

Municipal Newsletter

Township of Blandford-Blenheim



Municipal Office

47 Wilmot St. S.,
Drumbo, ON N0J 1G0
Phone: 519-463-5347
Fax: 519-463-5881
www.blandfordblenheim.ca

Hours of Operation

8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Monday to Friday

Public Works Yard/ Leaf Waste Depot

The depot is located at
895957 Oxford Road 3,
just North of Drumbo

Community Services

Plattsville Arena &
Community Hall
68 Mill Street East
519-684-7482

Princeton Centennial Hall
35 Main Street South
519-458-4891

County of Oxford

Phone: 519-539-9800
www.oxfordcounty.ca

ARE THERE HEROES IN YOUR HOME?



SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SAVE LIVES.

- Install smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms outside all sleeping areas if your home has a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms every month.

GET YOUR PROPERTY TAXES FASTER! The Township now offers residents the opportunity to receive property tax notices by email as opposed to regular mail. We see this initiative as being both environmentally and fiscally responsible for all of us. We hope that you agree! Save on the expense of having to have your previous year's tax bills re-printed, by having an electronic copy to conveniently refer back to. To sign up for electronic delivery, please notify the Township office by forwarding an email to kkoski@blandfordblenheim.ca

Do you make payments to the Township via online or phone banking? **IMPORTANT UPDATE!** Please check the account you are paying! For property taxes the number **MUST START WITH 3245**. This was previously not required, so some have left off the 3245. It's important to add these numbers now to make sure payments are applied correctly!

Add a Bill

Please enter your **BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM, TOWNSHIP OF - TAXES** account number:

#3245

Are you planning on constructing a building or structure?

If so, keep in mind a building permit may be required! Building permits ensure that all buildings within the Township have been inspected in accordance with the Ontario Building Code and the community can be assured the buildings are safe, healthy and accessible. If you are unsure if a building permit will be required, feel free to contact the Building Department staff at 519-463-5347 or visit our website!



About your Property Taxes...

Farm Property Tax Credit Program – Even minor changes in ownership or farm tenants can have a dramatic effect on your assessment and taxes. Please call, Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (**OMAFRA**) at 1-877-424-1300.

Conservation Land Tax Incentive Program – It is equally important to meet the July 31st deadline each year. Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's (**MNR**) 1-800-268-8959.

IT'S IMPORTANT FOR RESIDENTS TO MAINTAIN THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH THESE AGENCIES. PLEASE CONTACT THEM DIRECTLY FOR ANY ENQUIRIES.

Join us for a **Town Hall Meeting**, in partnership with O.P.P.

Date: Tuesday, April 16th, 2019

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Plattsville Lions Hall,
2nd floor of Arena at 68 Mill St. E.

Topics: Protecting self & property, mental health



Township Office will be Closed:

April 19th for Good Friday

April 22nd for Easter Monday

May 20th for Victoria Day

July 1st for Canada Day



August 5th for the Civic Holiday

September 2nd for Labour Day



From the Public Works Department

Construction projects in 2019. The Township will be replacing 2 Bridges this year. Bridge 20, which spans the Nith River is located on Township Road 12 west of Trussler Road and the CN bridge on Blenheim Road. These bridges will be impassable for vehicles or pedestrians, plan an alternative route. The Township will also be doing road improvements to the north section of Hofstetter Road. Expect traffic delays while construction is being completed. During the month of May we will be applying gravel and dust suppressant. Give these vehicles room to work.

Construction season is almost upon us. When you see  be aware that you are entering a work zone with people & equipment ahead. Workers are repairing/improving the road to keep it safe for everyone to use. Please slow down, pay attention and be prepared to stop. We want to see that these workers get home safely to their families each and every day. If you see  it means that the road is impassable and you must take an alternate route.

Keep Our Roadways Safe: It is illegal to put dirt, leaves or debris onto a roadway. When cleaning out ditches and driveways from the winter, this material must be picked up and disposed off not put on to the roadway. The Township wants to remind people not to plant crops in the municipal right of ways. They obstruct visibility! Public Works staff have the authority to cut down any crops planted on Township road allowances.

Tax Instalments are due May 31, August 30 and October 31, 2019

For Your Information...

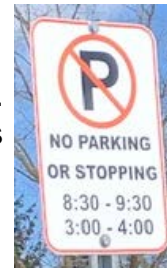
SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

Children's safety is an important priority for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim. We are reaching out to bring your attention to a significant number of complaints received regarding parking and unsafe vehicular traffic in school zones at Drumbo & Plattsville Public Schools.

Parking Violations that will be enforced around schools include:

No stopping, No Parking in a Fire Route, No Blocking Bike / Pedestrian Paths, Parking in a Designated Space.

Please note: Officers conduct enforcement in school zones by recording license plates, without stepping out of their vehicle and mail Penalty Notices to the registered owners.



Municipal Drains

The Township website has an interactive map showing municipal drainage. Use this map to determine if your property is affected by municipal drains.

www.blandfordblenheim.ca/Services/MunicipalDrainage

If you suspect that the municipal drain on your property requires maintenance or repair, please contact the Drainage Superintendent to schedule an inspection at 519-463-5347.

Note: Trees can negatively affect municipal drains, if you notice a dead / dying / downed tree near a municipal drain, contact the Drainage Superintendent for inspection and possible removal.

Do you have a pool? Spring maintenance may mean you are backwashing and draining water from it to fill up for summer.

Remember that it is against by-law to drain any water onto neighbouring properties. Be neighbourly and ensure your run off is draining on your own property.



Public Works Yard/ Leaf Waste Depot:

Open 24/7 to drop off yard waste. Please remember not to leave planter boxes or bags in the piles.



Wood Chips:

When available, free of charge, Monday to Friday between 7:00 am & 3:30 pm. Please call the shop, 519-463-5389, for availability of wood chips.

All dog owners must register their pets for the year 2019.

Please provide the following information with \$15.00 payment (per dog) to register your dog. If you register after April 30th, the fee is \$20.00 (per dog).

Come into the office, call 519-463-5347 or email

dogtags@blandfordblenheim.ca with information and to learn payment options.

- Owner name(s) and contact numbers;
- Mailing address;
- Dog name, breed, markings/colour & gender.



HOME ESCAPE PLANNING

It is vital that you know what to do when the smoke alarms sound in an emergency:

- Sit down with everyone in your home and discuss how each person will get out in a fire.
- **GET OUT & STAY OUT!** When the smoke alarms sound, get out immediately and call 9-1-1 from outside. Never re-enter a burning building.

Despite their best efforts, the fire department may not arrive quickly enough to save you from a fire. **You need to be outside when the firefighters arrive.**

The Township Office is able to process your request for a Criminal Record Check/Vulnerable Sector Check. If you require a Vulnerable Sector Check, the OPP requires a letter from the organization stating that you require this check along with a signature. It is required by you to bring two pieces of identification: Driver's License, Passport, Birth Certificate, Hunting License, Blood Donor Card or Student Card. We cannot accept A Health Card as identification.

Parks & Recreation News

Adult Active Centre & Youth Drop in Centre: Check the Township Community Calendar online to see upcoming dates and locations www.blandfordblenheim.ca/community

Splash Pad is expected to open June 1st

Tennis Courts and Parks (full operation) are expected to open the first weekend in May

Local Events happening around the Township:

Plattsville Lions Easter Egg Hunt: Plattsville Park, Friday April 19th

Drumbo Lions Auction: Drumbo Agricultural Hall, Friday, April 19th

Junior C Lacrosse Tournament: Plattsville Arena, Saturday, April 20th

Plattsville Lion's Mother's Day Supper: Plattsville Missionary Church, Saturday, May 11th

Friends of the Princeton Park Mother's Day Brunch: Princeton Hall, Sunday, May 12th

Fireworks & family fun: Princeton Park, Saturday, May 18th after 6:00 p.m.

Plattsville Lions Park BBQ every Thursday evening in July & August in the Plattsville Park

Township-wide Family Fun Day: Drumbo Park, Saturday, June 15th

To book facilities, call the office at 519-463-5347 or use our website at:

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