



UPCOMING EVENTS & IMPORTANT DATES:

- Feb 16-17 Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival
- Mar 14 & 25 Stanhope Soccer League Registration
- Mar 24 Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop
- May 5 Dorset Pitch In Community Clean Up
- May 19 & May 31 Swim Program Registration
- May 19 Household Hazardous Waste event Maple Lake Landfill Site
- May 20 Septic Social Dorset Rec. Centre
- May 26 Airport Pancake Breakfast Fly In/Drive In - rain date May 27
- Jun 22-23 Airport Young Eagles Days
- Jun 23 Household Hazardous Waste event Dorset Transfer Station
- Wed's Jul/Aug Oxtongue Lk. Summer Speaker Series
- Wed's Jul/Aug Dorset Family Movie Nights
- Jul/Aug Dorset Day Camp
- Jul 1 Heritage Day, Dorset Heritage Museum
- Jul 1 Oxtongue Lk. Canada Day
- Jul 7 Dorset Kids Fish Derby
- Jul 21 Stanhope Heritage Day
- Jul 21 Airport 50th Anniversary Event
- Aug 5 Dorset Arts, Crafts & Antiques Show
- Aug 11 Household Hazardous Waste event Oxtongue Lake Landfill Site
- Sep/Oct Dorset Scarecrow Contest
- Sep 1 Dorset Community Garage Sale
- Sep 1 Household Hazardous Waste Event Dorset Transfer Station
- Sep 29 Airport Fall Colours Fly In/ Drive In -Rain Day Sep 30
- Oct 6 Dorset Thanksgiving Arts, Crafts & Antiques Show
- Oct 6 Household Hazardous Waste event Maple Lake Landfill Site
- Nov 25 Dorset Community Christmas Tree Lighting, Meet & Greet Dinner
- Nov 30 Oxtongue Lk. Community Christmas Tree Lighting
- Dec 25 All landfill sites closed

for the most current events listings see the Parks & Recreation Activities Calendar, Township Calendar, and don't forget to subscribe to Township News and Notices at www.algonquinhighlands.ca

Septic Re-Inspection Program

In 2017, the Township of Algonquin Highlands retained the services of **WSP Canada Inc.** to complete a septic re-inspection program. This initiative is part of the Township's commitment to ensuring lake and watershed health for generations to come. The program will identify systems that are at risk of causing damage to the environment and lakes, and to verify compliance of systems with section 8.9 of the Ontario Building Code. The program will take approximately 5 years to complete the inspection of 4,500 systems.

When? Inspections will begin in the summer of 2018 in the eastern portion of Stanhope. 2019 will see the inspections move to the westerly portion of Stanhope. In 2020 areas of Sherborne and McClintock will be scheduled. Finally, in 2021, the remaining areas of the Township will be completed.



How? WSP will be sending a notice to property owners to advise and arrange a date and time for the inspection to be completed. Please wait for your letter, it will give you all the information you need to know to schedule your inspection.

How much? Property owners will be invoiced directly by the Township following the report. The cost for the inspection will be \$179.11. If you are not prepared for your inspection, you will be required to pay this fee again for each subsequent visit to your property.

What? All classes of systems (1 through 5) will be inspected. Some common items inspectors suggest you address before your inspection:

- If you have an outhouse (Class 1 system), ensure it is protected from vermin entry.
- Class 5 systems (holding tanks) need to have a high level alarm and haulage agreement in place.
- Class 4 (Septic Tanks) need to be accessible, with lids uncovered, at the time of inspection.

Upon completion of the inspection, the property owner or agent will be provided with a written report stating the condition of the septic system. Should there be an issue with the system the property owner will be required to provide the necessary information/repairs to bring the septic system into compliance.

Inspection F.A.Qs

Do I have to be onsite for the inspection? Yes. If you can't be present, you must appoint a representative, over the age of 18, to attend in your absence.

What if my property is water access only or has other access challenges? A boat and ATV are available, if needed, to get inspectors to your property. Be sure to let WSP know your property has access challenges as soon as possible. WSP will work to schedule properties on the same lake during similar time periods.

Should I get my tank pumped? Not necessarily. If you need to get it pumped, no problem, but don't go ahead and pump it right before the inspection. Ideally, no sooner than a month before your inspection. Inspectors want to see how tanks are performing, and to do this, tanks need to have sewage in them.

Do I need an inspection? Most likely YES. Only if your system is less than five years old, or a qualified inspection has been completed in the last five years, can you apply for an exemption.

Who will complete the inspection? A WSP Inspector will complete the inspection. They are trained professionals.



For any questions about the program, inspection process, scheduling, etc., please contact

**WSP Canada at
1-800-263-7419 or
AlgonquinHighlands.Info@wsp.com**

Septic Social

Sunday, May 20, 2018, 10 am
at the Dorset Recreation Centre.
WSP will be on hand with a presentation and to answer questions.



Public Works/Roads After-Hours Assistance

To report an "after-hours" road-related problem requiring immediate attention, call the appropriate number below. If you don't get an answer, please leave a message and our staff will return your call as soon as possible.

**Stanhope (south of the Frost Centre):
705-754-5450**
**Sherborne, McClintock & Livingstone:
705-854-0303**

If you do not get a response within a reasonable period of time please call:
705-854-0202.

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THE FROST CENTRE**

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- 38km of snowshoe & hiking trails
- Ski & snowshoe rentals/packages
- Rustic warm up cabins



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2018 Municipal Election

Are you interested in running for Council?



Nomination Period starts May 1, 2018 until July 27, 2018.

Nomination forms are available from the office of the Clerk. A nomination must be signed by the candidate and may be filed in person, or by an agent, during regular business hours between May 1, 2018 and July 26, 2018, and between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2018 (Nomination Day).

Qualification for Municipal Office

A candidate for municipal office must, upon nomination, be a qualified municipal elector and fulfill all of the following requirements:

- (a) Resides in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, or is the owner or tenant of land in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, or is the spouse of such owner or tenant,
- (b) A Canadian citizen,
- (c) At least 18 years old,

- (d) Not legally prohibited from voting,
- (e) Not disqualified by any legislation from holding municipal office, and,
- (f) Obtain at least 25 signatures from individuals eligible to vote in Algonquin Highlands on the day they signed the endorsement.

NOTE: A candidate, if nominated, must remain qualified throughout the election and, if elected, throughout the term of office.

Who is Eligible to Vote?

You are qualified to vote in the Election if you are:

- (a) A Canadian citizen,
- (b) At least 18 years of age,
- (c) A resident in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, or the owner or tenant of land in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, or the spouse of such owner or tenant, and

- (d) Not prohibited from voting under any law.

Electors are hereby given notice that if a greater number of candidates are certified than are required to fill the said offices, voting will be conducted using **Vote by Mail**.

For more information on the 2018 Municipal Election please visit the Township's website at www.algonquinhighlands.ca/government/elections or contact Matt Gower, Clerk at 705-489-2379 or mgower@algonquinhighlands.ca.

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VOTING DAY

October 22, 2018

VOTE BY MAIL

Important Tax Information

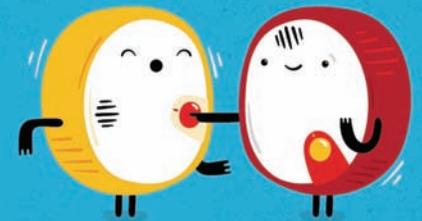
- Tax bills are mailed twice a year in February and June, with two installments on each bill.
- Payments can be made by cheque, cash, debit, telephone/internet banking or by a pre-authorized payment on due dates. A drop box is available at both the main and satellite office.
- Applications for our Pre-Authorized Payment Plan are available on our website or at the Municipal office for properties that are NOT in arrears.

- Please ensure payments are received by the Township on or before the stated due dates to avoid penalty. The Township is not responsible for delays in payment caused by your bank or Canada Post.
- Penalty/Interest of 1 ¼% is added at the beginning of each month on past due amounts.

Please don't forget to let us know when you have moved. It is the responsibility of the ratepayer to ensure the township has an accurate, up-to-date mailing address. Visit our website algonquinhighlands.ca for a "Change of Address" form.

- If your home is newly constructed or if any new construction, renovation or alteration has occurred on property that you own, your property may not be fully assessed. A "Supplementary Tax Notice" is issued once the additional assessed value of your property has been determined by MPAC. This is in addition to the other tax bills received during the year.
- Questions about your assessment? Please direct your call to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-6722 or visit www.mpac.ca.

SOMETIMES IT'S GOOD TO PUSH BUTTONS



TEST YOUR SMOKE ALARMS MONTHLY



winter road safety

Snow on roadways: Under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act, it is illegal to shovel, blow or plow snow out onto a roadway. Use caution when clearing driveways, always be aware of traffic around you.

Winter parking: The *Highway Traffic Act R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 170(12)* states: "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." **Any vehicle found in violation shall be towed at the owner's expense.**

Road Closures are posted on the Township website and through the County road closure app.

- Remove snow from around your mail box to keep it safe - snow build up can put pressure on the post and cause it to break.
- Seasonal residents are encouraged to remove their boxes in winter

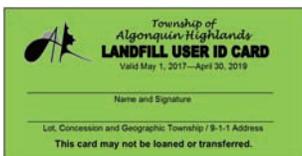


WHAT'S UP WITH WASTE?



Show your landfill user ID card every time!

Lime green cards were distributed with tax bills in 2017 and are valid until April 30, 2019. Expect to be asked for your card every visit.



No copies, photos or reproductions of ID cards are accepted. Be sure guests, renters & family have access to a card or get them a Cottage Kit landfill pass—\$3 each or 10/\$25. Replacement ID cards can be requested at Township offices. Cottage kits are available at Township offices & landfill sites.

Waste disposal fees changed January 1, 2018

Be prepared with a few extra dollars cash. Exact change is always appreciated!
NEW minimum \$10 charge for Construction & Demolition materials



Incandescent light bulbs don't require special handling - *sorry bulb, you are Garbage bound!* (LED bulbs & regular flood lights also go in Garbage) Many other bulbs do need special care, please ask your friendly landfill attendant where to place them.

2018 Household Hazardous Waste Events

All Events from 1:00—5:00 p.m.

- May 19** Maple Lake Landfill
- *June 23** Dorset Transfer Station
- *Aug. 11** Oxtongue Lake Landfill
- Sept. 01** Dorset Transfer Station
- Oct. 06** Maple Lake Landfill

*Note: These dates are NOT on a long-weekend.



FEEL FREE TO CONTACT YOUR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:

Carol Moffatt, Mayor	705-489-3554	cmoffatt@algonquinhighlands.ca
Liz Danielsen, Deputy-Mayor	705-489-3907	ldanielsen@algonquinhighlands.ca
Brian Lynch, Ward 1	705-766-1148	blynch@algonquinhighlands.ca
Lisa Barry, Ward 2	705-754-0758	lbarry@algonquinhighlands.ca
Marlene Kyle, Ward 3	705-635-9816	mkyle@algonquinhighlands.ca

Official Plan Review



The Official Plan (OP) review process will continue in 2018. The OP Review process will provide for community discussion regarding proposed changes.

Community engagement and participation in the process is paramount to the success of this project. Public Meeting dates to be announced...

For more information, please contact the Planning Department at 705-489-2379, or e-mail socallaghan@algonquinhighlands.ca

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1123 North Shore Rd., Algonquin Highlands, ON, K0M 1J1
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Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dorset Satellite Office

1051 Main St., Dorset
Tel. 705-766-2211 Fax. 705-766-9688
Hours: Tuesday & Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.