



## The Corporation of the Township of Tyendinaga

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Hello from the Municipal Office! - The warm weather this past few weeks has been a nice treat but please remember winter is not over yet and we still anticipate more plowing and sanding. A big thanks needs to go to our Roads Department for their fine efforts, night and day, seven days a week. With 7 guys and 520 lane kilometres, they do amazing work.

Staff is fortunate to work along-side a fantastic Council. Your Township is very fortunate to have the elected officials we do. Remember too, 2018 is an election year if anyone is thinking of serving. Yes, it's a lot of work, but there are great rewards in serving your community, so give it some thought.

**Finances** - Please find enclosed your 2017 Interim Tax Bill. The 2017 rate has yet to be set. This billing is your 2017 assessment times 33% of the 2016 tax rate. These amounts are adjusted for final billing once the 2017 rate is set. **The interim tax bill is due March 31.**

**We will soon be offering e-mail billing. If you would prefer to have your tax bill e-mailed to you versus regular mail, drop us a quick note at [deputytreasurer@tyendinagatownship.com](mailto:deputytreasurer@tyendinagatownship.com).**

At the conclusion of 2016 we showed approximately \$2,356,000 in reserves, and have no municipal debt. Council was able to show a surplus of over \$400,000 in 2016. Due to the 2016 surplus, it is anticipated that any tax increases this year will be minimal. We have experienced about 1% growth - also helping to keep any real tax increase very small. This will be especially helpful to our agricultural community who have experienced a disproportionate increase in assessments in relation to residential properties.

**Canada 150** – This is a very important year for Canada as we celebrate 150 years of Confederation. Please join us on Saturday July 1 to help us celebrate with enhanced fireworks, enhanced events and a complimentary Canada 150 T-shirt.

***In conjunction with Canada 150 we are exploring the idea of a Tyendinaga 150 Games. This would be a concentrated time in August where teams would enter and play several sports/events over a period of a few days. Are you interested in taking on a leadership role to help this event come together? We are hosting an exploratory meeting at 7pm March 21 at the Office. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to help assist us in planning, coordinating and bringing this idea to life.***

As we celebrate Canada 150, let's not forget that 2017 also marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge. When you are out and about and see our servicemen and women - make sure to say thank you. We will be paying a special tribute on November 11.

**Fence Viewers** – The Municipality has certain requirements and responsibilities under the Line Fences Act. We are currently recruiting Fence Viewers in an as-and-when needed basis. There is a small honorarium and training will be provided. Please contact us if you are interested.

**A Clean Community** – Council has become concerned about some Property Standards issues in the community. We are so very fortunate to live in Tyendinaga Township. Council asks that yards are kept clean of junk, debris and derelict vehicles. It only takes a little while to clean up. Let's all do our part on our own properties. A clean community is everyone's responsibility!

**Drought** – As you are aware, the Township spent considerable time last summer and fall under a Level 3 Water Advisory. This was a scary time, especially for our farmers. Council directed staff to draft a Drought Management Plan in case we have a repeat situation. The first draft has been presented to Council. It appears we may be the first Municipality in Ontario to have a Drought Management Plan, primarily designed to educate and bring awareness - but also to support farmers in times of extended drought through a water access program.

**Capital** – For many years Council lobbied both Canadian Pacific and Transport Canada to install barriers and lights at the crossing on Weese Rd just north of Lazier. This project is now complete and through Council's diligent efforts, the Township only absorbed 25% of the total cost of \$534,000. The Shannon Rd (Shannonville to Boldricks Bridge) was reconstructed last year and a double layer of surface treatment will be applied in early summer (\$80,000) to finish the job. It is anticipated that another 15km of the Township's surface treated roads will receive an additional lift this year (\$300,000). We are conducting full engineering assessments on both the Boldricks Bridge and Marysville Bridge (\$20,000). The Council just purchased, as per replacement schedule, a new tandem snow plow for \$260,000. The price of these vehicles has risen dramatically due to the low dollar. Other 2017 Capital Expenditures will be determined through the budget process.

**Communications** – Please check out our website at [www.tyendinagatownship.com](http://www.tyendinagatownship.com). There you will find links to our very active Facebook and Twitter accounts, keeping you up to date on community events, news and happenings.

Steve Mercer, CAO – Tyendinaga Township

## COMMUNITY EVENTS & RECREATION

**MARCH 23 & APRIL 1 - RECREATION REGISTRATION** for Youth Soccer, Minor Baseball, Adult Mixed 3-Pitch & Adult Mixed Beach Volleyball will be Thurs. March 23, 4:00pm-7:00pm and Sat. April 1 from 9am-11am. Registrations will be held **at the Municipal Office (859 Melrose Rd)**. ALL Registrations required before May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**APRIL 22 – TRASH BASH** - Gather together with your Community and help clean up the ditches around your area. Please separate recyclable plastics and cans. Bring the collected garbage to the Township Office between 9am -2pm & join us for a BBQ at 11am. Tree Seedlings available and Household Hazardous Waste will be collected as well. Hope to see you there!

**JULY 1 – CANADA DAY 150** - Events begins at 3pm. They include Bike Rally, Prizes, South Hastings Baseball Game, Crafts, Cake, Music and Fireworks!

**JULY 22 – TYENDINAGA TOWNSHIP ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** – will be held at Briar Fox Golf & Country Club. The cost is \$80/person (includes 18 holes of golf with cart, dinner & prizes). Please register at the Municipal Office by July 14<sup>th</sup>. Playground equipment will be purchased with proceeds.

**AUGUST 23 & 24 – HASTINGS COUNTY PLOWING MATCH** will be hosted by Jim and Janet Sandercock & Family (Trenton). For more information please check out [www.hastingsfarmshow.com](http://www.hastingsfarmshow.com) .

**AUGUST 25 - 27 – SHANNONVILLE WORLD’S FAIR** - Check out their Facebook page for more information. The last SAS Pancake breakfast will be March 26<sup>th</sup> but will resume again in the Fall.

**DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - TYENDINAGA TOWNSHIP’S 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL ATV SANTA CLAUS PARADE** will be held at our Recreation Complex. 2016 was a great success and we look forward to keeping up this great tradition.

**COACHES / VOLUNTEERS** - Please consider being a soccer or baseball coach this year. Without volunteers such as parents, relatives and community volunteers our programs would not be successful.

**REFEREES / UMPIRES** – Kids, please contact us for this is a great opportunity to make some extra cash!

**TYENDINAGA TOWNSHIP FARMER’S MARKET** - Our Council is proud to announce the Tyendinaga Township Farmer’s Market. The Market will run out of our baseball diamond parking lot bi-weekly May-September from 9am-noon on Saturday mornings. We are looking for local farmers and artisans. If you are interested or require more information, please contact Raeanne at the Municipal Office.

**ZUMBA** –classes offered Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6pm-\$3/class. The instructors are awesome!

**Please contact Raeanne McGuinness, at the Municipal Office (613)396-1944, regarding Upcoming Events, Coaching, Refereeing, Volunteering, program start dates and Recreation inquiries.**

## TYENDINAGA TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

There is always lots going on at the Tyendinaga Township Public Library (852 Melrose Road). For the latest, visit [www.ttpl.ca](http://www.ttpl.ca), like us on Facebook at 'Tyendinaga Township Public Library' or call Jessica or Kristin.

**Hours:**  
**Tuesdays** 10am-8pm  
**Wednesdays** 4pm-8pm  
**Thursdays** 1pm-8pm  
**Saturdays** 10am-2pm

**Fun Time Circle Kids (Craft & Storytime)**  
**Tuesdays 10:30 – 11:30**

**Summer Tutoring Program & Pre-Kinder Class**  
Sign up now – space is limited

**Volunteers** – always needed, and always appreciated (613) 967-0606

## FIRE DEPARTMENT 613-396-1660

2016 was a challenging year for our Fire Department with a dry spring/summer resulting in an excessive number of grass, field and bush fires. This was exacerbated by the drought which depleted our water sources.

As a rural department, we rely on streams, ponds and other surface water sources to carry out firefighting activities. Through the great efforts of our firefighters and tanker support of neighbouring departments, a number of field fires were prevented from spreading to adjacent properties and structures last summer.

Last summer, the Firefighter’s Association purchased a Kubota RTV-X1140 UTV for the Fire Department. This unit was put to work almost immediately at a large field/brush fire in the Township. This UTV is used to transport firefighters & equipment to the fire line and is able to reach locations our fire trucks can’t. It is equipped with a small water tank and pump which allows it to be used for fire suppression as well.

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Fire Department. In the summer of 1991 Chief Wayne Prest and Deputy Chief Dan Callaghan recruited the original members of the department and by July 1<sup>st</sup> of 1992 were responsible for a fully operational volunteer fire service. These two men put in many years of hard work and established an efficient and dedicated fire department. The current members of the department strive to live up to the standards these founding leaders established.

**Have a “Fire Safe” 2017!**