



WINTER IN ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

UPCOMING EVENTS :


- Feb 14-15 - Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival
- May 9 - Community Clean Up Day
- May 16 - Hazardous Waste Event Maple Lake Landfill
- May 30 - Septic Social Dorset
- Jun 20 - Hazardous Waste Event Dorset Transfer Stn.
- Jul 1 - Oxtongue Lk. Canada Day
- Jul 4 - Heritage Day, Dorset Heritage Museum
- Jul 4 - Dorset Community Garage Sale
- Jul 11 - Dorset Kids Fish Derby
- Jul 18 - Stanhope Heritage Day
- Wed in Jul/Aug - Oxtongue Lk. Summer Speaker Series
- Wed in Jul/Aug - Dorset Family Movie Nights
- Jul/Aug - Dorset Day Camp
- Jul/Aug - Stanhope Soccer League
- Jul/Aug - Aqua Fit - Halls Lake
- Aug 2 - Dorset Arts, Crafts & Antiques Show
- Aug 8 - Hazardous Waste Event Oxtongue Landfill
- Sep 5 - Dorset Community Garage Sale
- Sep 5 - Hazardous Waste Event Dorset Transfer Station
- Sep/Oct - Dorset Autumn Display Contest
- Oct 10 - Dorset Arts, Crafts & Antiques Show
- Oct 10 - Hazardous Waste Event Maple Lake Landfill
- 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

Summer isn't when all the fun happens here in Algonquin Highlands, winter also has lots to offer! We have two lit skating rinks open to the public all winter long (Stanhope Gardens and Dorset Ice Palace - open as long as ice and weather conditions permit). There are 22km of groomed cross-country ski trails and 38km of trails for snowshoeing in and around the Frost Centre. The Dorset Recreation Centre has a fully "stocked" gym, including squash courts, elliptical, rower, treadmills, universal gym, bikes, bags and benches! There are change rooms with showers and lockers. Recreation programs continue all winter long at the Dorset Recreation Centre and the Stanhope and Oxtongue Community Centres. And if you want to do your own thing, there is a gymnasium for basketball, pickleball, walking, ping pong and anything else you can dream up. When you are just looking for a place to get together with friends or family, there are meeting rooms, a hall and commercial kitchens available for rent. Give our fabulous recreation team a call at 705-766-9968 and plan your winter adventures today!

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 pre-authorized payment on due dates. A drop box is available at the main 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.
- Penalty/Interest of 1 ¼% is added at the beginning of each month on past due amounts. 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.
- 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.



Please don't forget to let us know if 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. Notification must be provided in writing.



MUNICIPAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENT CORPORATION
Updated property values coming this year


Every four years, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) sends out a Property Assessment Notice to all Ontario property owners. Property Assessment Notices will be mailed from May to September, and will reflect the updated value of your property as of January 1, 2019. Municipalities will use your assessment to calculate your 2021-2024 property taxes. When you receive your Notice in the mail, review it and keep it for your records. 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.

TO CONTACT YOUR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL:



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 And on Twitter @Mayor_C_Moffatt

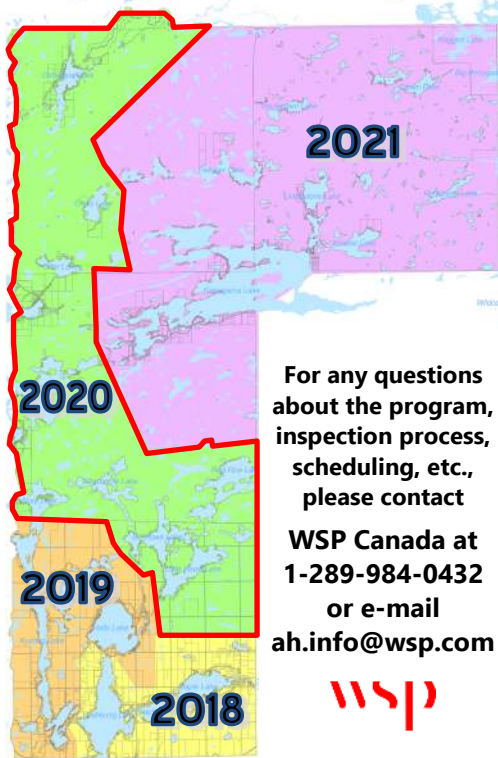
Roads and Public Works After-hours Assistance

Stanhope:
(south of the Frost Centre)
705-754-5450

Sherborne, McClintock & Livingstone:
705-854-0303



Septic Re-Inspection Program



We are now in the third year of the Septic Re-Inspection Program, concentrating on the most northern portion of Stanhope and the Sherborne area.

WSP will forward time sensitive information to all property owners scheduled to be inspected in 2020. Please read the letter carefully and respond to WSP in order to arrange an inspection by the date indicated on the letter.

Please note: If you do not respond to WSP's request to book your inspection, you will be assigned a mandatory inspection date. If you are not prepared or not present for the inspection, you will be responsible to pay a fee of \$179.11 for a missed inspection. You will then be required to pay an additional \$179.11 once the inspection has been completed.

If you have a metal septic tank your system will be considered unsafe and require replacement, please contact the Township immediately to avoid a charge of \$179.11. You will be required to obtain a septic permit to replace the current metal tank, this may also require the septic bed to be replaced.

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

WSP Canada at 1-289-984-0432 or e-mail ah.info@wsp.com



Septic Social

Saturday, May 30, 2020 10 am
at the Dorset Recreation Centre.
WSP will be on hand with a presentation and to answer questions.

Zoning By-Law Review

Algonquin Highlands has started a review of the Zoning By-law (ZBL). The ZBL review process will implement the policies of the recently adopted Official Plan Amendment. Topics to be discussed during the ZBL review will include but not be limited to cannabis cultivation/retail, redevelopment of legal non-complying structures, minimum dwelling size, short term rentals and Boathouse regulations.

The ZBL review process will provide for community discussion about the development of Algonquin Highlands. Community engagement and participation in the process is paramount to the success of this project. Public meeting dates to be announced.

What's up with Waste?

There is a new WIZARD in town!

The Waste Wizard is here to help you sort out those challenging waste and recycling questions like...

- What goes where?
- How much does it cost?
- What is recyclable?
- What is garbage?
- What sites are open when?

Waste disposal Fees changed January 1, 2020

*** Find me at www.algonquinhighlands.ca ***

Your BLUE Landfill ID card issued last year is still valid for 2020

Don't forget your card!

ENVIRONMENT AND STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

This Committee has developed three areas on which to focus in 2020:

- Reducing use of single use plastics
- Developing and protecting pollinator habitat
- Encouraging home composting

The Committee is developing public education programs that show practical ways in which these goals can be achieved simply and effectively. They will be showing easy alternatives to single use plastics, sharing information on the very significant role pollinators such as bees and butterflies play in preserving our environment and simple ways in which their environment can be protected. They will share waste diversion techniques that can help to increase landfill site lifespans and safe practices for composting in "bear country". Watch for displays and activities put on by this active Committee at Community events this year.



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." **Vehicles in violation can be towed at the owner's expense.**

Cannabis Fire Safety RESPONSIBILITY GROWS HERE.

Use of cannabis can impair your judgement. Cooking while under the influence of cannabis can result in a fire.



Don't put yourself or your family at risk. Always remain alert when cooking.

Keep a close eye on anyone attempting to cook while impaired.

Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management ontario.ca/firemarshal

SKI & SNOWSHOE THE FROST CENTRE

- 22km of groomed cross-country classic ski trails
- 38km of snowshoe & hiking trails
- Ski & snowshoe rentals/packages
- Rustic warm up cabins

For trail conditions follow @ahtrails



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