

SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS

North Hastings Fire Service:

Effective May 3rd, 2017 the sale and or use of any form of **Sky Lanterns** are banned in the Municipality. We are all responsible for Fire Safety! Have an enjoyable and fire safe summer. Visit our website at www.nhfire.ca for more information, fire safety messages, current fire hazard levels and up to date burning restrictions.

Municipal Property Assessment Corporation:

For all property assessment questions contact **MPAC** 1-866-296-6722, www.mpac.ca or PO Box 9808 Toronto, On M1S 5T9 For more information on the Request for Reconsideration process, market trends, property assessment and taxation, visit www.aboutmyproperty.ca

Library:

Check out our Library website or stop in for current events, activities or bookings. www.hastingshighlandslibrary.ca

Facilities:

Rental inquiries for all of our Facilities throughout the Municipality can be made here in the office 613-338-2811 extension # 200 ask for Kim. We can accommodate Weddings, Concerts, Plays, Meetings and much more. At Hastings Highlands Centre, we have a special effect lighting system, sound system and state of the art projector system ready for your use.

To reduce 911 calls: please report non-emergencies to:

www.opp.ca/reporting or 1-888-310-1122

If your family farm: has reached the century milestone or one of the additional milestones please check out: <http://www.jfao.on.ca/resources/century-farm-sign> for details on how you can get your century farm sign, replacement sign or add on.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Ward System – On April 19, 2017, the Municipality passed Bylaw 2017-035 to end the ward system of voting in Hastings Highlands. Electors for the 2018 Municipal Election would be choosing their five (5) councillor representatives on an at-large system along with their choice of Mayor and Deputy Mayor. Since that time, an appeal letter has been received and the matter is now in the hands of the OMB (Ontario Municipal Board). If a decision is reached before the end of 2017 with the OMB upholding Council's decision, an at-large system of voting will take place for the 2018 Election. If no decision is made by the OMB by the end of 2017, the matter will be delayed until the 2022 Municipal Election.

Election October 22, 2018 – Eligible electors will have the choice of voting by Internet or Telephone. This will be our first election using these two voting options. Internet & Telephone voting provides convenience, accommodates changing lifestyles, demanding work schedules; enhances accessibility for students studying away from home, those travelling, shift workers, infirm persons and persons with language barriers, etc. The ability to vote would be opened as many as 10 days to two weeks before Election Day. A voting kiosk will be available to the public.

BUILDING AND PLANNING

If you plan to begin a construction project, **we recommend you contact our office in your early planning stages** so we can help identify the steps required. **REMEMBER it is important for the health of your lake to keep a natural shoreline by letting the trees, shrubs & grasses grow. Please contact us at ex #222 for more information.**

STOP INVASIVE SPECIES!

Help stop the spread of aquatic invasive species by inspecting and cleaning your boat & draining your bilge water as you move from lake to lake. Invading species hotline 1-800-563-7711 www.invadingspecies.com

2017 FINAL TAXES

This Tax Bill is based on your 2017 MPAC Assessment multiplied by the 2017 Tax Rates. It is due in two installments.

DUE DATES:

August 22, 2017 & October 24, 2017.

TAX PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Payments may be made by any one of the following methods:

1	Preauthorized Payment Plan – (PAP) Also known as Automatic Bank Withdrawal	The Municipality will arrange for monthly withdrawals from your Canadian bank account on the 23 rd day of each month, to be applied to your tax account 12 months of the year. Your tax account must be up to date before you begin PAP. Contact Amber Olmstead x 299 for further information.
2	Financial Institution - Bank	Taxes may be paid at your Canadian bank branch. Original Tax Bill is required.
3	Telephone & Internet	Bank service charges may apply. Add us as one of your Payees. Please use your 19 digit roll number as your account number.
4	Mail – Canada Post	Municipality of Hastings Highlands. 33011 Hwy 62 N. PO Box 130. Maynooth, On K0L 2S0
5	After Hours Drop Off	Drop off your payment in Drop Box to the left of the main doors at the Hastings Highlands Centre.
6	In Person	Municipal Office 33011 Hwy 62 N Cheque, Cash or Debit *Credit Cards are not accepted*

Make Cheques or Money Orders payable to:

“Municipality of Hastings Highlands”

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please ensure all Owners notify the Municipality in writing as soon as possible if there is a change of mailing address. Failure to receive a tax bill will not invalidate penalty and interest charges.

ADDITIONAL/SUPPLEMENTAL TAX BILLS

You may receive additional or supplemental tax bills if there have been changes to your assessment (e.g. new house, renovations, demolitions, tax class and tax qualifier changes, assessment appeals, errors and omissions, etc.).

REPRINTING TAX BILLS / STATEMENTS

A charge of \$20.00 + HST shall be paid for a reprint of a tax bill. Please keep your tax bills in a safe place as you may require them for future reference or income tax purposes.

CANADIAN FUNDS

Taxes are payable in Canadian Funds drawn from a Canadian Financial Institution only.

NSF CHEQUES

NSF or any returned cheques are subject to a processing fee of \$35.00.

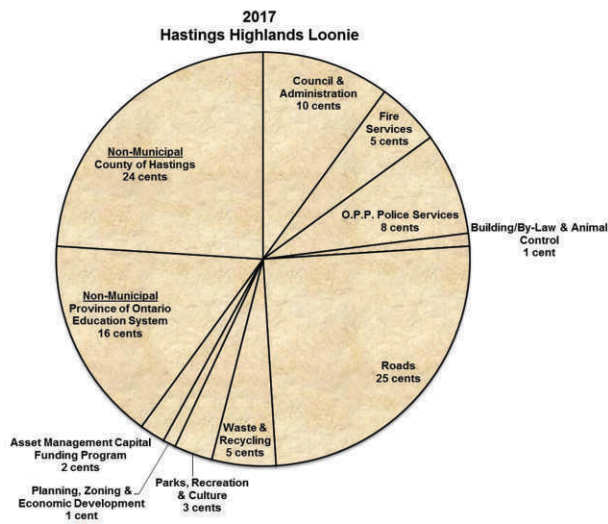
OVERDUE ACCOUNTS

Penalty & Interest is set in accordance with the Municipal Act at a rate of 1.25% per month. Penalty & Interest will accrue on unpaid taxes commencing on the first day of each calendar month.

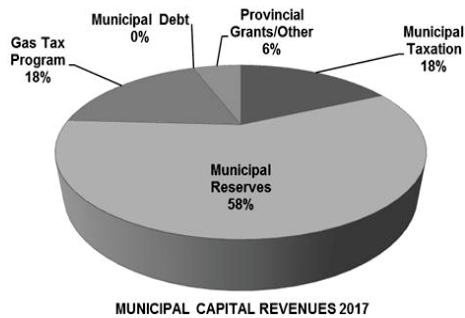
If a receipt for payment is required, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your payment stub.

FINANCE

Hastings Highlands 2017 Loonie



Capital Budget \$1,463,138 Our capital budget highlights include; 1 new plow truck, 1 new fire pumper, new fire bunker gear, 1 new roads pot hole patching machine and over 40 kms of road construction. This includes over 30 kms of gravel resurfacing for a variety of roads and over 10 kms of paving planned for McDonald Mine Rd, Siberia Rd, Musclow Greenview Rd and South Baptiste Lk Rd.



Audited Financial Statements are posted online annually.
www.hastingshighlands.ca

Municipal Reserves \$4,582,477 as of December 31, 2016 We continue to maintain a healthy reserves balance. This is critical because the municipality currently owns and manages an aging infrastructure with over 1,000 lane km of roads, 13 bridges, over 50 fleet/vehicles, over 30 buildings and facilities and 9 municipal solid waste landfill sites, which is the most landfill sites per capital in the province. Having healthy and accessible reserves enables the municipality to better plan for future infrastructure investment. As well, reserves are available for any emergency situation that may arise in a given year. In 2017, Council approved a reserve policy to help improve, maintain and manage the municipal reserves.

Outstanding Debt At the end of 2017, our debt will be over 2.3 million. On an annual basis, it costs residents \$450,000 to pay off the existing debt. Council has not approved any additional debt for 2017.

Tax Arrears As the lower tier municipality, we collect taxes (included as part of your tax bill) for the County of Hastings and the Education System. We are required to pay these entities regardless if residents pay their taxes to us. Outstanding tax arrears do fluctuate throughout the year; however, as of January 1, 2017 this totaled over \$1.7 million, which has been progressing in a downward pattern since 2014. Council and staff are working hard to reduce the amount of arrears owing using a variety of in-house and legal tactics/processes.

Investing In Our Future As part of Councils corporate strategic plan, a 5 year infrastructure and financial plan is being prepared to maximize the use of public dollars. This plan will ensure that the right investments are made at the right time for the community. This plan will be an important component of all future municipal budgets.

Hastings Highlands Waste Site Hours

Summer 2017 (May 15-Oct 10/17)
 Remember to show your Blue Dump Card.

Sand Bay 16 Runnalls Lane
 Tuesday 7am-12pm
 Saturday 12pm-5pm

Wolf Creek 567 River Road
 Wednesday 12pm-5pm
 Sunday 12pm-5pm

Papineau Lake 113 South Papineau Lake Rd
 Wednesday 12pm-5pm
 Saturday 7am-12pm
 Sunday 2pm-7pm

Musclow-Greenview 3375 Musclow -Greenview Rd
 Saturday 7am-12pm
 Sunday 12pm-5pm

East Lake 59 North Cardwell Lake Rd
 Monday 12pm-5pm
 Wednesday 7am-12pm
 Saturday 12pm-5pm

Lake St Peter 2825 Hwy 127
 Thursday 12pm-5pm
 Saturday 7am-12pm
 Sunday 2pm-7pm

North Baptiste 353 North Baptiste Lake Rd
 Thursday 12pm-5pm
 Saturday 12pm-5pm
 Sunday 2pm-7pm

Hickey Road 202 Hickey Rd East
 Tuesday 12pm-5pm
 Friday 12pm-5pm

South Baptiste 2539 South Baptiste Lake Rd
 Wednesday 12pm-5pm
 Saturday 7am-12pm
 Sunday 12pm-7pm

Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days

- 1) Saturday July 22 /17- 9 am – 2 pm
 At 6 ANAF Road (Logger's Fields)
- 2) Saturday October 14 /17- 9 am – 2 pm
 at 6 ANAF Road (Logger's Fields)

For a complete list of acceptable items please visit the website
www.hastingshighlands.ca



"WELCOME HOME"



2017 Final Newsletter

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 FAX 613-338-3292
www.hastingshighlands.ca
Office Hours: Monday 9 am to 4 pm
 Tuesday – Friday 8 am to 4 pm
AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY PHONE #
1-888-408-5143