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Council Communiqué

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Fire Permits

Fire permits can be purchased online at www.tweedfire.ca

The cost is \$15 and can be paid at the Library with cash or cheque or at the Municipal Office with cash, debit or cheque. You can also pay by etransfer at info@tweed.ca.



DID YOU KNOW?

Currently the Queensborough Community Centre is accepting donations for their Building Repair Fund.

Donations can be made at the Tweed Municipal Office, 255 Metcalf St, or by e-transfer to info@tweed.ca. Please include your full name and address with the e-transfer for an income tax receipt.

You can also make a donation by contacting a member of the Queensborough Community Centre Committee.

2022 Election -Voter Information

The Municipality of Tweed will be joining municipalities across the province this fall as we prepare for the 2022 Municipal Election.

Voters will be electing their municipal representatives for the next four years.

What Should I Do Now?

Nothing yet. Nominations open May 2, 2022. Eligible voters should look for their PIN letters in the mail in late September 2022.

How do I know if my name is on the Voters' List? Visit voterlookup.ca to determine if you are on the

Voters' List. Be ready to provide your full name, birth date and civic address.

How do I add my name to the Voters' List? There is a form for this purpose which can be picked up at the Municipal Office or downloaded from the *Municipal Election* page at www.tweed.ca. We require original signatures on the form so it is necessary that it be dropped off or mailed to

the Municipal Office when completed along with proper identification.

How will I be able to Vote?

Internet/telephone voting will be available for this election. The voting period for the Municipality of Tweed for internet/telephone voting will run from Monday, October 17, 2022 to Monday, October 24, 2022 and voters will be able to vote using the PIN they receive in their Voter Instruction Letter and their birthdate.

A Help Center will be available at the Municipal Office to assist voters. If you require assistance you will need to bring your Voter Instruction Letter with you to the Help Center.

When will I receive my Voter Instruction Letter?

The Voter letter will be mailed to all names on the Voters' List later this year (September).

What if I don't get one?

If you do not get a Voter letter in the mail you can check at the Municipal Office. It may have been returned to us because of an incorrect mailing address or you may need to be added to the Voters' List.

Where do I get information on the municipal election? The municipality's website (www.tweed.ca) is a great place to start. Our office is open Monday to Friday (excluding holidays) from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. & staff can assist you as required. More information can be obtained on the Municipal *Elections* page of the provincial government website: www.mah.gov.on.ca.

How do I complete my Voting successfully? Simply follow the step-by-step instructions in your letter & you will have no problem making sure that your vote counts.



2022 Is A Municipal Election Year

All municipalities in Ontario will be holding elections for local Council & School Board positions. The Municipality of Tweed will hold a municipal election for the following offices: Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillors (3); and School Board Trustees: English Public, English Separate, French Public and French Separate. The Nomination Period begins on May 2, 2022. Any qualified elector is eligible to be a candidate. To determine if you are a qualified elector please contact the Clerk. A Nomination Form must be filed in the office of the Clerk with 25 supporting signatures and the applicable Nomination Fee must be paid before declaring candidacy and campaigning for office. Nomination Forms and Candidate Guides will be available at the Municipal Office, from the Municipal website at **www.tweed.ca** and from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs at **www.mah.gov.on.ca**. Tweed will be no voting places on election day, other than the help centre.

2022 Budget <u>Highlights</u>

Tax levy increase of 2.18%. Property assessments remain unchanged.

Insurance premiums increased \$181,387 and Council worked diligently to reduce the premium total.

Water and sewer rates will remain unchanged.

Overall operating expenses of \$9,273,342.63, capital costs of \$4,146,308.04.

Significant capital projects:

Secondary river crossing for water mains if grant is successful (\$1,029,682.51), Vanderwater road (\$702,860), Queensborough Hall renovations (\$357,000), Greatrix Bridge (\$326,025), new tandem plow (\$280,000), Queensborough Road (\$240,000)

Updates

With the third lagoon now fully operational the sewage capacity of the Village has grown. Additional development can now be facilitated.

Last year a By-law amendment was passed by Council reducing the minimum square footage for a home to 600 sq. feet in most zones.

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## **Continue To Recycle!**

In 2013, Council at that time made decisions to extend the life span of the waste site. It continues to be a top priority and that is why the clear bag policy was implemented.

We want to thank residents and cottagers for your cooperation over the last decade. The clear bag policy has had a tremendous effect on cutting back recycling from entering our landfill. At this time we want to remind residents that keeping recyclables out of their waste each week is crucial to continuing to have our waste site open. At the current rate of disposal, the waste site has 16 years remaining.

You may be asked to provide your waste site card upon entry. If you need a replacement card you can obtain one at the Municipal Office. This helps to ensure only Tweed property owners are using our waste site.

If you are not sure whether something is or is not recyclable we would ask you contact Quinte Waste Solutions or visit their website for indepth information on recycling.

www.quinterecycling.org

## Purchase Dog Tags By March 31st

Municipality of Tweed  $\,$  By-Law No. 2014-07 requires that every owner of a dog, register and licence their dog each year.

Tags are \$15.00 per dog until March 31st. The price increases to \$45.00 per dog on April 1st.

Dog tags are available at the Municipal Office at 255 Metcalf Street, Tweed.

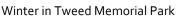
The By-law does include a fine for not having a current dog tag affixed.

The By-law permits up to three (3) dogs at any one residence.



A Kennel Licence is required for more than three dogs. Kennel licences are not permitted in the Village or Hamlets, or on any Rural Residential zoned properties. The Animal Control Officer issues all kennel licences.





Third Lagoon cell pictured Fall 2021.



NEW—Skating Trail at Recreation Area

If you require an accessible version of this newsletter please contact the Municipal Office to obtain a copy.

Now fully operational.