



The Corporation of the Township of Tyendinaga

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Greetings and wishing you well in 2019 from the Municipal Office. For the most up-to-date news on what's happening in Tyendinaga Township, "Rural Living at its Best", please follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Finances

Enclosed is your 2019 Interim Tax Bill. The tax rate for 2019 has yet to be set. This billing is based on your 2019 assessment multiplied by 33% of the 2018 tax rate. These amounts are adjusted for final billing once the 2019 rate is set. **The Interim Tax Bill is due March 29.**

Our Council intends to keep your 2019 municipal tax increase in line with those of year's past. We have been experiencing increasing costs at a greater rate than the contributions from our Provincial and Federal partners. Our core funding from the Ontario Government has remained flat year over year with speculation that we could see major changes to these programs in the near future. We are dependent on the Federal and Provincial Government for infrastructure funding and hope to continue to see strong partnership from those channels.

The good news; at the conclusion of **2018** we showed approximately **\$2.28 Million in reserves**, and have zero municipal debt. The 2019 budget/tax rate will be passed by Council during the month of April.

Winter's Grip-

The 'Old Farmer's Almanac' predicted a warmer winter for us, but expected more snow and precipitation this year. With the heaviest snow amounts coming in December, late January, and possibly early March. They were pretty spot on with their predictions as we have been witness to a rather long- snow and ice filled winter.

Due to the winter conditions that we have had, both our Roads and Fire Departments have been extremely busy throughout the winter months. Our teams have seen increased calls for accidents, fires and making sure that Tyendinaga Township has the best roads in Ontario for driving conditions (self-proclaimed).

The Roads Supervisor, John Farrell, would like to recognize **Brian Risto and Bill McFarlane** for their long standing careers with our Roads Department. Brian and Bill have both decided to retire and will be missed greatly by the teams here at the Township. We wish you all the best in your retirement!

What's happening in the Township?

- **Trash Bash- Saturday April 27th, 2019 (9am- 1pm)** - Clean up the ditches and corners around your house and dispose of the garbage/recyclables for free at the Township Office! Join us for a BBQ beginning at 11am. Tree Seedlings will also be available and Household Hazardous Waste will be collected.
- **Canada Day- Monday July 1st, 2019** – Join us for our annual Canada Day Event. Events include Bike Rally, Prizes, South Hastings Baseball Game, Crafts, Cake, Music, and Fireworks!
- **The Tyendinaga Township Annual Golf Tournament will be held on Saturday July 20th, 2019-** at Briar Fox Golf and Country Club. The cost will be \$80 which will include 18 holes of golf with cart, dinner and prizes. You can sign up by contacting the Municipal Office by Monday July 15th, 2019.
- **Touch the Trucks and Fire Appreciation Open House- Wednesday September 25th, 2019 (5:30pm to 7pm)** - Come Join the fun at Tyendinaga Township Municipal Grounds. Donations of a non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated for our local food bank. Fire Truck Demonstrations of all sizes.
- **Tyendinaga Township Fourth Annual ATV Santa Claus Parade-** Will be Friday December 6th, 2019 beginning at 6:30pm. Last year's event was a great success, and we look forward to keeping up this great tradition.

Ready for the 2019 spring and summer season? We are!

- **Youth Soccer, Youth Minor Baseball, Adult Mixed 3-Pitch, and Adult Mixed Beach Volleyball-** Register on Saturday March 30th, 2019 from 9am-11am and Wednesday April 10th, 2019 from 4-7pm. Registration will be at the Municipal Office, 859 Melrose Rd.
- **Calling all sponsors, coaches, referees, and umpires! We need you!** Please Contact Raeanne at (613) 396-1944 for more information.
- **Women's fitness classes-** classes twice a week on Monday and Wednesday nights for a low cost of \$3. Classes include Zumba & Bootcamp. For more information, check out the website or contact Raeanne.
- **Take a scenic walk through our 1.7km walking trail that wraps through the forest surrounding our Recreation Complex.**

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

What's new in the Fire Department?

2018 turned out to be a busy year for the Fire Department. The 26 active volunteers responded to 128 calls for service within our and the surrounding communities.

Our Fire Chief, James Oliver, would like to recognize the exemplary efforts of 7 of our volunteer firefighters and their families. Over the past year these individuals have balanced work, life and the duties of being a volunteer fire fighter. This team went above and beyond to complete a number of National Fire Protection Association courses. Please share in congratulating the following:

- **Sean Mitchell**- NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1
- **Tyrel Gauweiler**- NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1
- **Jordan Kennelly**- NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1
- **Rob Lock**- NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1
- **Danielle Murphy**- NFPA 1002 Pumper Operations
- **Steve Cook**- NFPA 1001 Firefighter 2 & NFPA 1031 Investigation course
- **Ben Buxton**- NFPA 1001 Firefighter 2

This year in July the Fire Department is looking forward to receiving a brand new 2500-gal tanker that is being built by Fort Gary Fire Trucks. The new tanker will replace our 27-year-old 1700gal tanker that has served the department since its creation in 1991.

Finally, the department would like to recognize former **Deputy Chief Gary Prevost**. After 27 years with our department Deputy Chief Prevost announced his retirement at the end of 2018. Gary was one of the first recruits for our volunteer department. He worked his way up the ranks, from fire fighter to Captain and eventually to Deputy Chief. Gary has decided to spend more time with his grandchildren and family, we wish him all the best in the future and know that he will always be an integral part of our Fire Department.

Come visit the Library! 852 Melrose Road, Shannonville ON, [\(613\) 967-0606](tel:6139670606).

There is always a lot going on at the Tyendinaga Township Public Library. For the latest, visit www.ttpl.ca, like us on Facebook at 'Tyendinaga Township Public Library' or call Jessica or Willow.

Open: Tuesday 10:00am-8:00pm, **Wednesday** 4:00pm-8:00pm, **Thursday** 1:00pm-8:00pm, **Saturday** 10:00am-2:00pm

- **Fun Time Circle (Preschool Aged Craft and Storytime):** Tuesdays 10:30am-11:30am
- **Summer Tutoring Program and Pre-Kinder Class** – Reading and/or Math tutoring 1 hour per week during the summer. Pre-Kinder class is for those who will be entering Kindergarten in September 2019 - 1 hour per week throughout the summer. Sign up now – space is limited.
- **Volunteers** – always needed, and always appreciated.
- **Join us this year for our 2019 'Read the World' Reading Challenge.** Contact the Library for more information.

New Faces:

I am writing to you for the first time as the new CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, my name is Brad Roach. I grew up here in Tyendinaga Township. I left the Township to attend the University of Western Ontario nearly 20 years ago to complete my degree in Finance and Administration. I started my career in the Financial Services industry where I spent the past 15 years working with 2 of Canada's largest Banks. I held a variety of different roles from Financial Advisor, Project & Product Management, Risk & Portfolio Management and most recently Digital Transformation. I am very grateful for the opportunity to come back to the community that I grew up in and look forward to running into familiar faces and meeting new ones. Please feel free to stop in and say Hi.

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Council, the Township and myself to Acknowledge and Thank former **CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Steve Mercer** for the tremendous leadership, guidance and contributions that he made to our community over the past 12 years. In the short period of time that I was able to spend with Steve I learned a great deal not only about the position that I was taking on but also the tremendous experiences he and his family shared. This included living and working in Nunavut, to moving to Tyendinaga Township where he and Brenda raised their family. Thank you Steve! Enjoy your time with Brenda, Jessie and Max. I'm sure there will be a golf ball or two hit during retirement.



Brad Roach

CAO/Clerk Treasurer

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