



Township of Alnwick/Haldimand

Welcome to the February 2018 Edition of

Keeping You Informed



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News and Notes from the Mayor's Office

Hello Residents of Alnwick Haldimand Township. Happy New Year and Welcome to 2018.

I would like to take a few moments to review the highlights of 2017. We started off with our first ever New Year's Levee held collaboratively with Royal Canadian Legion Branch 580, Grafton. The very successful and well received event started with our first ever story telling event by Township Crier, Liam Craig. Throughout 2017 the Township hosted many Happy Birthday Canada 150 celebrations, with cakes served to residents during local events in many of our Hamlets in A/H. The highlight of Canada 150 celebrations was held in May with the official opening of the refurbished Immel Wing of the Township Municipal Offices. This was very well attended, with both Kim Rudd, M.P. and Lou Rinaldi, M.P.P., members of our religious community, students from the local schools, members of the Heritage Committee, who were dressed in 1850 costumes, former Council members, Municipal staff and residents from across the Township.

Three Emergency Generators were installed at Municipal facilities in strategic locations throughout the Township; Public Works resurfaced or reconstructed over 23 km of roads, spent \$45,000 doing maintenance to prolong the life of bridges and culverts, took delivery of a new tandem plough/gravel truck and a first time ever excavator to be used for ditching along roadsides. As for fire business, we hired and trained 11 new firefighters, purchased new safety equipment, and reached an Agreement with Northumberland County to build a New Emergency Services Facility in Roseneath replacing existing Station #3 and the Northumberland County Paramedic station located between Roseneath and Hastings on County Rd 45. Upgrades were completed at the Grafton and Roseneath libraries; developed programs to provide better customer service to publically owned recreation locations along the lake shores were established and repairs to the building structure; and air flow equipment was replaced at the Arena. The above and the many other items/projects that were accomplished, but not listed, were all covered through property taxation, successful government grant applications, and near record revenues derived from building permits and development charges. The Township Reserves, although still below the Provincial recommended levels, moved in a positive direction.

For 2018 we will be busy, working towards completing additional goals and objectives outlined in our Strategic Plan developed in 2015. They include, construction of the New Emergency Services Facility, (opening scheduled for the fall of 2018), as well as, moving along the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Study (PRMSP), a project started in the fall of 2017, and when completed, will be a road map for the next 20 years. Also to be completed this year is the Economic Development Strategic Plan (EDSP) a project designed to get input from the economic drivers (agriculture, tourism, wellness, and home business enterprises in the township) and develop a plan to support and promote these businesses; all the behind the scene work done by the Returning Officer and Administration staff leading up to and during the election. These along with the normal everyday goals and targets set by each department manager, when completed will move the Township forward during both the upcoming and future years. I look forward to seeing everyone in 2018. John

Happy New Year to our Constituents.

I am several months into my new role as Councillor for Ward 1. It is a role that is most rewarding requiring a respectful and responsible approach to the day to day decisions that must be made to grow our Township.

Examples of dedication to the job run the full gambit, our municipal staff are committed to providing top of the line service and my fellow Councillors and Mayor are a pleasure to work with.

Currently I am working alongside several committees to reflect their points of view to Council. These committees are Heritage, Vernonville Community Centre, Cemetary Board, Community Policing and Library Board. If you are interested in joining one of these groups check out our township website for the application process.

Much has gone on during my short tenure...some of the major highlights are our work on the Parks Master Plan, our upgrades to Fire Protection and our continued attention to upgrading roads and infrastructure. We continue to work on the 2018 budget insuring the needs of our community at the best costing possible.

As I continue to meet new people from our township I am reminded that it is a privilege to work in and for my community.

Best regards, Mike Filip, Councillor Ward 1

2018 Municipal and School Board Election

Monday, October 22nd, 2018

Vote by Telephone or Internet Anytime, Anywhere during voting period! Visit www.alnwickhaldimand.ca for updates.

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, 2018. Visit www.alnwickhaldimand.ca for application form. (click on Government, then Municipal Administration, then Animal Control)

- Spayed or neutered dogs: \$20.00
- Non-spayed or neutered dogs: \$35.00

Heavenly Helpings

Established in 2003, Heavenly Helpings is the only thrift store in Grafton and is operated entirely by local volunteers. It is located in the old Presbyterian Sunday School building at 135 Old Danforth Road, just south of County Road #2 in front of the United Church. It is open on Tuesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM, Thursdays 7:00—8:30 PM and Saturdays 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Proceeds go to support established charities in Northumberland County. To date over \$10,000 has been contributed to charities such as Transition House, Cornerstone for Family Violence, The Salvation Army, Colborne Community Lunch Program, St. George’s Soup Lunches, Greenwood Coalition, Community Care and many others. Come and check out the store and bring any good quality used clothing and linens. We do not accept household items, furniture or any other large items.

Alnwick/Haldimand Library

Available at Your Library.....

Discover your unique personal history using



Free for use inside the library

Borrow eBooks and Audiobooks from our website using.....



Find out how at your library.

Public Works Department

Winter Snowplowing

The Township of Alnwick/Haldimand provides winter operations, sanding and snowplowing on our roads. The Township staff patrols, plows and spread de-icers on our roads based on the legal responsibility outline in the Ministry of Transportation Minimum Maintenance Standards and Highway Traffic Act. Highway Traffic Act dictates that parked vehicles cannot impede snow removal operations and how snow should not be placed on roads from private properties.

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.”*

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”*

Pushing or placing snow on or across township roads creates a serious safety issue with the traveling public. This practice is a chargeable offence under the Highway Traffic Act.

Mailboxes

Mailboxes are the responsibility of the property owner, not the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand. The Township does not clear the snow around mailboxes, nor guarantee any service levels for rural mail delivery. It is the property owner’s responsibility to ensure they meet with Canada Post requirements for rural delivery. Standard mailboxes are replaced if damaged by Township equipment, however, the Township does not accept responsibility for damages caused by the impact of snow on a mailbox during our regular snow plow operations. Mailboxes should be constructed to withstand the impact of snow from snow plow operations.

Roseneath Public Works Building—OPEN

Starting December 1, 2017 through to March 31, 2018 the Roseneath Public Works Building will be open with staff and supervisor.

FAMILY DAY 2018

Monday, February 19th



Parks & Recreation Department

Haldimand Memorial Arena

For bookings of arena or ball diamond please call 905-349-2643 or email arena@ahtwp.ca. Great facility for your Public Skating; Pick Up Hockey; Hockey Tournaments; Hockey Leagues; Parties & Events.

Public Skating - All ages welcome. CSA approved helmets are recommended for all participants. **\$2.00**
Sunday 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Wednesday 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Parent and Tot Skating - 5 years and younger. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Skates and CSA approved helmets are recommended for all participants.

Adult - \$2.00, Tot – FREE.
Monday & Thursday 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

18+ Shiny - Full hockey equipment required.
Player - \$5.00. Goalies – FREE (2 Max)
Monday & Thursday 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

55+ Shiny – Full hockey equipment required.
Player - \$5.00. Goalies – FREE (2 Max)
Monday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

**** **Note: Helmets Available At Arena**

Advertisement Opportunities – 4' x 8' sign inside the arena or outside on ball diamond fencing. \$250 per sign per calendar year. Contact Parks & Recreation Manager at arena@ahtwp.ca to get started.

UPDATE: Alnwick/Haldimand Parks Master Plan
 Progress continues on the development of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand's Parks Master Plan! Here are some of the highlights of engagement activities to date:

- 185 public survey responses received;
- 1 user group survey launched;
- 1 community workshop hosted;
- 1 Council information session hosted.

The consulting team comprising Sierra Planning and Management and GSP Group Inc. has conducted a range of analyses and garnered a series for input from stakeholders and residents. Findings and options for directions for the Plan will be shared at a community meeting as follows:

Date: Thursday, February 22nd, 2018

Time: 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

**Location: Centreton Community Centre
 (2363 County Road #23)**

Residents are encouraged to attend this session and share their views. Further information on this event will be provided in future advertising. Your input will help to inform the Draft Master Plan. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of April 2018.

Fire Department

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 **By-Law #113-2016**.

Schedule "A" to By-Law No. 113-2016

Annual Permit Fee 2018	\$30.00
Campground/Resorts Permit Fee 2018	\$60.00
Special Permit Fee 2018	\$60.00

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.

The Township of Alnwick/Haldimand provide training to staff members annually as well as 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.

Watch for a draw of a free 72 hour emergency kit at the Grafton Municipal Office.

Three emergency backup generators have been purchased and installed at Grafton Municipal Office, Grafton Fire Station and Centreton Public Works/Fire Station buildings.

DEVELOPMENT OF AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY COMMUNITY TELEPHONE SURVEY

The Township of Alnwick/Haldimand has initiated a strategic planning process to develop a five year Economic Development Strategy that will inform Council decision making and provide direction to staff in terms of future economic development initiatives that will support the Township's economic base.

The Township of Alnwick/Haldimand has hired MDB Insight, a professional economic development research firm based out of the City of Kingston, to administer a Community Telephone Survey from February 1, 2016 through February 22, 2016. Local residents will be asked questions that will help to identify a vision for economic development and prioritize economic development directions. The results of this survey will inform the Economic Development Strategy.

The Community Telephone Survey will be administered via Computer-Assisted-Telephone Interviewing (CATI) methodology among 150 randomly selected residents of the Township of Alnwick/Haldimand. In order to maintain randomness and ensure a statistically valid sample, not everyone in the community will be contacted. It should also be noted that eligible respondents must be 18 years of age or older.

In effort to achieve highly accurate results, residents are highly encouraged to participate if selected; however, participation is completely voluntary. Residents who are contacted by MDB Insight and express that they do not wish to participate in the survey, will be placed on a "do not call" list.

The public is also encouraged to follow along the process by visiting the Township website's council portal or directing any questions to Robin van de Moosdyk at rvdm@ahntp.ca or by phone 905-349-2822 Ext. 32.

The Economic Development Strategy is expected to be completed by April 2018.



Events

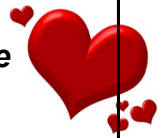
Roseneath Women's Institute Valentine Tea

Saturday, February 10, 2018

Alnwick Civic Centre

2:00—4:00 PM \$8.00 Per Person

RSVP 905-352-2098 Everyone Welcome!



Roast Beef Dinner!

Centreton Community Centre,

Saturday February 24th, 5:30 PM

\$15.00 (under 10 - \$10.00)

Tickets available at the

Centreton Library or from Committee Member

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Study (PRMSP)

Public Information Session

February 22 at 6:30 PM

Centreton Community Centre



Euchre Card Night

Grafton Community Centre

Come out and enjoy playing Progressive Euchre first Friday evening of the month

February 2nd; March 2nd; April 6th; May 4th

718 Station St, Grafton 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Admission: \$2.00 per person

Bring your own snacks to share &

Donations/contributions will be accepted for the Local Food Bank

Community Centre Contact Info

Fenella Community Centre, 8071 County Road #45

Lisa Starr 289-215-9192

Centreton Community Centre, 2363 County Road #23

Heather Brereton 905-349-3080

Grafton Community Centre, 718 Station Road

Janine Turk 905-349-1161

Alnwick Civic Centre, 9059 County Road 45

Barbara Foreman 905-352-2288

Vernonville Community Centre, 112 George Street

Barb Harnden 905-349-2845