

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The election of a new Council provides opportunities for change. Your Council will be focusing on fiscal accountability, a united community and strategic planning. We are excited by the prospect to move The Town of South Bruce Peninsula forward to focus on support for infrastructure, retention of services and the growth of the economy. This Council wishes to embrace thinking which may traditionally, be outside of the box, but may provide many new opportunities to strengthen our community.

We are living in unique and sometimes challenging times. Council realizes the struggles and successes of our community and are providing a mechanism to work toward a positive outcome. The guiding force in this will be our Strategic Plan. This document will provide direction and cohesive guidelines for growth and success.

Throughout the year there will be many opportunities for residents to get involved. Volunteer your time and opinions-you can make a difference!

- Mayor John Close



C.A.O.'S MESSAGE

The Town of South Bruce Peninsula saw many changes over the past year. Most of the major construction projects, that received Provincial and Federal funding, are either complete or near completion. The arena upgrades have made this facility fully accessible and is a great asset to the community. The changes to Bluewater Park have also enhanced this great attribute. Please stop by and take a walk along the boardwalk and use the new outdoor fitness equipment. A splash pad is also planned for this area.

Along with a new Council other new initiatives of interest are: a Community Garden project located at Gateway Haven and a digital sign in front of Town Hall advertising upcoming events. Council and staff worked hard to complete the budget with a 0% tax rate increase. Strategic Planning will be a key focus over the next while. Please ensure that you provide your feedback to enable priorities and goals to be established over the long term. I encourage all ratepayers to get involved with their community. The Recreation Guide will be available shortly and offers programs for all ages. If you have any concerns, please contact the municipal office. I urge everyone to take in the many attractions and events throughout the municipality and have a safe, great summer.

- Rhonda Cook, CMO,
Chief Administrative Officer

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL ARENA

Last year the Town of South Bruce Peninsula received funding through the Federal RInC and Ontario REC programs in order to renovate and rejuvenate the Warton District Community Centre and Arena. The community portion of this project is \$100,000.00 and we are still working towards that goal. There are various sponsorship levels for anyone wishing to make a donation. For more information please contact Cherry at 519-534-1400 ext 120. Tax receipts are available for donations over \$25.00. Please make cheques payable to the Town of South Bruce Peninsula. The following donations will be recognized on the donor wall:

- Gold Cup\$1,000-\$4,999
- Silver Stick.....\$500-\$999
- Bronze Puck.....\$250-\$499
- Supporter Gift.....\$25-\$249
- Platinum - Dressing Room.....\$5000+

FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Municipal office is open 8:30a.m. - 4:30p.m., Monday through Friday. If paying by mail please forward to the address listed on the front. If you require a receipt, please include a self-addressed envelope with postage attached. Replacement tax receipts, for any reason, will cost a minimum of \$5.00 each.

Please Note: Taxes are due and payable forthwith and conditionally by installments on the due date imprinted on the tax bill. There is a "penalty" charge of 1 1/4% on any installment on the 1st day of the month following the due date, and a further 1 1/4% on the 1st calendar day of each month thereafter, up to and including December. Thereafter "interest" will be added at a rate of 1 1/4% per month on the 1st day of each month (15% per annum). Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse a taxpayer from responsibility for payment of the taxes nor relieve liability for penalty due to late payment.

MORTGAGE COMPANY PAYMENTS

If your mortgage company remits your payment, this is a duplicate bill for your files. The original has been forwarded to your mortgage company for payment.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

You are able to pay your taxes or utility bill in person, by mail, via any Chartered Bank in Canada or by telephone/ internet banking or by preauthorized payments.

TAX DUE DATES



Council have adopted "Tax Collection Policies and Procedures" prepared by their Treasurer. Tax due dates each year are expected to be as follows:

Interim Levy - third Friday of March & May.

Final Levy - third Friday of July & September.

The final levy for commercial and industrial properties may be later due to the Province of Ontario continuing with the implementation of municipal property tax reforms.

2011 LEVY EXPLANATION

Tax Rate Change 2011 vs 2010 (Residential)	
Town of South Bruce Peninsula	0.00 %
County of Bruce	-5.54 %
Schools (Province of Ontario)	-4.15 %
Total Levy for Residential Purposes	-2.74 %

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

Municipal By-law Enforcement daytime number: 519-534-1400 ext. 143. For after-hours please call 1-888-851-8484.

Council Meetings - 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month @ 7:00 P.M. - Council Chambers. **Committee of the Whole** - 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month @ 9:00 A.M. Please contact the Clerk, ext #122, if you wish to be a delegation. Minutes of Meetings are available on the Town's website.

THE DYNAMIC BEACH BY-LAW (By-law #64-2004)

The Dynamic Beach By-law does not permit these items on Sauble Beach: dogs or any other animal, motorized vehicles, generators, barbecues or any device for cooking, tents or camping, alcohol, campfires.



PAID PARKING PERMITS 2011

Seasonal passes are available at Town Hall, Warton Information Centre, Sauble Beach Information Centre, Fretz's Valu Mart and Lakeside Home Hardware. Each pass is \$50.00 (plus applicable taxes) for one calendar year. Passes may be used for two vehicles from the same household, but may only be used on one vehicle at a time. Vehicle ownership will be required to prove same household. Weekly passes are also available for a cost of \$30.00 and can be obtained at the Paid Parking machines. Daily fees are as follows: Lakeshore Blvd. and Paid Parking Lots 1,2,3,4,5 are \$3.00 per hour to a maximum of \$15.00 per day and Second Avenue North is \$2.00 per hour to a maximum of \$10.00 per day.

DOG LICENCES

2011 dog licences are now due. Licence Fees are as follows:

	After March 31st	
First Neutered/Spayed Dog		\$35.00
Second Neutered/Spayed dog		\$50.00
First Dog not spayed/neutered		\$50.00
Second Dog not spayed/neutered		\$75.00

Please be advised that as per By-law #19-2007 – 6.4 no person shall keep more than two (2) dogs per household anywhere in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula. Tags may be purchased in person or by sending your remittance to the Town of South Bruce Peninsula with a self-addressed envelope with postage attached. Every owner of a dog shall ensure that it is leashed and under control when not on owner's property.

DEVELOPMENT CHARGES

The Consultant is currently working on revising the background study with growth forecasts commencing 2011 and updating the service standards. Keep posted to the Town website for the notice of the upcoming public meeting on this matter.

WIARTON SOUTH GROWTH STUDY

Consultants hired to look at converting employment lands to residential lands and update the present land use policy along Highway #6 are moving forward with new policy. It is expected that an Official Plan Amendment will take place in the near future. Prior to Council's formal approval a public meeting will be held. Notice of the public meeting will be advertised in the local newspapers and on the Town website.

SAUBLE BEACH GROWTH STRATEGY

The introductory paper was completed which provided suggested options and directions for the Town to consider when developing policy for this area. A public meeting was held on July 17th, 2010 where the public had the opportunity to provide input. Council will be meeting with the Consultants in the near future to discuss this project further.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

The County of Bruce will be conducting Household Hazardous Waste Days in the Town of South Bruce Peninsula in 2011, as follows: August 6, 2011 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at the Warton Works Yard (441048 Elm Street) and August 20, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at the Amabel Works Yard (413 Municipal Road). For more information, visit www.brucecounty.on.ca.

LANDFILL SITE

The Landfill Site is located at 1249 Sauble Falls Parkway, Sauble Beach. The Site is opened Tuesday to Saturday from May 1 to October 31. From June 26 to September 5, the Site is also opened on Sundays for recycling and household garbage only at \$1.50 per bag, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm and on Mondays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. From November 1 to April 30, the Site is opened on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday. The Site hours are 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, closed from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm, except for Mondays as stated. The Site is closed on April 22, 2011, July 1, November 11, and December 27, 2011. Please be ready to show identification and to identify the owner and source location of the material you are dumping.

GARBAGE

Each improved property that receives garbage collection is allowed to place one bag (not to exceed 40 pounds) per week at the roadside for collection. Each additional bag requires a bag tag. A maximum of three bags per week is allowed. The cost per bag is \$1.50. Bag tags are available in multiples of ten and can be purchased at various locations. As a courtesy, permanent garbage containers should have a visible marker to indicate 'full' or 'empty'. Please visit the Town's website for the current Waste Management By-law and an up-to-date list of the locations to purchase bag tags. Multi-use property owners may contact the Town to discuss registering for additional roadside collection. Any complaints or inquiries regarding curbside collection may be directed to our contractor Miller Waste at 519-372-1855.

2011 HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE



No changes will be made to the regular garbage collection schedule for 2011.

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Program for the collection of used electronic goods and the Ontario Tire Stewardship Program for the collection of used tires continue to run at the Landfill Site. Car and truck tires without rims can be disposed of free of charge (daily maximum limit of 4), car tires with rims \$5.00 per tire. Truck tires with rims - \$8.00 per tire. For more information, visit www.ontarioelectronicstewardship.ca or www.ontariots.ca.

RECYCLING

Bi-weekly blue box pickup is provided to the entire municipality. A recycling depot for recyclable materials, including cardboard, is available at the Amabel Landfill Site. Additional cardboard depots are located at the Louisa Street parking lot in Warton and the Hepworth Legion parking lot. The recycling schedule and a list of materials that can be recycled in our municipality are available at www.brucecountycling.com. For further information or concerns about pickup contact Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling (BASWR) at 1-800-794-9770 or 519-797-5557. **Reminder: Only paint cans made entirely of metal (container and top) can be recycled. Paint cans that are made of plastic with a metal top are not accepted.**



MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEMS

The Town's municipal water and wastewater systems are maintained by the Ontario Clean Water Agency. If you have an emergency for water or sewer in Wiarton after office hours, please call 519-372-3034. If you have an emergency on a municipal water system in the former Township of Amabel, the after-hours contact number is 519-375-1774. ***NEW*** A Water Meter Program is now in effect for 2011. Water meters are now required for new construction and renovations. Please watch our website for further updates.



BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Ontario Building Code Act, Section 8.-(1) states "No person shall construct or demolish a building or cause a building to be constructed or demolished unless a permit has been issued therefore by the Chief Building Official." This includes any new buildings, additions or renovations to existing buildings, such as, but not limited to, plumbing, farm buildings, swimming pools, and decks. As of January 1, 2008 the Building Department is responsible for the enforcement and administration of Part 8 of the Ontario Building Code - Sewage Systems. Should you be contemplating some type of construction or to make an appointment, please contact the Building Department at 519-534-1400 ext. 303. Please note there are penalties for constructing without a building permit. **Note: 48 hours notice is required for building inspections.**

EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT



Smoke detectors are required on every level as well as outside all sleeping areas of every residence. Failure to do so could result in a ticket of \$235.00 for each infraction. Landlords could face penalties up to \$50,000.00. Install working smoke alarms on every floor of your home and inside or near every sleeping area. Test your smoke alarms regularly; we suggest weekly and replacing batteries when you change your clocks twice a year. Replace any smoke alarms after 10 years. Each home should install at least one carbon monoxide detector, these should also be tested regularly and replaced in accordance with manufacturer's instructions. Flooding, power outages, severe weather and pandemics can happen quickly and sometimes without warning. **Be prepared** - assemble a 72 hour emergency survival kit. For more information visit: www.getprepared.gc.ca

ESCAPE

Make a plan that includes two escape routes from every room and a place to meet other members of your family outside. If you live in an apartment building, learn the evacuation plan. Most victims die from smoke inhalation. Smoke rises during a fire, if smoke is heavy crawl on your hands and knees to safety. Remember to practice your plan.

FIRE BANS

From time to time environmental conditions may dictate that a fire ban is issued by the Province or the Fire Chief. During fire bans only campfires in licensed campgrounds inspected and approved by the Fire Chief or his designate will be permitted.



PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATORS (PAD'S)

A Public Access Defibrillator is a device containing sophisticated electronics used to identify cardiac rhythms and to deliver an electric shock to correct abnormal electric activity in the heart. The PAD will only advise the user to deliver the shock if the heart is in a rhythm which can be corrected by defibrillation. PAD's are easy to use and can be effectively used by medical or non-medical individuals. These units are available at the Wiarton Arena, Town Hall and Sauble Beach Community Centre. If you require information on any of the above please call us at 519-534-1400 ext 122.

"FIRE IS COSTLY, FIRE IS DEADLY"

OPEN BURNING GUIDELINES



These Guidelines are issued in accordance with the Corporation of the Town of South Bruce Peninsula By-Law #4-2003 (see by-laws on Town website). Outdoor fires are prohibited between the hours of eight o'clock in the morning, and seven o'clock in the evening from the first day of April until the last day of October. Construction materials or materials made of/or rubber, plastic, tar, grass or leaves are not to be burned, they must be taken to the Landfill Site. It is unlawful to burn in situations or circumstances where ash or smoke will create a hazard or annoyance for those in the surrounding area or cause a rapid spread of the fire. Outdoor fires are not permitted in the former Town of Wiarton. However, campfires are permitted for cooking and warmth. **Campfires** – Never leave a campfire unattended. Choose a site with access to water. Make sure your campfire is a safe distance from buildings (15 metres) and trees (3 metres). Keep your campfire small and always ensure that the fire is extinguished before you leave the area.

RECREATION

Watch for changes in the Recreation Guide. Register your children for Swimming Lessons at Town Hall. Applications are available online for non-profit groups to advertise on the Digital Sign in front of Town Hall. Community Garden Plots at Gateway Haven are available for rent for \$22.60.



Remember, when it comes to recreation don't hesitate, participate – contact Karen Neerhof, Recreation Programmer at 519-534-1400 ext 132 or email tsbpprogrammer@bmts.com to find out about recreation opportunities.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Town of South Bruce Peninsula has set a goal to support the growth of the local economy. Over the next few years the Economic Development Committee will be working on a number of projects that will focus on both community and business development. Some of these projects include developing an updated Economic Development Plan, Downtown Revitalization, Façade Improvement Incentives, Website Development and Wayfinding. In addition to these projects the Town will be partnering with the Chambers of Commerce to expand on existing events and develop some new ideas for festivals and events within the Town. The Economic Development Committee is always looking for new ideas, if you're interested in being a part of this committee, please call the Town Hall at 519-534-1400 ext. 123.

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