

# Council Communiqué

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## Clear Bags July 1st - Sustaining Our Landfill Site

Efforts are being made by the Municipality to extend the useful life of our waste disposal sites. It is a situation which requires immediate action in order to maintain our waste & recycling sites in the future. Effective July 1st clear bags will be required to dispose of waste at our site.

### Why does that mean I have to use clear bags?

As the data in the bar graph below indicates, Tweed has been recycling less based on population compared to other municipalities in our area.

### But why clear bags?

The simple answer is that pop cans, bottles & many other recyclable materials are ending up in our waste sites along with the actual garbage. Not only does this lower the life cycle of the site; it is also avoidable. There is no reason to include recycling in garbage bags when blue bin pick up & a recycling depot are readily available.

### But I always recycle—why do I have to use clear bags?

If you have always recycled keep up



Garbage (Clear Bag)

the great effort! We are all facing the consequences together when it comes to depleting our landfill site, so it is necessary for everyone to participate.

### Where do I buy clear bags?

Local vendors which normally sell garbage bags have been notified of the new policy so that they can have a supply of clear garbage bags readily available.

### I don't want others to see certain items in my garbage.

You will be permitted one kitchen catcher-sized privacy bag inside your clear bag.

### What if I have recyclables in my clear bag?

Your bag will remain at the curbside or you will be charged \$10 for the bag at the waste site, unless you remove the recyclables.

### I own an apartment building, how do I get my tenants to comply?

We encourage multi-residential owners to inform tenants, notifying them of the change & where they can purchase clear bags. This will ensure that waste is continued to be picked up and not left in public disposal units.

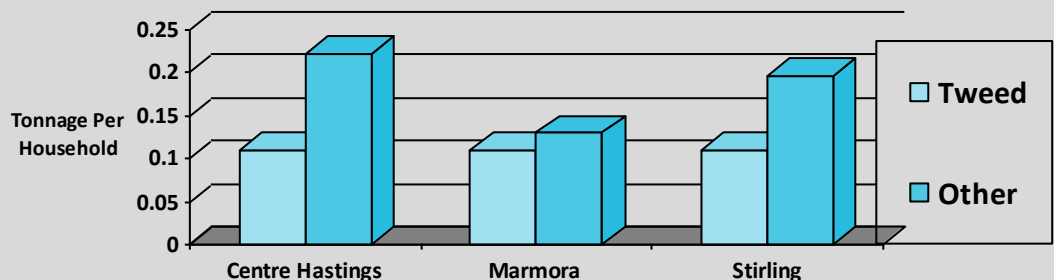
### Does this apply to me if I run a business, a campground, a community hall, or a school?

Yes - if you are disposing of waste in the Municipality of Tweed it needs to be in a clear bag as of July 1st.



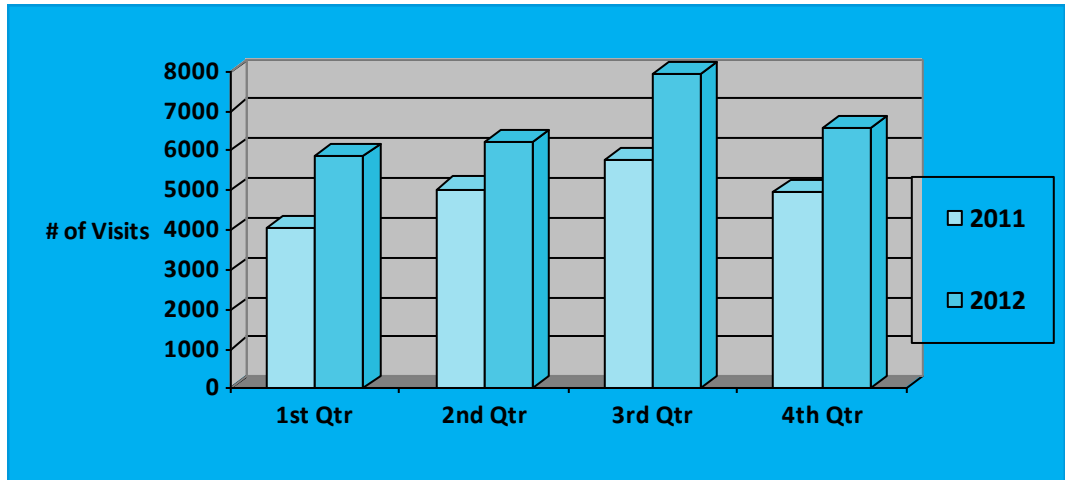
Tweed is falling behind in recycling efforts compared to others in our area. This has a negative impact on the useful life of our landfill site.

Tweed's Recycling Versus Other Municipalities



# Website Data - Unique Visits

From 2011 to 2012 the Tweed Municipal website saw 34 % growth in unique visits. That number is continuing to grow this year.



## Jailhouse 2013

With support from the Community Futures Development Corporation (CFDC) the Tweed Jailhouse is open once again as a Visitor Information Centre for the summer of 2013.

Improvements have been made to display units & internet access at the Jailhouse to assist in directing visitors to local businesses, attractions, & places of interest.

Staff has been hired to provide the most up-to-date directions & detailed information for those who are travelling throughout our region & looking to 'Experience Tweed'.



Mayor Jo-Anne Albert explained, "With additional support from Community Futures, the Tweed Jailhouse is a value-added asset not only to our community, but to those who are visiting our region. We hope

all will enjoy the many wonderful experiences our Municipality has to offer."

## 'Experience Tweed' Products



Travellers, cottagers & residents will soon be able to purchase products promoting our Municipality. T-shirts, hats, water bottles, pens & more will be on sale at the Tweed Municipal Building & the Tweed Jailhouse Visitor Information Centre all summer long.

As a member of the Land O'Lakes Tourist Association, the Municipality of Tweed has sought to strengthen itself in this growth industry. One example of these measures is our new 'Experience Tweed' branding, which helps position Tweed independently in the tourism market.

The green in the 'Experience Tweed' logo signals outdoor adventure, while the aquatic blue heralds great fishing & boating on our lakes & rivers.

Whether you are proud to call Tweed home or simply love visiting our beautiful Canadian community then make your 'Experience Tweed' purchase this summer!

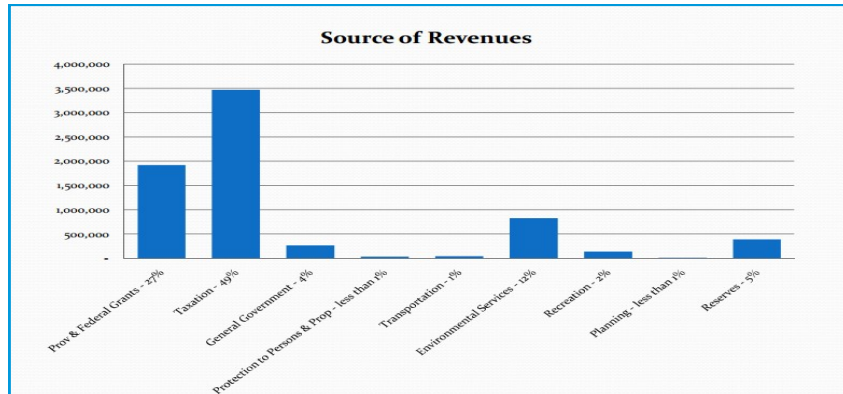
\*While supplies last\*

# Municipal Budget & Tax Rate Information

The 2013 Budget approved the total Residential tax rate of 0.011931. This represents a 1.3% decrease in the overall tax rate. The municipal portion of the overall tax rate decreased by 1.2% compared to 2012. The property assessments for 2013 increased by 4.66% over 2012. To calculate your total 2013 property taxes multiply your property assessment for each tax class by the applicable tax rate for that tax class. All tax rates are available by contacting the Municipal Office at 613-478-2535 or by email [info@twp.tweed.on.ca](mailto:info@twp.tweed.on.ca).

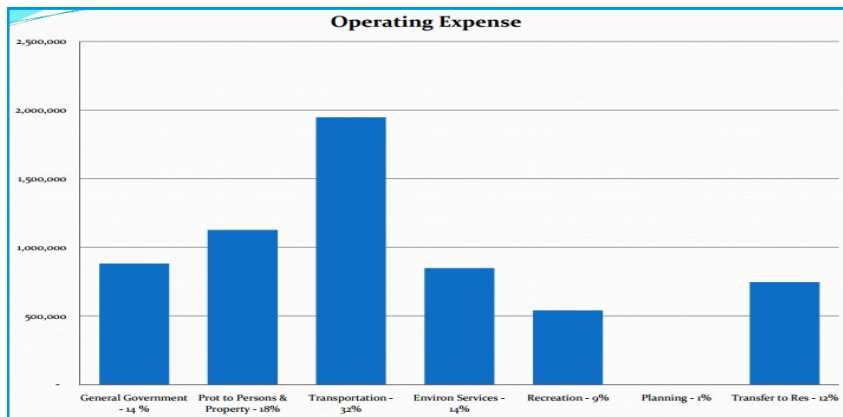
## 2013 Operating Revenue

Provincial & Federal Grants	27%
Taxation	49%
General Government	4%
Protection to Persons & Property	<1%
Transportation Services	1%
Environmental Services	12%
Recreation	2%
Planning	< 1%
Reserves	5%
Total	100%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$7,080,834.</b>



## 2013 Operating Expense

General Government	14%
Protection to Persons & Property	18%
Transportation Services	32%
Environmental Services	14%
Recreation	9%
Planning	1%
Transfer to Reserves	12%
Total	100%
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$6,093,140.</b>
<b>Total Capital Expense</b>	<b>\$ 987,694.</b>



## Capital Improvements Program

The 2013 Budget approved the following Capital Improvements:

- ◆ New ramp & doors for Municipal Building / Council Chambers for visibility & accessibility.
- ◆ Sump pump alarm for Municipal Building elevator shaft.
- ◆ Tree replacement program on Municipal properties.
- ◆ Computer replacement program.
- ◆ New software program for Fire Department.
- ◆ Tweed Jailhouse Visitor Information Centre improvements.
- ◆ Fire equipment & gear replacement program.
- ◆ Fire Hall renovations to include new bay doors.
- ◆ New loader for Public Works Department.
- ◆ Surface treatment to 1.6 km of Napanee Rd.; 0.9 km of East Hungerford Rd.; 3.7 km of Moneymore Rd.; & Prep work to 4.7 km of Old Hungerford Rd.
- ◆ New crosswalk lights on River St. at College St.
- ◆ Sidewalk replacement program on Moira St. & in Marlbank.
- ◆ New monitoring wells required by MOE at waste sites.
- ◆ Replace fascia on the Arena.
- ◆ Energy efficient units on ice plant at Arena.
- ◆ Parks - equipment storage; Parkette improvements; reshingle Park washrooms; additional seasonal lighting; Pool cover; new mower; Marlbank Pavilion door repair; fencing for Marlbank Ball Diamond; Tweed Kiwanis Pavilion improvements.
- ◆ Fire Hydrant replacement program on Moira St.
- ◆ Water & Sewer Systems annual upgrades.

# Think Fire Safety This Summer!



## FIRE SAFETY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

### Fire Safety In Your Home

It's the law in Ontario to have working smoke alarms on every storey of the home & outside of all sleeping areas. Tweed Fire Department recommends having working carbon monoxide alarms in the home as well, especially outside of sleeping areas.



To survive a fire you need an early warning signal and the knowledge of what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Tampering with or removing batteries from your smoke alarm is against the law. Have a fire prevention plan for your home - create a home fire escape plan & practice it with your family members. Test your smoke alarm monthly & change batteries twice a year when the clocks change. Know what to do & where to go when the smoke alarm sounds.

Tweed Fire Department also recommends that working fire extinguishers be available in the home especially in the kitchen, utility room, garage & in the vicinity of heating systems. It is also imperative that they be checked regularly & that you know how to use the correct fire extinguisher for different types of fires.

For more information on fire safety in the home or any other fire safety matter please visit the Ontario Fire Marshal's Public Safety website at [www.firesafetycouncil.com](http://www.firesafetycouncil.com) - Let's all stay alert & stay safe!

### Remember!

**P**ull  
**A**im  
**S**queeze  
**S**weep



### Fire Burning Regulations

1. No fires shall be set out of doors between the hours of 7:00 am & 7:00 pm between April 1st & October 31st of each year.
2. Any fire set out of doors after 7:00 pm must be extinguished by 7:00 am the following day.
3. No fire set out of doors shall permit more than one (1) cubic meter of material to be burned at one time; no fire shall be greater than one-tenth (1/10) hectare in surface area.
4. Everyone who starts a fire out of doors shall ensure that adequate personnel, equipment & water are available &, before leaving, extinguish all remaining fire.
5. No burning is allowed at any time in the Village of Tweed except for small piles of leaves which may be burned from September 15th to November 30th only, between the hours of 7:00 pm & 7:00 am. No incinerators are allowed in the Village of Tweed.
6. Upon application, the Chief Fire Official may issue permission for daytime burning depending on weather conditions.
7. All out of doors burning may be cancelled at any time by the Chief Fire Official or his/her designate.
8. Every person who contravenes any provisions of these regulations shall be liable for the full costs of extinguishing the fire.

These fire burning regulations have been in place for many years. Property owners should be aware that they can be fined and charged the cost of vehicle & firefighter services for burning outside of the permitted times.

Current burning conditions may be obtained by contacting the Chief Fire Official or his/her designate at the municipal office at 613-478-2535 during regular business hours.

## Coming Events:

Tweed Lions Music In The Park  
Sunday afternoons from  
June to September

Canada Day Festivities  
See you at Tweed Memorial Park!  
Fireworks at dusk!  
[www.tweed.ca](http://www.tweed.ca)

132nd Tweed Agricultural Fair  
July 5, 6 & 7, 2013  
[www.tweedfair.net](http://www.tweedfair.net)

Tweed's Unique Garden Tour  
July 6, 2013  
[www.tweedlibrary.ca](http://www.tweedlibrary.ca)

Hazardous & Electronic  
Waste Drop-Off Day  
Tweed Fire Hall - 127 River St.  
July 13, 2013  
[www.quinterecycling.org](http://www.quinterecycling.org)

Tweed Stampede & Jamboree  
August 2 - 5, 2013  
[www.tweedstampede.com](http://www.tweedstampede.com)

1st Annual Land O'Lakes  
Bass Fishing Tournament  
August 17, 2013  
[www.travellandolakes.com](http://www.travellandolakes.com)

Hastings County Plowing Match  
August 21 & 22, 2013  
[www.hastingsfarmshow.ca](http://www.hastingsfarmshow.ca)

Tweed Tribute to Elvis Festival  
VIVA TWEED!  
August 23, 24 & 25, 2013  
[www.tweedelvisfestival.ca](http://www.tweedelvisfestival.ca)

Tweed & Area Studio Tour  
September 28 & 29, 2013  
[www.tweedstudiotour.org](http://www.tweedstudiotour.org)

Tweed Festival of Trees  
10th Annual Event!  
December 6 - 9, 2013

Tweed Santa Claus Parade  
Meet Santa After Parade  
December 7, 2013 @ 12:30 pm

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