



Township of Alnwick/Haldimand

Keeping You Informed

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Welcome to the 1st Edition for 2017

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HAPPY 150TH BIRTHDAY CANADA

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Mayor's Message

Happy New Year Everyone

Here's a quick overview of what I consider to be highlight's for Alnwick/Haldimand Township from the past 12 months and a look ahead to 2017. More information is provided by department managers in the information below. Also the next Ratepayers Report in June will have much more financial details coming from 2016.

2016 was a busy year for all departments and staff, particularly for planning and building. The new Official Plan was approved early in the year, and that seemed to get the ball rolling. Council approved 65 consent applications, and there were 160 building permits issued, including 48 for new single-family dwellings. All three of these statics are record annual achievements. The fire department had a busier year than average with 325 calls for service involving medical aids, motor vehicle accidents and fire related incidents. Public works resurfaced more than 20 km, considered to be quite successful and the crew also did a good deal of work on brushing and ditching both essential for long term, road integrity. From an economic development point of view, houses in the Glens of Antrim subdivision started construction and there are now 3 homes sold to new families. Also new owners have taken over operations at both Northumberland Heights and Oak Heights Winery and both have announced expansion plans in the near future. Perhaps the best news, was the Township commitment to work collaboratively with Northumberland County to build a new Emergency Services Facility in Roseneath, a new home for Fire Station # 3 and County Paramedics. Final build plans are in progress, with a construction start date by mid-summer and move in about March of 2018.

I want to take this moment to recognize all of Alnwick Haldimand Township staff, our many volunteers and members of Council for their hard work in making 2016 a successful year.

Council joined Grafton Legions' New Year's Levee to celebrate bringing in Canada's 150th Birthday year 2017!

As we look ahead to 2017 our emphasis will be on adhering to our Strategic Plan *Mission Statement*:

"Alnwick Haldimand is committed to providing a comprehensive range of efficient and effective municipal services through collaborative leadership, resource management and fiscal responsibility", and recognizing our shared values of "Transparency, Impartially, Respect and Accountability".

Some specific projects being addressed during 2017 include, viability and sustainability of municipal public buildings, maintenance and accessibility of municipal buildings, road and fire department infrastructure and economic development- maintain and grow service businesses, tourism, high speed internet and residential development throughout the Township. I look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Strategic Plan

Council and staff have completed the following goals set within the municipality's Strategic Plan:

- * New Official Plan
- * Tariff of Fees By-law for Land Use Planning Applications.
- * Building Permit Fee Structure Review
- * Accessibility Review of Municipal Buildings
- * Pay Equity Program
- * Performance Evaluation Program
- * Roads Needs Study
- * Great Plains Software update complete—always ongoing
- * Inaugural Annual Report to Taxpayers released June 2016 for the year 2015
- * Unification of Municipality—Public process completed.

Thanks you for participating by completing the survey and for attending the public meeting.

As a result of your input:

1. The Municipality's name remains Alnwick/Haldimand Township
2. The Ward System will be removed effective the 2018 Municipal Election. All council members will be elected at large.

Tax Payments

Interim levy shall become due and payable on **February 24th, 2017** and the balance of the interim levy shall become due and payable on **April 25th, 2017**; non-payment of these amounts on the dates stated in accordance with the section shall constitute default.

For pre-authorized payments, please contact the municipal office for application. We accept cash, cheque or interact for your convenience.

Canada's 150th Year Tulips Watch for the Dutch design Canada 150 red and white tulips. The Grafton Horticultural Society, Grafton Community Centre and Roseneath Revitalization Committee have planted some. They will also be seen in many people's gardens.

Immel House Renovations As you drive by or visit the municipal office in Grafton, take notice of the Immel Wing on the east side. This was a Circa 1857 home, prior to being purchased for municipal office space in 1992. As part of Canada's 150 Infrastructure Program, our Heritage Advisory Committee took the lead with Alnwick/Haldimand Council's support, applied and received matching funding to renovate this building. During 2016 the Immel House was restored under previous recommendations of Ontario Heritage Architect, Phillip Carter. A/H Chief Building Official, Daryl Hall managed these renovations while Jeffery G. Wallans Construction Limited completed the restoration. The original door can now be appreciated with it's refurbished single lantern. Modern upgrades to soffit and fascia, insulation and repointed foundation walls were all part of the renovations. The exterior white cladding is a pre-finished wood product from Quebec. The Immel House was built by Master Builder James Aird who lived there until he sold it in 1880. The home was sold to the Lawless family, then it was next purchased by George Immel.

A special ceremony to celebrate the improvements to the Immel Wing will be held at the municipal office in Grafton at 10:30 AM May 26th. The project received 50% funding from the federal government through Canada 150 program and dignitaries from the Federal and Provincial governments will join us for this event. All Welcome!

Township Crier Council has appointed local resident **Liam Cragg** to "Township Crier" for 2017. If your group is planning a special event and would like the Township Crier to participate, contact the municipal office.

Ratepayer's Report Watch for Alnwick/Haldimand's 2nd Annual Ratepayer's Report with 2016's review, being mailed with your June Tax Bills. We were very pleased with the positive feedback from the first report, including requests received by ratepayers with suggestions to include in our next issue.

Mayor's Keep the County Clean Challenge / Pitch-in Canada Week
April 16—22, 2017

You can participate in the challenge by cleaning up our roadside ditches and forests. Participants can register for the challenge by calling 905-349-2700 and supplies will be prepared and given out. Once again, we hope to get a large crowd of volunteers out this year to participate in this annual event. We had 646 volunteers participate in 2016 and hold the position of "Proportional Representation of 9.8%" within the County.

Civic Awards are open for all categories. See website for details to submit nomination(s).

Roseneath Carousel

Open Sundays 1:00—3:00 PM

Victoria Day Weekend to Thanksgiving Weekend.

Arrangements for unscheduled openings, bus tours or rentals, visit: www.roseneathcarousel.com or call 905-352-2288

Progressive Euchre

Grafton Community Centre—1st Friday of the month from 7:00—9:00 PM. \$2.00 Fee, please bring a snack. Donations for local food bank accepted.

Centreton Community Centre—3rd Friday of the month from September to April—7:30 PM. \$2.00/person. Everyone Welcome!

Old Fashioned Roast Beef Dinner

Centreton Community Centre
Saturday, February 25, 2017. Contact committee members for tickets as they will be pre-sold or available at Municipal Office and Centreton Library. \$15.00/person or 12 and under \$10.00

Spring Craft and Yard Sale and Barbecue

Centreton Community Centre
Saturday, May 13th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Community Centre Updates

The Municipal Community Centres have recently had some updates. Fenella Hall had a stove replaced in the upstairs kitchen. Centreton Community Centre had a nice floor laid in 2016. New heaters were installed at the Alnwick Civic Centre, along with the purchase of new tables and chairs. All annual fire inspections have been completed. These facilities are great places to host your family and social functions. For information, please contact the following:

Fenella Community Centre:

Lisa Starr at 289-215-9192

Centreton Community Centre

Heather Brerton at 905-349-3080

Grafton Community Centre

Janine Turk at 905-349-1161

Alnwick Civic Centre

Barbara Foreman at 905-352-2288

DO YOU NEED A FAMILY DOCTOR? If you currently *do not have a family doctor*, register with **Health Care Connect** by calling 1-800-445-1822 or register on-line at www.ontario.ca/healthcareconnect.

You will need your health card number and you will be asked a short series of health related questions. You will be assigned a nurse called a Care Connector. To join **Health Care Connect** if you have a family doctor out of town and would like one in our area, please go to www.northumberlanddocs.com and click on the tab – Do you need a doctor?

Dog License

All dogs must be licensed every year with the Municipality. A dog license helps protect your pet by providing an easy-to-identify dog tag and registration with the Municipal Animal Services (formerly Shelter of Hope). Licenses are valid from January 1 to December 31, 2017.

- Spayed or neutered dogs until Feb 28: \$10.00
- Spayed or neutered dogs after Feb 28: \$15.00
- Non-spayed or neutered dogs until Feb 28: \$15.00
- Non-spayed or neutered dogs after Feb 28: \$20.00
- Replacement Tag: \$5.00

Heavenly Helpings Thrift Store

Established in 2003 the Heavenly Helpings Thrift Store located at 135 Old Danforth Road in Grafton has good quality used clothing and new handmade quilts for sale. It is run by community volunteers with funds supporting many local charities. Store hours are Saturday from 10:00 AM—2:00 PM and Tuesday from 1:00—4:00 PM. Please note we are closed for the month of February. We accept good quality used clothing donations only during store hours. Come in and support your community.

Club 39

“Games Night”— February 7, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Alnwick Civic Centre.

"Be My Valentine"- February 14, 2017 at 7:30 PM at the Alnwick Civic Centre (please bring card)

“Pancake Night” - Come on out and enjoy some Pancakes and have a listen to our Speaker! - February 21, 2017 at 6:30 PM at the Alnwick Civic Centre. Bring desserts to enjoy after dinner!

Please contact Cheryl Easterbrook 705-868-4685

Public Works/Recreation

Winter Tips

- Change your decorative mailbox in the winter. This will ensure that the snow being plowed doesn't damage you decorative mailbox
- Put garbage in your driveway and not on the road allowance on garbage collection days
- Pile snow on the right side of your driveway. This is the downside of the plow so it will help to reduce snow build-up in your driveway
- Replace your mailbox post when it's necessary.
- Old posts be come rotten and can be pushed over with the weight of snow being plowed. Please slow down! Drive to weather and road conditions
- Don't follow too closely to snow plows – especially on hills
- Where possible, let the salt work on roads before driving
- If you live on a corner property and the driveway is close to the corner there is a good chance that the snow build-up in your laneway will be more than your neighbours. This is caused by the turning operations of the snow plows.
- Residents are reminded that during winter weather conditions, pushing or blowing snow and ice onto or across public roadways creates an unsafe situation for drivers.

Section 181, Highway Traffic Act: “No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road. R.S.O. 990, c. H.8, s.181”

- Leaving vehicles parked or standing on a roadway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or clearing of snow from the roadway also creates an unsafe situation.

Section 170, Highway Traffic Act: “Despite the other provisions of this section, no person shall park or stand a vehicle on a highway in such a manner as to interfere with the movement of traffic or the clearing of snow from the highway.”

Notice—Half Load Restrictions

During the spring thaw, most Township roads become too soft to withstand the weight of a fully loaded truck, no matter how many axles. In an effort to reduce damage to the roads during spring thaw, weight restrictions of 5 tonnes per axle on all roads in the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand have been imposed, from **March 1, 2017 to mid-late April 2017**. Please assist us in reducing repairs to our road system by not having heavy deliveries to your property during this time of year.

Concern / Issue Form

By reporting any concerns or issues you find within our municipal road system to the Public Works Superintendent, will ensure better service to the residents. To access this form, please visit the township website:

www.alnwickhaldimand.ca/content/concernissue-form

This on-line form can be filled out for issues such as:

- * Roadside mowing
- * Guardrail/Guard Cable
- * Fallen trees/branches
- * Illegal Dumping
- * Road signs
- * Pothole Repairs
- * Dead animals
- * Streetlight issues
- * Ice/snow road/sidewalk

Haldimand Memorial Arena

The Grafton Memorial Arena recently had the upstairs painted and washrooms updates. For bookings of arena or ball diamond please call 905-349-2643 or email arena@ahwp.ca. Great facility for your Public Skating; Pick Up Hockey; Hockey Tournaments; Hockey Leagues; Parties & Events.

Public Skating Schedule

Mon. & Thurs., Parent & Tots
2:00—3:00 PM, Adult \$2.00

Sunday 1:00—3:00 PM
\$2.00 / participant

Youth Shinny (Ages 13-17)

Thursday 5:00—6:00 PM
Player \$4.00, Goalies—Free

Adult Shinny (18+)

Mon & Thurs 12:00—2:00 PM
Player \$5.00, Goalies—Free

Adult Shinny (55+)

Mon & Thurs 9:00—11:00 AM
Player \$5.00, Goalies—Free

Alnwick/Haldimand Fire Rescue

New Emergency Services Facility

The Council of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand, in partnership with the County of Northumberland, has approved the construction of a new Emergency Services Facility in Roseneath! The new facility will be located on the west side of County Rd. #45 at Halstead Rd. and will house Station #3 Fire Department and County EMS under one roof. This is a great opportunity to enhance Fire and EMS services in Roseneath. The design includes 4 bays, one of which is a drive through bay permitting a more efficient, safer and faster filling of the department's water tankers during a fire. Also included is a training room which will double as the Township's Emergency Operations Centre, a small kitchen, office space, lockers, showers/washrooms, a lounge for paramedics and storage space for both services. The new facility will also include 2 drive through bays which will provide space to house 4 ambulances. Construction is scheduled to start in the spring of 2017 with completion expected early in 2018.

Thank you for your continued support as the municipality and the County are committed to providing our communities with the most up to date emergency services. Watch for construction of the new Roseneath facility to begin and the announcement of the grand opening.

The Fire Department continues to develop and move forward under the leadership of Interim Fire Chief Allen Mann. Chief Mann comes to the department with 40 year's experience in the fire service. Along with all Fire Department staff the department is focused on moving forward to better serve the community. Firefighter training, equipment and apparatus needs, policies and procedures are all under review and scrutiny to ensure an adequate and appropriate level of service for the community. Firefighters take great pride in serving our communities and are very excited about the new facility and a new pumper/tanker.

A new pumper truck was purchased in 2016 to replace a 1988 truck at the Centreton fire station. The truck was manufactured by Rosenbauer Fire Apparatus an international leader in fire truck manufacturing and purchased through ResQtech, an Ontario dealer and distributor of fire apparatus and equipment.

The process for the replacement of the fire tanker in the Roseneath fire station is currently underway with expected delivery to coincide with the completion of the emergency services facility in Roseneath. This new pumper/tanker will have capacity to carry approximately 2,500 gal. of water with pumping capacity to pump 1050 gal./min. and seating capacity for 5 firefighters.

The fire department has recently hired 12 new firefighter recruits with training of these individuals scheduled to commence in late January. Training is expected to take approximately 5 months to complete.

Burning Permits

The Council of the Municipality advises everyone in the Municipality of By-Law #113-2016 for Open Air Fires.

All persons setting an Open Air Fire in the Municipality must first obtain a Permit from the Fire Department. Should any such fire spread, resulting in the attendance of the Fire Department, the penalties as set out herein shall apply to the Owner and/or Tenant of the property. Every person who contravenes any provision of this by-law is guilty of an offence and is liable to a penalty as set out in Section 3. No person shall light a fire on any land within the Corporation of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand for any purpose other than to cook on a barbecue without the benefit of an approved burning permit. Any person who is planning a controlled fire is advised to notify the **Municipal Fire Office** at **905-349-2542**, located at **2267 County Road 23** to supply the appropriate documentation as required by the **By-Law #113-2016**.

Schedule "A" to By-Law No. 113-2016 is as follows:

Annual Permit Fee 2016-2017	\$20.00
Campground / Resorts Permit Fee 2016-2017	\$50.00
Special Permit Fee 2016-2017	\$50.00

9-1-1 Address & Fire Hydrants

Please ensure your 911 Civic Address number and fire hydrants are visibly clear of snow for quick response of emergency vehicles. Have your 911 address available beside your telephone in case of an emergency.

Emergency Preparedness

"Your Preparedness Helps Us All"

You and your family should be prepared to be self-sufficient for a period of 72 hours in the event of an emergency. You can never predict when an emergency may take place but you can plan ways to cope with an emergency. An emergency can see your lives seriously impacted if you're not prepared, but if you are prepared, it can just be an inconvenience.

The aim of the Alnwick/Haldimand Emergency Response Plan is to make provision for the extraordinary arrangements and measures that may have to be taken to protect the health, safety, welfare, environment and economic health of the residents, businesses and visitors of the township when faced with an emergency.

Disasters come in many forms. For most people, the possibility of being involved in a disaster may seem remote. The Canadian and Ontario governments clearly state that each individual is responsible for their own safety, and the well-being of their family. Knowing what to do in an emergency can help you better control the situation and be in a position to recover faster.

The Township of Alnwick/Haldimand provide training to many staff members annually as well as provide a mock emergency exercise which involves all departments of the municipality.

Local residents can assist the emergency personnel by ensuring that each family or home has a 72 hour (3-day) emergency kit.