



# Township of Perth South

## January 2014 Newsletter

Visit our website at [www.perthsouth.ca](http://www.perthsouth.ca)

**Emergency Management** – Lessons learned from the recent winter storms:

- Ensure safe generator/bbq/candle operations.
- Practice food safety. When in doubt throw it out!
- Check on your neighbour.
- Stay tuned to local media/social media for warming centre information, where to get potable water, charge batteries, and other important information.
- Fibre optic phone lines may not work after the batteries wear out – contact your local phone utility for more information.
- Do not drive around road barriers – stay off closed roads.
- Stay away from downed power lines – they may still be live.
- And of course....have a 72-hr emergency kit.

**For more information visit**

[http://www.perthcounty.ca/emergency\\_management](http://www.perthcounty.ca/emergency_management)

**Dog Tags** are available at the Township Office. If you own a dog(s) you **MUST** purchase a dog tag(s). View the Animal Control By-law No. 41-2006 <http://www.perthsouth.ca/content/laws> for Perth South dog owner information.

### **Economic Development**

**Business Owners** – Do you own a small business in Perth South? Would you be willing to take on a co-op student for 3-4 hours a week OR be a mentor for a student/individual willing to start up a business? Please contact Tim Ivanyshyn at [tivanyshyn@perthsouth.ca](mailto:tivanyshyn@perthsouth.ca) or call 519-271-0619 Ext. 231 for arrangements.

### **Attention Farmers – Field Debris on Road**

It is your responsibility to remove / clean farm debris, deposited by equipment, from road surfaces. Please refer to By-law #5-2005 (By-laws) on website.

### **Controlled Burns**

Permission must be granted by the Fire Chief in your area by way of a burn permit prior to igniting the fire. Please be aware that leaving a message with this information does not give you permission to burn, you must obtain approval directly with staff. Application for a permit can be obtained on our web site.

Under the Provincial Offences Act a fine can be administered to anyone setting a fire prior to obtaining a permit.

There is no permit fee associated with a burn permit, it is a just a matter of obtaining approval so fire services are not dispatched to your controlled burn. After a permit is granted it is valid for several days, allowing you to have your controlled burn at the most opportune time.

Please help by doing your part, so that valuable resources are not wasted.

### **New to Perth South – Building Permit Application Checklist**

To help you through the permit application process, the building department has introduced a permit application checklist. These checklists can be viewed on our website. Please contact our Chief Building Official and he will complete a checklist appropriate for your building project.

**Municipal Property Assessment** – Contact MPAC for information or questions regarding your property assessment, call 1 866 296-6722 or 1 877 889-6722 TTY or visit [http://www.mpac.ca/property\\_owners/default.asp](http://www.mpac.ca/property_owners/default.asp).

## New to Perth South – EPost is Coming!

### epost from Canada Post- Coming in February 2014!

#### There's never been a better time to get your taxation and water bills online

At the Township of Perth South, we're committed to bringing you the choices and convenience you want when it comes to your bills. That's why we're delighted to be able to offer you epost online billing - the simple and secure way to manage your bills online. With epost, you'll be able to manage and pay your tax and water bills online, in one place, with one login and one password. No more dealing with multiple websites, usernames and passwords just to manage your bills online. Best of all, epost is 100 per cent safe and secure - and it's free.

#### Safe and secure

Canada Post protects your privacy with bank-grade security using the most advanced encryption technology. This ensures epost accounts are 100 per cent safe and secure. And, your personal information stays within Canada. Also, unlike email service providers, you receive only the mail that you sign up for - no advertisements, spam or junk mail.

#### How to get your FREE epost digital mailbox

Sign up to have your bills, like cable, phone, utility and taxation, delivered to your own safe, secure epost digital mailbox. And, with the ability to file your mail for up to seven years, you'll never need paper again.

Millions of Canadians have already simplified their lives and saved time by using epost. Why not join them by signing up for epost today at [epost.ca](http://epost.ca). Be sure to have your paper bill on hand so you can easily access your billing information.

If you already have an epost account, sign in and add the Township of Perth South as a mailer to start receiving your taxation and water billings online.

## Municipal Election

For the 2014 Election the Township of Perth South will be utilizing VOTE BY MAIL as first introduced in the 2010 Municipal Election.

The date of the next municipal election is **October 27, 2014.**

Considering running for council? The Township website ([www.perthsouth.ca](http://www.perthsouth.ca)) includes information regarding the nomination process or you can call the Clerk's office at (519)271-0619 x224.

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### Water

Residents with private wells are advised to monitor by taking periodic water samples and all residents are asked to conserve water where they can. Visit <http://www.perthsouth.ca/content/water>

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### Driving

#### 5-1-1 Ontario Travelers, Road

**Information Line** – motorists are encouraged to dial 511 for up to date road information including road closures and construction zones on provincially maintained highways.

#### Winter Driving – Getting Your Vehicle Ready; Adjusting Your Driving Habits – **SLOW DOWN!**

For information on these topics visit our website [www.perthsouth.ca](http://www.perthsouth.ca) and to check road conditions go to [www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/traveller/conditions](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/traveller/conditions)

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**Audio Recordings of Council** meetings are now available on our website

Township of Perth South Staff wish to **Thank You** for taking the time to read this newsletter. We hope you have found the information helpful. Your comments and input for information to include in our newsletter and on the website are appreciated. More details on the information in this newsletter are available on our website or by calling our office.

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