

Township of Perth South

Newsletter

August 2009

Property Taxes



2009 Final Tax Bill due dates for all properties are:

Wednesday, September 30th and **Monday, November 30th.**

PAYMENT In Person at the Municipal Office (Cash/Debit/Cheque)
OPTIONS: Front Door Drop Box - Cheque Only
Mail - Cheque/Money Order
Telephone/Internet Banking
Bank Teller/ATM payments

NOTE: Payments made by mail, bank, telephone or internet may take up to five days to be received by this office. Please be sure to allow enough processing time for the payment to be received by the due date. The Municipality is not responsible for bank or postal processing delays. Penalty/interest charges will be applied to payments received after the due date.

NEW in 2010 - PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS:

Are you interested in enrolling in a **Pre-Authorized Payment Plan (PAP)** Option? This is an easy way to spread out your tax payments on a monthly basis (20th of each month or first banking day thereafter) or if you prefer your 4 quarterly tax payments can be automatically withdrawn from your bank account.

For your convenience, a PAP enrollment form is enclosed with your 2009 Final Tax Bill. Please contact the Tax Department at 519-271-0619, ext. 222 for more information.

Municipal Performance Measurement (MPMP)

MPMP is a performance measurement and reporting system that promotes government transparency and accountability.

Copies of the **2008 MPMP Information Report** are available at the Municipal Office or on the municipal website at www.perthsouth.ca.

2009 ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The 2009 Capital Road Projects include the reconstruction and/or repaving of portions of **Line 4, Line 16, Line 6, Line 26, and Line 29.**

This work has been awarded to Coco Paving Inc. and will commence in the near future. Some road and lane closures will be required, and your continued understanding and patience during the construction of these projects is appreciated.

Funding for a large portion of this work has been achieved by the successful grant application to the Federal/Provincial Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.



Future Water and Sewers for St. Pauls & Sebringville

The Township of Perth South has initiated a **Master Servicing Study (Environmental Assessment)** to investigate the possibility of providing communal water and wastewater services for the Villages of St Pauls and Sebringville.



This study has been awarded to Stantec Consulting of Kitchener through a competitive tendering process, and is being 50% funded by the Provincial Government by way of a Rural Economic Development Grant. The study will look at the possible solutions to the problem, the environmental impacts, and the preferred alternative providing a solution. Once a preliminary draft has been prepared sometime this fall, the Township will convene a public meeting to present its contents and to obtain comments. Following the public meeting a final report will be compiled. Notice of the Public Meeting will be posted on the Township website (www.perthsouth.ca) once a date has been determined.

NEW for 2010 ELECTION!!



The Township of Perth South will be utilizing an alternative method of voting - **VOTE BY MAIL** - for the 2010 Municipal Election being held on November 8, 2010.

Instead of travelling to a polling station on election day, Canada Post will bring the ballot box to your mail box. With Vote by Mail, voters can fill out their ballots in the privacy and convenience of their own home. Casting a vote is as easy as mailing a letter!

The Vote by Mail process removes many obstacles which can keep voters away from the ballot box, such as inclement weather, family commitments, work commitments, and transportation. Everyone who is entitled to vote has the opportunity to vote!

Voters will receive a Voter Kit in the mail containing all of the materials required to place their vote by mail. The voter simply follows the instructions in their kit, deposits their ballot in the mail using the postage paid response envelope, and Canada Post will deliver the ballots to the Municipal Office for tabulating on election day.

Eligible electors will receive their Voter Kits about 2-3 weeks before election day. Should voters be unable, or choose not to mail their vote, a central drop-off location at the Municipal Office will protect their right to vote by allowing them to deliver their ballots in person right up to the close of elections.

Assistance will be available at the Municipal Office. Give us a call at 519-271-0619, ext. 227 if you have any questions or would like more information.

NOW AVAILABLE for purchase at the Township Office:

Composters - \$90.00*
Rain Barrels - \$65.00*



*All prices include applicable taxes.

"TREE PERTH SOUTH" Program

The Township of Perth South has established a program for 2009, to promote the "Greening" of the Township by the planting of trees.

Residents are encouraged to participate in this initiative by the purchasing and planting trees of approved species list. Residents may then submit paid receipts to claim a rebate of 25% of their purchase price to a maximum of \$500.00 in 2009.**



CONDITIONS:

1. Persons applying for consideration must be a resident or property owner in the Township.
2. The tree(s) must be planted on property located within the Township.
3. The tree(s) planted must be one of the approved species.
4. The Township rebate of 25% (to a maximum of \$500.00 in 2009) shall apply to the purchase price of the tree only (excluding taxes) and cannot be used for planting or other costs.
5. Proof of purchase is required.

Grant application forms are available at the Municipal Office or on the website at www.perthsouth.ca.

**The Township has a limited budget for this program for 2009 and reserves the right to terminate the program once the budgeted funds are exhausted.

Broken Blue Box??



Bring your broken blue boxes to the Township Office to receive a free replacement. The broken blue boxes will be recycled and we receive a replacement from Bluewater Recycling at no cost.

If you would like to purchase extra blue boxes the cost is \$8.00 per box.

Municipal Property Assessment

For questions regarding your property assessment, please call the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) or visit the MPAC website 'AboutMyProperty'.

Contact MPAC for more information:

1 866 296-MPAC (6722)
1 877 889-MPAC (6722) TTY
www.mpac.ca

After-Hours Contact Information

Water emergencies: call the 24 hour Emergency Pager at 519-274-7087

Hydro Emergencies: call 1-800-434-1235

Road hazards: call OPP at 1-888-310-1122

For Fire, Police or Ambulance emergencies, please call 9-1-1 (anytime)

