the Clerk's office in writing before 12:00 noon the Wednesday one week prior to the meeting.

****All notices and agendas for public meetings will be posted on the website.**

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

****Leaf/Brush Pick-Up****

The drop off site is at 40131 Hydro Line Road – just east of the Cemetery. The site is for **ALL** Central Huron residents and is open year round. The Fall pick-up will be held on **Mondays and Fridays – from October 5th to November 13th**. Leaves must be in clear or orange bags, and brush must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet, and cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. Biodegradable paper bags are still available at the Municipal Office.

Winter Maintenance

It is an offence under the Highway Traffic Act to push snow onto any roadway. Frozen snow piles create a hazard for motorized vehicles. **Overnight parking** of motor vehicles on all municipal roadways is prohibited.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

The County of Huron Hazardous Waste Disposal Program is an opportunity for you to clear potentially dangerous wastes out of your home and dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner, at no cost to you. Examples of items are: latex and oil paint cans, motor oils, batteries, propane tanks, aerosol cans, solvents, pesticides, pharmaceuticals, light fuels, pool & photographic chemicals. No PCB's, commercial, infectious or radioactive wastes will be accepted. For information contact the County @ 519-524-2188.

The new year-round hours of operation are:

Monday to Friday- 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturday – 8:00 AM to NOON

Sunday and Holidays – CLOSED



2009 PROPERTY TAXES AND ASSESSMENT

The property tax rates are set by applying the current value assessment of properties to the annual levy requirements. Education tax rates, which are set by the Government of Ontario, will also be applied to the assessed value. The assessed valuation date for your property is January 1, 2008. To provide an additional level of property tax stability and predictability, the market increases in assessed value will be phased-in over four years. The new phased-in assessment valuation will apply for taxation years 2009 to 2012. If you have any questions or concerns about the assessed value of your property, contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722 or visit their website at www.mpac.ca

2009 BUDGET

The 2009 operational budget has been set at \$8,921,823 with an additional \$6,236,461 invested into capital projects. This represents a 2.18% increase in operational costs from 2008. Protective Services represent the largest portion of the budget at 25% followed by transportation at 20% and Facilities costs at 15%. Major Capital projects budgeted for 2009 include completion of the REACH project and Hydro Line Road, paving of Union Side Road, Winthrop Line, and Mohawk Crescent as well as construction and extension of Beech Street to London Road. The Municipality has been very active in submitting grant applications and has been successful in obtaining 4 of the 6 major grants so far this year. The four projects that achieved grant support are Beech Street, a new Fire Hall, repaving of Orchard Line and a two million dollar investment into the arena. The sum of all these grants exceeds \$4.5 million dollars into our local community. The 2009 Budget is available for viewing on the Central Huron website at www.centralhuron.com.

The Following Methods of Payment are Acceptable for Most Municipal Bills

- ◆ Counter Service at the Municipal Office
- ◆ Automatic Banking Machines
- ◆ Telephone & Internet Payments
- ◆ Counter Payments at most Financial Institutions (Tax Bills Only)
- ◆ Post Dated Cheques
- ◆ Mail
- ◆ Drop Box at the Municipal Office (23 Albert St)
- ◆ Pre-authorized Monthly Payments (Tax Bills Only)

CLINTON LIBRARY HOURS

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday – 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Wednesday – 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Friday - 10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm (Seasonal)

CENTRAL HURON BYLAWS

Noise Bylaw 16-2006

Noise complaints must be made in writing – forms are available at the municipal office or can be downloaded from our website.

Swimming Pool Bylaw 25-2008

Thinking of putting in a pool or wondering if your existing one meets the code and enclosure requirements, Bylaw 25-2008 sets out the criteria. Please contact the Building Department for all your permit requirements.

Property Standards Bylaw 13-2009

All residents are encouraged to take pride in their properties and keep them free and clear of weeds, litter and debris.

Open Air Burning Bylaw 25-2009

The Ontario Fire Code prohibits all open air burning except for small confined cooking fires and other fires that have been “approved by the Chief Fire Official”. Should you have any questions or concerns or require authorization. Please contact the Chief Fire Official can be contacted at 519-482-3043. Persons violating the Code may be prosecuted under the Act and could result in a fine up to \$50,000 for an individual and \$100,000 for a Corporation.

False Alarm Fees

Please ensure your alarm systems are in proper working order to avoid unnecessary false alarms and fees.

MARRIAGE LICENCES

Marriage licences are now being issued in Central Huron. Applications must be completed prior to the licence being issued. Our office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the municipal office. Government issued original proof of identity is required for both applicants. The marriage licence is valid for use anywhere in Ontario for a period of three months from the date of issue.

CIVIL MARRIAGE CEREMONIES

Under the Marriage Act, Municipal Clerks were provided the authority to solemnize civil marriages. Central Huron's Clerk and two designates now provide Civil Marriage Services in the Municipality. Your wedding is special and we look forward to helping you make this important day beautiful, memorable and problem free.

We are available to perform your ceremony, whether you are planning a small intimate wedding in your backyard or a large gathering with family and friends. Civil marriage services can be performed for weddings at a venue of your choice or just a small gathering at the municipal office. Central Huron has many venues both indoors and outdoors for your ceremony, your reception or both. Due to the civil nature of this service, interested couples must be aware that there cannot be any religious connotation to the ceremony. To apply for your marriage licence, book a civil wedding ceremony, or to obtain more information contact the Municipal Office (519) 482-3997.

Huron County
PRISM-911

keeping you informed and safe

www.huroncounty.ca/prism

The County of Huron purchased PRISM 911 in March 2009. The program consists of two interactive Municipal applications (PRISM-GIS and PRISM-911) which assist first responders (Police, Fire) with GIS technology and provides a Community Telephone Notification System that calls residents within minutes of the County being made aware of any emergency such as boil water notifications, chemical and nuclear disasters, and information on lost children or missing seniors.

All County residents are requested to submit the PRISM-911 form.

You can submit the form on-line at www.huroncounty.ca/prism; return it to PRISM-911, Huron County EMS, 1 Court House Square, Goderich, ON N7A 1M2; email: PRISM911@huroncounty.ca or fax: 519.524.5147.

Huron County will be launching the program in November. If you have any questions call 519.524.8394 ext. 711.

A PRISM-911 form has been sent with each 2009 final property tax bill. For landlords and campgrounds, please ensure that this information is provided to your tenants/residents.



Mark Saturday September 12, 2009 in your calendar for the Official REACH Grand Opening. Plans are now underway for a Showcase Event. Come out and take in all of the events and tour this state of the art facility. All Events and Timetable will be posted on the REACH website www.reachhuron.ca as plans are finalized.