

Spring 2012

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2012 Interim Taxes

INTERIM DUE DATES

March 30 & June 29

When paying taxes please ensure that you attach the payment stub at the bottom of your tax bill, as we require this stub in order to process your payment.

Methods of Payment: In person at the Municipal Office, by regular mail, at the CIBC Goderich Branch (only) and Telephone or Internet Banking. Interact/Debit is also available at the municipal office. Post-dated cheques are accepted for your convenience.

Pre-authorized payment is available by completing a form from the office or from our website and providing a void cheque.

Tax payments must be received by the due date. Failure to receive a tax notice does not exempt you from the payment of taxes, nor penalty and interest. An after hours drop off slot is available by the front door, for your convenience.

If you have a change of address please notify the Township as soon as possible by email, fax or by calling the Municipal Office.

Administration

Mark Becker,
Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer
Email: clerk@acwtownship.ca

Linda Andrew,
Deputy Clerk
Email: dclerk@acwtownship.ca

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Email: admin@acwtownship.ca

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Email: pws@acwtownship.ca

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Email: cbo@acwtownship.ca

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Email: accts@acwtownship.ca

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Email: tax@acwtownship.ca

2012 Dog Tags

It is time to purchase your 2012 **Dog Tags**. Tags can be purchased at the Municipal Office. Purchase your dog tags by March 30, 2012 and receive the **early bird price**. After that date the cost will increase by \$10. A Dog Tag form is included with your tax bill or you may visit our website.

Please contact Robert Trick,
Animal Control Officer
(519-523-4387) for
any animal control
related items.



Burning Restrictions

As a reminder burning restrictions are in place for the Salford, Maitland View Estates, Century Heights, Benmiller, Dungannon, Port Albert, Auburn, Nile, and Kingsbridge. No fire should be deliberately set for the purposes of burning grass, brush, leaves, garbage, or other materials, within the above noted territorial limits. Please refer to our website for more information on this By-Law.

In all other areas if you are planning on burning something on your property that may generate a large fire (example, old barn or large burning pile), please notify your Fire Chief before starting.



Water Restrictions

By-Law No. 56-2002 regulates the use of water for the Township Municipal Water Systems. The following water restrictions will be in effect from May 15th, 2012 to August 31, 2012 inclusive:

Watering may be used for lawful purposes according to the schedule below:

The following subdivision in the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh:

- (a) Century Heights/Maitland View Estates/Salford Water System
- (b) Benmiller Water System
- (c) Dungannon Water System
- (d) Huron Sands Water System

Municipal addresses with even numbers shall be permitted to water on even numbered days, but only during the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. local time.

Municipal addresses with odd numbers shall be permitted to water on odd numbered days, but only during the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. local time.

Civil Marriages



The Township has Marriage Commissioners to perform Civil Marriages. Marriage Commissioner Booking Forms are available on our website and at the township office.

Cost for the Ceremony is \$350 plus HST.

Garbage & Recycling

It is recommended you place your household garbage and recyclables at the curb in front of your property by 7:00 a.m. Garbage must be placed on your mailbox side of the road.

Waste collection stickers for household garbage bags are \$2.00 and may be purchased at the following locations:

- Municipal Office
- Victoria Street Shell Gas Bar (Goderich)
- Lucknow Co-op
- Point Farms Market
- Knechtel's Food Market
- Ashfield Landfill
- Amberley General Store
- Hamilton Fuels
- Port Albert General Store
- Auburn Co-op
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**For Missed pickups please call:
Waste Management 1-888-730-3344**

Landfill Sites

ASHFIELD LANDFILL

(Ashfield & Wawanosh)
36739 Glen's Hill Road (Corner of Halls
Hill Line & Glen's Hill Road):
May – Oct: Sat. 9-5, Mon 9-noon
Nov – Apr: Sat. 9-5

MID-HURON LANDFILL

(Colborne)-Holmesville
Mon-Fri 8-4, Sat. 8-noon

Benmiller Softball

Early bird registration will begin March 5, to March 30, 2012 at the Municipal Office during regular office hours. Forms are available at the office or on our website.



Please note there is an after hour drop box for your convenience.

After the March 30th deadline, the cost will increase by \$25.00.

Please contact Cathy at the Municipal Office for more information or check our website.

Building Department

New 2012 Ontario Building Code Requirements

Starting January 1, 2012 energy efficiency requirements for a new house and other residential buildings will need to meet the performance level of EnerGuide 80, or comply with a Compliance Option Package as set out in SB-12 for our area.

Factors that play a roll in determining the energy efficiency of your home and which compliance package you can choose are listed below;

- Attic and Roof Space insulation levels
- Basement wall insulation levels
- Skylight U-value
- Space Heating Equipment Energy Efficiency
- Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV) Energy Efficiency
- Domestic Hot Water Heater Energy Efficiency
- Exterior wall insulation levels
- Window and Sliding Glass Door U-value
- Window to Wall Ratio

A new form has been produced and is required to be submitted with the Application to Construct and/or Demolish which will provide the building department all the information shown above.

Starting January 1, 2012 the Ontario Building Code was amended to require an Occupancy Inspection and an Occupancy Permit to be issued prior to anyone occupying new residential buildings. The amendment increased and enhanced the list of building components that must be complete, operational, inspected and approved prior to occupancy.

Official Plan Review

The review of the Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Official Plan is nearly complete. However, input from the public is still welcome.

Two public open houses were held in June of 2011 and one public open house was held in December 2011.

Council and the Planning Department are currently reviewing all of the comments received from the public and consulting with local and provincial agencies in order to prepare a final draft of the Official Plan Update.

The review and update of the Official Plan is required by the Planning Act to ensure that the plan keeps up to date with provincial policies and continues to meet the needs of the community.

Council hope to have the final update completed soon, with a public meeting being held to adopt the Official Plan by spring of 2012. Notice of the public meeting will be posted in local newspapers.



E-Waste

The *Do What You Can* electronics program allows residents to bring their used, broken, or unwanted electronic equipment for responsible reuse and recycling. Items can be brought to the Ashfield Landfill site free of charge during regular hours.



**Lost your garbage schedule?
Find it online at:
<http://www.acwtownship.ca>**

East Ashfield History

Work has begun on the East Ashfield History Book and the Committee needs your help!

If your family has ever owned property or lived in East Ashfield please contact the committee to be included in the history book.

Please visit the Township website to help with Family Tree information. For more information or if you are interested in helping, please contact Marian Zinn 529-3710, Bell Hackett 528-2865 or Debbie Bauer 529-7820 or email wdbauer@hurontel.on.ca.