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**A NOTE FROM THE REEVE**

I would like to open my comments with a big thank-you to the road crew for their excellent work so far this winter. The roads have been plowed and sanded in a timely fashion and in good shape by bus time.

Thank-you also to the office staff for making sure everything is in order for the Council meetings.

Council would like to remind everyone that if you can help out by crushing or flattening the cans and plastic bottles going into the recycling bins we won't have to pay for emptying them as often. Please ensure that only flattened corrugated cardboard goes into the bin designated for that purpose.

There has been a committee struck to work on refurbishing the ball park and recreation area. Some work has been done and plans are underway to raise it to the level needed to allow little league practices and tournament games this summer. We plan to add horseshoe pits and make it available for fun day and family activities. Anyone interested in helping with this project can contact Cary Hager.

We made significant progress on improving road drainage last summer and plans are being made to continue this summer with more ditching and brushing work. We will also be pushing to have gravelling done early and have calcium spread earlier this year.

Kerry Stewart

**COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council meetings are open to the public and held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at #467501 Chamberlain Road 5, please use the municipal office entrance. If you would like an item on the agenda, please notify the office by the Thursday prior to the meeting (705.544.8088 or [deanna.stevenson@chamberlaintownship.com](mailto:deanna.stevenson@chamberlaintownship.com)).

**PROPERTY TAX BILLS**

The interim property tax bills are included with this newsletter and are due March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Taxes can be paid in person at the municipal office by cheque or cash, by mail, or online/telephone through CIBC and Northern Credit Union. There is a drop box located in the back door of the municipal office for your convenience. Please state if you would like a receipt mailed or emailed to you.

**COMMUNITY HALL RENTALS**

Community Hall	\$50/day
Community Hall with Kitchen	\$100/day

**BOOKS FOR SALE**

Bill Dickinson's book, Chamberlain Township The First Hundred Years 1908-2008, and Herb Kruger's book, A Place Called Krugerdorf, are available at the municipal office for \$20 each.



### **RECREATION COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Rec Committee has been busy planning a celebration of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>, to be held June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017! Please check the website [chamberlaintownship.com](http://chamberlaintownship.com) or call the office for details as the date gets closer!!

### **DISPOSAL SITE AND RECYCLING**

The municipal disposal site located at #535399 Wawbewawa Road is open Thursdays from 1 – 5 p.m. and Sundays from 9 – 5 p.m. **Please present your pass to the site monitor upon each trip to the disposal site.** For your convenience a list of tipping fees are on the back of the pass for items other than household garbage. The Township of Chamberlain is an Ontario Electronic Stewardship partner, which means that you can also drop off your electronic waste, in the container, at no charge.

### **BURNING**

Burning Permits are **mandatory** from April 1st to October 31<sup>st</sup>, each year, and can be purchased at the Municipal office for \$2, for a three day permit. Time of day restrictions do apply and burning without a permit can result in charges and fines. **BURNING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR WINDROWS**, and are issued for the season. Please contact the municipal office for further details.

### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND FIRE SAFETY**

It will soon be time to change your clocks for daylight savings. It is recommended that the batteries in all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms be changed at this time of year as well!! Clocks will spring forward one hour on Sunday, March 12, 2017, at 2:00:00 am. In order to survive a fire, you need to be provided with an early warning and to know what to do when the smoke alarms sound. It is the law to have working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, it is recommended to also install smoke alarms inside all bedrooms. Carbon monoxide alarms must also be installed outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.

### **BUILDING**

Building Permits **may** be required if you are planning renovations, new construction, or for moving a building to or from your property. Permit applications are available at the municipal office. Please plan ahead as permits can take up to 10 days to be issued and a fine of 1.5 times the amount of the permit fee may be applied or an "order to uncover" may be issued, should you begin work without a permit.

### **PROPERTY SEVERANCES**

For information on severing your land please contact 705.544.7525 and speak with Dan. This is now done through the Central Temiskaming Planning Board in co-operation with the Township of Chamberlain.

**2016 Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Statements are now available at the municipal office.**