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Council Communiqué







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2018 Is A Municipal Election Year

The Municipality of Tweed will be joining municipalities across the province this fall as we prepare for the 2018 Municipal Election.

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

How do I know if my name is on the Voters' List?

A telephone call to the staff in the Municipal Office or visit to **voterlookup.ca** will 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 15, 2018 to Monday, October 22, 2018 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 on September 21, 2018.

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. Instructions are also provided in this newsletter for your convenience.



Voting Using Internet Voting–E-Vote 2018

Your **Voter Instruction Letter** will include a unique PIN number.

The system used for the 2018 municipal election online is called "Intelivote Systems Inc.". The system has been used in many municipal elections across the province and will be used by hundreds of municipalities in the 2018 election.

To vote using the online or telephone method please follow

the voter instruction letter that is provided in the mail. This step- by-step guide will help you through the process.

We also encourage residents and property owners to visit our Municipal Election page and view the frequently asked questions section about evoting. In this document you will find 21 "What If" scenarios which will help to answer any questions you may have about voting online in this election. You will also find an instructional video that demonstrates both voting processes.

Don't Forget: A Help Center is available at the Municipal Office at 255 Metcalf St. to help assist voters with using the e-vote system if required.

Be sure to bring your Voter Information Letter with you.

Community Development

Beginning in the winter the Municipality hosted an ice fishing tournament for crappie on Stoco Lake that attracted participants from all over Ontario.

In the spring the second fishing tournament for crappie took place on Stoco Lake and sold out very quickly, attracting anglers from all over the Province to come to the Municipality.

Canada Day was a huge success with perhaps the largest fireworks show to date, coupled with one of the largest crowds to date in Tweed Memorial Park.

This summer Tweed was thrilled to host the 30th Hastings County Plowing Match and Farm Show at the farm of Scott & Angela Trudeau.

Feast from Farm will take place September 9 in Tweed Memorial Park.

We invite all residents to come out and celebrate the Tweed Harvest Festival running from

September 28-30.

Mark your calendar for the annual Tweed Santa Claus Parade on December 1 on Victoria St. at 12:30 PM.

Be sure to share your fall photos on our Facebook page!



Pre-Authorized Billing-Tax / Water

The Municipality allows residents to sign up for preauthorized <u>monthly or due</u> <u>date</u> payments for taxes and water and sewer billings.

Contact the Municipal Office for details on how to enroll in pre-authorized payments being taken directly from your bank account.

You will be required to fill out a pre-authorized payment form and provide Municipal staff with a void cheque.

For payments online look for "Tweed, Municipality of' in your financial institution's list of payees. Each bank lists the payee differently. If you have trouble finding ours we suggest search just "Tweed".

Payment Options:

In person at the Municipal Office by:



- Cheque
- Debit
- By mail to Postal Bag 729, Tweed, ON KoK 3Jo.
- By internet or telephone banking through your financial institution.
- Pre-authorized payments

Tweed Public Library-Fall Events



- Thursday Movie 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 2:30pm
- Bridge Every Tuesday
 1:00pm to 4:00pm (\$2 donation)

- Knitting Group Every Friday at 2:00pm
- Lego Club 4th Saturday of every month at 11:00am
- Cookbook Club August 23rd, September 27th, October 25th, November 22nd at 12:30pm
- Quilting Group -September 28th, October 26th, November 23rd, 10:15am - 1:30pm

- Friends of the library Author Series- Jack Todd, September 27th at 7:00pm. Heather O'Neill, October 25th at 7:00pm.
- The Tweed Library presents: Claire Smith a former Olympic equestrian turned author- Thursday September 13th at 7:00pm

Important Reminder- Burning of Garbage

Fire Chief Derrick Little would like to remind all residents that as we transition to fall to use caution while open air burning.

This summer has been one of the driest on record for our region of Ontario, and fires can spread quickly if left unattended.

We would also like to highlight an ongoing issue in the Municipality which is the burning of garbage. Burning waste is not only dangerous in terms of risk for an out of control fire, but also a risk to public health. Burning of garbage produces toxic chemicals that are not meant to be inhaled by humans or animals. Out of respect for your neighbors and other community members please **do not burn your** garbage. If you suspect someone is burning garbage please call 613-921-8152.

Garbage and recycle items are to go into our Municipal Waste Site / Recycling Depot at 831 Marlbank Road.

Please remember to obtain your fire permit, either at the Municipal Office or Tweed Public Library, both located on Metcalf St. in the Village of Tweed. Burning is a privilege and all rules and regulations must be followed or your permit will be revoked.