Council Communiqué



Voting Day is Monday, October 27, 2014



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2014 Is A Municipal Election Year

The Municipality of Tweed will be joining municipalities across the province this fall as we prepare for the 2014 Municipal Elections.

Voters will be electing their municipal representatives for the next four years.

How do I know if my name is on the Voters' List?

A telephone call to the staff in the municipal office or email to **info@twp.tweed.on.ca** will enable us to quickly determine if you are on the Voters' List. Be ready to provide your full name, birth date, civic address & phone number.

How do I add my name to the Voters' List?

There is a form for this

purpose which can be picked up at the municipal office or downloaded from the *Municipal Election* page at **www.tweed.ca**. We require original signatures on the form so it is necessary that it be dropped off or mailed to the municipal office when completed.

Will the municipality be using Vote By Mail again?

Yes—this will be the fifth election to utilize this method of voting.

When will I receive my Voter Kit?

The voter kits will be mailed to all names on the Voters' List on September 26, 2014.

What if I don't get one?

If you do not get a Voter Kit in the mail you can check at the municipal office. It may have been returned to us because of an incorrect mailing address or you may need to be added to the Voters' List.

Where do I get information on the municipal election?

The municipality's website (www.tweed.ca) is a great place to start. Our office is open Monday to Friday (excluding holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. & staff can assist you as required. More information can be obtained on the *Municipal Elections* page of the provincial government website: www.mah.gov.on.ca.

How do I complete my Voter Kit successfully?

Simply follow the step-by-step instructions in your kit & you will have no problem making sure that your vote counts. Instructions are also provided in this newsletter for your convenience.

What it I still need help?

If you require assistance please contact us. We can guide you through the steps over the phone at 613-478-2535; in person at the Municipal Office at 255 Metcalf St. prior to Voting Day; in person on Voting Day at the Voting Place at 230 Metcalf St.; or later this month you can view a video on the *Municipal Election* page at www.tweed.ca.



How To Complete Your Voter Kit

Your Voter Kit will include:

- 1. a Ballot:
- 2. a <u>white</u> Ballot Secrecy Envelope;
- 3. a <u>yellow</u> Election Return Envelope; and
- 4. a Declaration Form.

To keep your vote secret, and ensure your ballot is not spoiled, please follow these important steps:

- 1. Complete the Ballot & insert into the white Ballot Secrecy Envelope & seal the envelope.
- 2. Insert the white Ballot Secrecy Envelope into the yellow Election Return Envelope. Do not seal yet.
- 3. Sign & detach the Declaration Form & insert into the yellow Election Return

Envelope. Seal it now.

4. Mail yellow Election Return Envelope by October 18, 2014 to be received in our office by Voting Day, October 27, 2014.

You may also drop off your completed kit in person during regular business hours at 255 Metcalf St., Tweed or, on Voting Day, at 230 Metcalf St., Tweed.

Fire Burning Regulations:

No fires shall be set out of doors between the hours of 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. between April 1st & October 31st each year.

Any fire set out of doors after 7:00 p.m. must be extinguished by 7:00 a.m. the following day.

Burning of small piles of leaves is allowed in the Village of Tweed from September 15th to November 30th each year only between 7:00 p.m. & 7:00 a.m. Otherwise there is no out of doors burning allowed in the Village of Tweed.

No fire set out of doors shall permit more than one cubic metre of material to be burned at one time.

All out of doors burning may be cancelled at any time by the Fire Chief or his designate.

Upon application, the Fire Chief may permit daytime burning during the restricted periods.

Everyone who starts a fire out of doors shall ensure that adequate personnel, equipment & water are available &, before leaving, extinguish all remaining fire.

Every person who contravenes any part of the Fire By-Law shall be liable for the full costs of extinguishing the fire.

Failure to comply may also result in a conviction with a minimum fine of \$200.00.

A copy of the Fire By-Law is available at the Municipal Office or at www.tweed.ca.

> Contact the Fire Chief at 613-478-2535 for further information.

Change To Health Unit Water Testing

The Madoc branch office of the Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Health Unit is closing effective January 1, 2015.

Health Unit Services **Not** Affected.

New for January 2015:

Water sample bottle pick up & drop off location will be moved to the Centre

Hastings Municipal Office located at 7 Furnace St. in Madoc.

Water sample bottles are also still available for pick up at the Tweed Municipal Office during regular business hours but must be dropped off elsewhere for testing.

For more information on any of the Health Unit's services see their website at:

www.yourhealthunit.ca.





Moving Forward In Tourism



The Municipality of Tweed is positioning this region to become a visitor destination. Marketing efforts will include extensive focus on the shoulder & winter seasons.

By the end of 2014 the following will be implemented & delivered: Promotional material destination map, fishing chart, & paddling route map; Television - three shows will be filmed this year & aired in 2015; Promotional videos - five professional videos will be produced; Paddling Promotion - paddling route developed, filmed, promoted, & printed; Agri-Tourism; Conference Promotion - focus will be on small corporate groups to host their conference in the Municipality of Tweed.

The Municipality of Tweed will deliver two major events: Our Backyard Feast From Farm & Stoco Lake Black Crappie Fishing Tournament. In 2014/2015, the Municipality will be showcased at the Toronto Sportsman Show, Toronto Boat Show, Sportsman Gathering, Outdoor Adventure Show, & Quinte RV Show. Tourism is a key factor in economic development in the Municipality of Tweed. Be sure to visit our website www.tweed.ca.







