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Greetings from Your Mayor

I last wrote to residents in February. Today we live in a different world. At least for now. Never would have I imagined some of the decisions Council would make, closing the municipal office, closing the pool, playgrounds, arena and all of our halls. Who could have imagined that? However, as we now reopen our facilities and economy perhaps we should look back and appreciate how fortunate we have been in our area. Council has made the tough decisions they had to make while meeting electronically with less than ideal circumstances. Mostly we should appreciate the actions of our residents to follow the health protocols and have concern for all of our fellow residents. After all, we are “all in this together” and we have stood together. One only needs to look south of the border to see the results of when communities do not stand together. We are not out of this yet and we must not become complacent. We must continue to wash our hands regularly, practice social distancing and if possible wear a mask when we can’t social distance. Only time will tell if we will encounter a second wave and if we do whether we will be as fortunate next time. Hopefully a vaccine will be developed and our lives can return to normal, but until that time we must remain vigilant.

Our business community has taken a severe hit. Please shop local and help that part of our community as much as you can. As well our continued thanks to our frontline workers, grocers, pharmacists and all essential services for keeping us fed and healthy through these difficult times.

Take care and stay safe everyone

Jim Ginn
Mayor of Central Huron
Warden of Huron County

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information

In Huron County, Huron Perth Public Health along with the Provincial Ministry of Health are leading a coordinated response to stop the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The following websites will provide you with the most up to date information available:

Province of Ontario:
<https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-ontario-is-responding-covid-19>

Huron Perth Public Health:
<https://www.hpph.ca/en/news/coronavirus-covid19-update.aspx#>

County of Huron:
<https://www.huroncounty.ca/emergency-services/emergency-management/covid-19/>

Please do your part to help reduce the spread. Wear a mask. Practice safe social distancing. Wash your hands often.

Animal Safety

Please take precautions before approaching or handling a dead animal on your property, wear protective gloves and use a shovel to move.

From The Public Works Department

****Leaf/Brush Pick-Up****

The fall pick-up will begin October 2nd to November 20th, weather permitting. Brush must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet, and cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. Leaves must be in brown paper bags which are available at the Municipal Office (in limited quantities per household). If you require additional bags they can be purchased at the local hardware stores. For those who wish to take their own leaves and compost, the drop off site is at 40131 Hydro Line Road – just east of the Cemetery, open 7 days a week. **ACCEPTABLE ONLY:** Leaves, brush, grass clippings and kitchen compost. This is **not a drop off** for construction materials, unwanted fill, cement blocks, plastic bags, or flowers still in pots, as this material should go to the landfill. This is a free service that should not be abused.

Parking

There is NO overnight parking on any streets or parking lots from Nov 15th to April 15th of each year within the Municipality. Prior to that there is parking allowed on certain streets, one should check with Municipal By-Law for those streets.



STAY CONNECTED!

Central Huron Fire Department

DO YOU HAVE WORKING DETECTORS IN YOUR HOME? IT'S THE LAW

Detectors can be electrically hardwired, battery or a combination of both.

Detectors can be smoke or carbon monoxide and/or a combination.

Check the manufactures date and replace as suggested.

Change the batteries annually. Test regularly

Smoke detectors must be installed on each story of the home as well as outside sleeping areas.

Because smoke rises, smoke detectors should be installed on the ceiling. If this is not possible, install the detector high up on a wall.

Carbon Monoxide detectors must be installed outside of the sleeping area. For best protection, install CO alarms on every story of the home.

Carbon Monoxide detectors can be mounted anywhere depending on unit type.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is known as the silent killer because it is an invisible, tasteless and odorless gas that can be deadly.

If your home has a fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace or an attached garage, install a carbon monoxide detector adjacent to each sleeping area. CO is produced when fuels such as propane, gasoline, natural gas, heating oil or wood do not burn completely in fuel-burning appliances and devices such as furnaces, fireplaces, hot water heaters, stoves, barbeques, portable heaters and generators or vehicles.



Green Light Awareness

Do you know what it means if you see a car with a flashing green light in its window?

The flashing green lights you see in the front window of cars means that those drivers are volunteer firefighters on their way to an emergency. If you see a car with a flashing green light, please be courteous and yield the right of way.

While only firefighters can use flashing green lights, they do not have any additional privileges under the Highway Traffic Act.

Volunteer firefighters are serving their local community... and who knows they may be responding to assist one of your neighbours or even your family.

Fire Chief Dave Renner - 519-482-3043

Hall Rentals

Rentals will be impacted by current Covid protocols including gathering sizes and face covering requirements. Please visit <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/> or email facilities@centralhuron.com for more information.

Auburn Memorial Hall

Contact: Patti Cooke @519-526-7425

Londesboro Community Hall

Contact: Hensall Co-Op @519-523-9606

Kinburn Hall

Contact: Carl and Mary Merner @519-482-7143

Central Huron YMCA @ 519-482-3655

Please contact @ 519-482-3997 ext. 1221 for the following hall rentals:

Central Huron Community Complex

Clinton Town Hall Auditorium

Holmesville Community Centre

Property Assessment

2020 is the fourth year of the 2017 – 2020 phased in assessment cycle. The increase in assessment of \$136,636,946 for 2020 consists of 2019 assessment growth 0.65% and 2020 phased-in assessment of 6.89%.

As per Ontario's four-year assessment cycle, MPAC completed a province-wide Assessment Update using a legislated valuation date of January 1, 2016. This updated assessment valuation is the basis of the 2017-2020 property tax years. Due to the current pandemic 2020 assessment values will be used for the calculation of 2021 taxes.

If you have any questions or concerns about the assessed value of your property, contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722 or visit their website at www.mpac.ca

2020 Budget

The 2020 residential tax rate for Central Huron purposes was decreased 5.35% from 2019 and the overall tax rate including the County of Huron rate and the School Board is a 3.93% decrease from 2019. The 2020 Budget represents cash requirements in the amount of \$7,407,900. This is unchanged from 2019.

Major capital projects for 2020 include: Repair of the Stewart Bridge on Dutch Line and road construction on sections of Summerhill Road, Dutch Line and Kitchigami Road. Top coat of asphalt scheduled for sections of Holmesville Main Street, Hullet-McKillop Road, Tipperary Line, Winthrop Road, Victoria Street, and Whys Line. Replacement of Sidewalks on Victoria Street and Ontario Street as well as a sidewalk with light posts for the Community Park.

The 2020 Budget is available for viewing on the Municipality of Central Huron website at www.centralhuron.com

Water Restrictions

Effective immediately (May1) until September 30, each year.

ALL OUTDOOR WATER USE

For such purposes as gardening, lawns, washing vehicles and filling pools etc., is only permitted as follows:

in the morning between 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

in the evening between 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p. m.

on EVEN Calendar Days if your house number is EVEN
(e.g. 4, 16, 118, 72394)

on ODD Calendar Days if your house number is ODD
(e.g. 5, 17, 119, 72395)

Please note that residences with automated sprinkler systems please adjust your system to run between **2:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m.**

Violators of the watering restrictions will be subject to a Non Compliance Fee as set out in the Rates Bylaw 40-2018 Part 8