



## The Corporation of the Township of Tyendinaga

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From the Municipal Office,

Greetings from the Municipal Office! We hope you and your family have a safe and prosperous 2018. I'm sure you agree, Tyendinaga Township certainly is "Rural Living at its Best". Find us on Facebook and Twitter, news and events are updated daily!!

**Finances** - Enclosed is your 2018 Interim Tax Bill. The tax rate for 2018 has yet to be set. This billing is your 2018 assessment times 33% of the 2017 tax rate. These amounts are adjusted for final billing once the 2018 rate is set. **The Interim Tax Bill is due March 29.**

Council intends to keep your 2018 municipal tax increase around 3%. Our costs continue to rise and third party contributions from Provincial and Federal sources decreases year to year. Our core funding from the Ontario Government decreased from \$521,000 to \$447,400, a reduction of 14%. Although the Gas Tax program has been in place for many years, we depend on the Federal and Provincial Government for infrastructure funding. This, unfortunately, has not been forthcoming.

The good news; at the conclusion of 2017 we showed approximately \$2,225,247 in reserves, and have no municipal debt. The 2018 budget/tax rate will be passed by Council on April 3rd. Your Township, due to good financial management on the part of Council, is in a healthy financial position, but sustainability of this position is very worrisome.

**Elections** - 2018 is a municipal election year. There have been some changes made to the Elections Act. The election is Monday October 22, and again, the Township will be using Vote-by-Mail. The election is for all Municipal Seats on Council: 1 Reeve, 1 Deputy Reeve, and 3 Councillors. **The nomination period extends from May 1 to July 27 at 2pm. Nominations are received at the Municipal Office.**

We have all the materials for nominations here at the office and available on the Municipal website. If you are interested in an elected position on Council, feel free to stop by the office, have a coffee and a chat about what being on Council is all about. Being on Council is a big responsibility, but we tend to have some fun and good laughs together. If you think Tyendinaga is a great community, maybe think about running for Council. There are also Trustee positions being elected for the various School Boards that serve the Township.

**A Clean Community – Saturday, April 21** - Littering along the Township roadways are always a problem. Please don't litter. This is a beautiful community and Council asks all of us to keep it that way. A clean community is a community effort and community responsibility.

On Saturday, April 21 Council will be hosting our annual Trash Bash. Garbage bags and gloves will be available at the Municipal Office two weeks prior to the event. Trash Bash will run 9am-1pm. There will be a free BBQ and snacks. This is also our Household Hazardous Waste Day and TV and Electronic drop day. This will also be our Community Trees event, sponsored by the Hastings Stewardship Council. Start your spring cleaning at the municipal yard, stop by for a seedling or two and grab a hotdog with your neighbours. Please mark your calendars; this is a very important day!!

**Crazy winter** – As you will agree, we have not seen a winter like this in a few years. We have experienced heavy snowfall, variable temperatures and numerous 401 incidents. This crazy winter has also meant a record number of calls for our Fire Department. This has put a definite strain on our resources in terms of sand, salt, man hours and equipment. Roads and Fire reserves are held in such a way that events like this will have a minimal impact on taxes. This is an example where advanced planning on the part of Council is a great asset to the Township.

Council would like to thank our Roads Department led by John Farrell and our Fire Department led by Chief James Oliver for an "over the top" effort this winter. These folks have been going night and day for months due to the weather. Please thank the guys and ladies when you see them around, they have done a fine job.

If you have any questions or concerns about any municipal business, please call the office. We can't always solve every problem, but I can promise that we will help as best we can.

Steve Mercer  
CAO – Tyendinaga Township



## RECREATION / UPCOMING EVENTS

**REGISTRATION for Youth Soccer, Minor Baseball, Adult Mixed 3-pitch and Adult Mixed Beach Volleyball** will be held at the Municipal Office **March 20, 4:00pm-7:00pm** and **April 7, 9am-11am**. Check out our website for program start dates and more information. If you cannot make those registration dates, please contact the Municipal Office to make arrangements to get your child(ren) signed up before April 27th, 2018.

**COACHES, we need you!** Please consider being a soccer or baseball coach this year. Without volunteers such as parents, relatives and community volunteers our programs cannot be successful. It's a small commitment with huge rewards.

**REFEREES / UMPIRES** - This is a great opportunity for kids in the area to make some extra cash this summer! Contact Raeanne at (613) 396-1944 or speak to her at the registration dates.

**SOCCER AND BASEBALL SPONSORS.** Soccer Sponsors are \$175. Baseball sponsors are available in 3 Tiers; Gold for \$500, Silver for \$300 and Bronze for \$175 (Pre-Rookie Only). Contact Raeanne at (613) 396-1944 to sponsor a team or for more information!

Tyendinaga Township **FARMERS MARKET**, located at our Rec. Complex, runs bi-weekly Saturday mornings (9am-noon). **2018 dates are May 5, 19, June 2, 16, 30, July 14, 28, Aug 11, 25 and Sept 8 & 22.**

Tyendinaga Township Annual **GOLF TOURNAMENT** will be held **July 21, 2018** at Briar Fox Golf & County Club. The cost is \$80 (includes 18 holes of golf with cart, dinner & prize) Register by July 16<sup>th</sup> by calling the Municipal Office. All proceeds will be used to purchase more playground equipment at the Rec Complex.

**HASTINGS COUNTY PLOWING MATCH** will take place **August 22-23, 2018** at Scott & Angela Trudeau & Family Farm in Tweed. For more information please check out [www.hastingsfarmshow.com](http://www.hastingsfarmshow.com).

**FITNESS CLASSES (Zumba & Yoga)**, for women, are offered on Monday and Wednesday nights for \$3. For more information, check out our website or contact Raeanne!

**TAKE A WALK** on our 1.7km walking trail that takes you from one end of our Rec Grounds to the other. Let us know if you have any suggestions to improve the walking trail and the Rec Grounds.

***Please contact Raeanne at 613-396-1944 for more information regarding Recreation or Upcoming Events***

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fighting fires involves much more than simply showing up at a call and "putting the wet stuff on the red stuff". There is a great deal of background "Fire Science" knowledge required and many specialized skills needed to safely carry out firefighting activities.

Training sessions are held every week at the fire hall and range from two to four hours in length. This training includes classroom time where basic concepts are reviewed followed by hands on training with the equipment to apply these lessons. There are also more involved full day sessions which are used to allow our firefighters to participate in multiple scenarios.

In addition to the ongoing training at the hall, a number of our firefighters have been taking courses held by the Ontario Fire College. This year Tyendinaga Fire Department is proud to acknowledge, Steve Cook, Ben Buxton, Sean Mitchell, Tyrel Gauweiler, Pat Farrell, Rob Lock and Jordan Kennelly for taking the time out of their busy schedules to start and/or complete the long process to receive their certifications. These individuals have taken time away from their families and, in many cases, have lost time at work or have had to use vacation time to complete these courses. This shows great dedication to improving their knowledge and skill base to help provide emergency services to their community.

We would like to recognize one of our long standing members who retired in December 2017. Captain Kevin McAvoy was a founding member of the department and was involved in many committees, planning groups and fund raising activities in addition to his firefighting duties. He played a key role among the group of fire fighters that brought the "Jaws of Life" to the department. He was also a proud member of the Fire Fit Team and represented our department in the regional championships. Kevin has left a very large pair of boots to fill. We wish him an enjoyable retirement from the department and great success in his new role as "Grandpa".

**Tyendinaga Township Public Library  
852 Melrose Road (613) 967-0606**

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

Join us this year for our 2018 Reading Challenge - Read your way through the alphabet in our A-Z Reading Challenge. Contact the library for more information.

**Fun Time Circle Kids (Craft and Storytime):** Tuesdays 10:30am-11:30am  
**Summer Tutoring Program and Pre-Kindergarten class** – sign up now – space is limited  
**Volunteers** – always needed, and always appreciated

**Hours:** **Tuesdays** 10:00am-8:00pm  
**Thursdays** 1:00pm-8:00pm

**Wednesdays** 4:00pm-8:00pm  
**Saturdays** 10:00am-2:00pm

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