

## **Greetings Fellow Residents**

As we look forward to 2024 council is hard at work in what is a very difficult budget year. The resurgence of inflation has hit municipalities across the province hard.

Central Huron is in the final year of our ten-year strategic plan. Council will review the success of the previous plan this spring and bring in a facilitator in the fall to bring together the hopes and dreams of our residents, our staff and our elected officials for the years to come.

Our major project, the former Bluewater Youth Centre, has progressed with the demolition of the building complete. We continue to have interested parties present proposals and look forward to completing a deal that will spur on economic development and prosperity for our community.

I will conclude with a huge thank you to the Clinton Raceway for the Christmas dinner they organized, serving 300 dinners and providing a social event to those who didn't have plans for the day. As well, thank you to all the volunteers who participated Just another reason to "take pride in your municipality, it is a great place to live"

Jim Ginn Mayor of Central Huron

# Central Huron 2022-2026 Municipal Council

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# **Council Meetings**

All Central Huron Council Meetings will be held using a hybrid method of in-person at the Town Hall – Council Chambers (23 Albert Street, Clinton, ON) and by using the Zoom Web-Conferencing platform.

Members of the public wanting to observe a Council meeting can attend either in person or can obtain the public Zoom link from the face of the Agenda, published to the website on the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting.

If you would like to speak at a meeting, you must register in advance by contacting the Clerk at <u>clerk@centralhuron.com</u>. Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month, beginning at 5:00 pm. To view the full 2024 meeting schedule, as well as the current agendas The Municipality of Central Huron 23 Albert Street P.O. Box 400 Clinton, ON NOM 1L0 Ph: 519-482-3997 Fax: 519-482-9183 info@centralhuron.com

and minutes of previous meetings, please visit our website <u>www.centralhuron.ca/agendasandminutes</u>

# Message from the Fire Chief

Community Members, let's prioritize safety together!

Keep exits clear - ensure easy evacuation.

Test smoke alarms regularly - early detection saves lives.

Have a fire extinguisher handy - be prepared to tackle small fires.

No smoking indoors - prevent potential ignition sources.

Unplug appliances when not in use - reduce fire risks.

In case of emergency, dial 911 immediately.

Let's work as one to keep our community safe and sound!

## Will a Fire Truck Fit Down Your Driveway?

To enable firefighters and other emergency vehicles to locate and reach your home quickly it's important to establish a safe route with adequate driveway access.

**Step 1**: Position your address sign to be visible from the road from either direction.

**Step 2**: Make your home visible from the road, if possible, so firefighters can tell if it's safe to enter. **Step 3**: Clear trees, branches, or brush from your driveway so it is at least 12 feet wide and that there is at least 13.5 feet of clearance to allow fire trucks access.

**Step 4**: Be sure your driveway surface is firmly packed and is able to support the weight of emergency vehicles even in the spring when the ground is soft.

**Step 5**: Check that your driveway is free of gates, fence posts or other obstructions that could restrict access.

**Step 6**: Create a space at the end of your driveway with adequate room for an emergency vehicle to turn around once it reaches your home.

Ensure your driveway has adequate height and width CLEARANCE from vegetation for large emergency vehicles.

# Fire Chief Jeff Lipski

#### 401 Beech Street

519-482-3043 - firechief@centralhuron.com

#### Public Works Department

The spring pick-up will be held during the last week in April and the first week in May. The fall pick-up will begin at the start of October to mid-November, weather permitting on Thursday's only. Leaves must be in brown paper bags. Brush must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet, and cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. For those who wish to take their own leaves and compost, the drop off site is at 40131 Hydro Line Road – just east of the Cemetery. Open 7 days a week Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:00pm, Sat, Sun 10:00am-4:00pm. ACCEPTABLE ONLY: Leaves, brush, grass clippings and kitchen compost. NOT ACCEPTABLE: plastics, plastic containers, metal, lumber, cement, tires, appliances and garbage. This is a free service that should not be abused.

## **Roadside Mowing**

Roadside mowing will be contracted out. Anyone having small trees and shrubs should have them well marked as the Municipality will not be responsible for any damage.

## **Recycling and Garbage Bins on Roadways**

Along with following proper instructions from Bluewater Recycling Association, to ensure proper snow removal from roadways, The Municipality of Central Huron is asking that your recycling and/or garbage bin be placed at the curb but within the opening of your driveway or on the municipal road allowance where possible and not on any roadways. This allows snow plow operators to properly clear snow from the roadways without any obstructions.

## **Utilities - Municipal Water & Sewer Services**

Account Setup & General Inquiries 519-482-3997 ext. 1239 (Business Hours) Water & Sewer after hour's emergencies 519-441-8166

# 2024 Property Tax Installment Dates

Interim Billing (based on 50% of 2023 taxes) 1<sup>st</sup> installment due March 28th, 2<sup>nd</sup> installment due June 28th.

#### **Methods of Tax Payment**

Automatic Banking Machines, Telephone & Internet Payments, Payment at most Financial Institutions, Post Dated Cheques, Mail, Drop Box at Municipal Office, Pre-authorized Monthly Payments, Pre-Authorized Installment Payments are all accepted for tax payments, please record your 19 digit roll number. Each Roll number requires a separate payment. Do NOT pay multiple properties on one Roll number. For Utilities and other payments please record the full 10 digit account number. Each account requires a separate payment. Do not pay multiple accounts onto one account number.

Please refer to our current fee by-law 76-2019 on our website for new and updated fees such as statement fees etc.

The Vacancy Rebate program has been phased out. Please refer to the Huron County by law 2018-48.

## Hall Rentals

Auburn Memorial Hall Contact: Patti Cooke @519-526-7425 Londesborough Community Hall Contact: Hensall Co-Op @519-523-9606 Kinburn Hall: Contact: Carl and Mary Merner @519-482-7143

Please contact Reception @ 519-482-3997 ext. 1221 for the following hall rentals: <u>Central Huron Community Complex – Libro</u> <u>Community Hall</u> <u>Town Hall Auditorium</u> <u>Holmesville Community Centre</u> <u>Central Huron YMCA @ 519-482-3655</u>

## 2024 Dog Tags

As of January 2023, Central Huron moved to a lifetime dog tag program. Invoices will be sent to owners annually for a renewal license fee. All Dogs in the Municipality must be licensed as per our Animal Control By-Law.

The tag must be worn on your dog at all times. A dog tag is the best form of identification for your dog as it will help with returning lost dogs to their owners. If your dog is picked up without a dog license you may be subject to additional fees. Invoices for dog license fees have been mailed out and the amount on the invoice is due no later than March 31st, 2024.

A late payment charge of \$20 will go on your account for each dog as of April 1, 2024. If you no longer have your dog please return your tag to the Municipal office. Invoices cannot be reversed until the tag is returned.

| Per Dog Tag                    | \$25.00         |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Staffordshire Terrier/Pit Bull | \$205.00        |
| Kennel License                 | \$150.00        |
| Replacement Tag                | \$10.00         |
| Late penalty                   | \$20.00 per dog |

# **Going Digital**

Central Huron is currently implementing an online software program for By-Law Enforcement Complaints as well as Planning and Building Applications. More information will be posted on our website and social media that will walk residents through how to use these new portals.

#### Parking Study

Central Huron has initiated a study to enhance parking in the heart of our community. As part of this initiative, Central Huron is conducting a comprehensive parking study with the Clinton Business Improvement Association (BIA) boundary area, focusing on optimizing parking resources for residents and fostering the revitalization of our downtown core. Central Huron has retained R.J. Burnside & Associates Limited to lead the study. An in-person public open house is scheduled February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 6-7:30 at the Town Hall. Visit <u>www.centralhuron.ca/parkingstudy</u> for more project updates.

#### Summer Minor Sports Registrations

Please contact the local groups for further information. Link can be found at;

https://www.centralhuron.ca/en/recreation-andevents/sports-groups.aspx

#### What's Happening in Central Huron!

Use the QR code to subscribe to our weekly enewsletter and stay connected with what is happening in Central Huron

