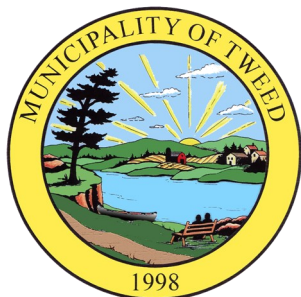


# Council Communiqué



## BURN PERMITS

The Municipality of Tweed would like to remind residents that permits are required for any outdoor burning.

Last summer much of Ontario experienced extensive burning restrictions due to extremely dry weather.

Burning conditions are posted on our website [www.tweed.ca](http://www.tweed.ca) and a notice of any burning bans will also be posted. **When a burn ban is in place there is no burning permitted, even if you hold a burning permit.**

Residents are reminded that any large burning during the day is to be called into the Fire Department before AND after the fire. Please call **613-391-8857** prior to starting your fire.

**Burn permits** are available for purchase at the Municipal Office Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. **The cost is \$10.00, and they are valid until December 31st.**

**You may also purchase burn permits at the Tweed Public Library on Saturdays 10-3.**

**REMINDER:** If your carbon monoxide detector is 7-10 years old it needs to be replaced!



## An Update From The Mayor

### 1. Budgets

On behalf of Council I am pleased to report a surplus budget for the Municipality in 2016. The majority of departments were under budget. As we develop the 2017 budget, Council has prioritized maintaining a high level of service for residents, while ensuring a fair tax rate is established. To obtain the 2016 Statement of Revenues and Expenditures visit [www.tweed.ca](http://www.tweed.ca)

### 2. Service Clubs and Organizations

Council appreciates the work that our service clubs and organizations put into our community. They are the bedrock of the Municipality and we cannot thank them enough for how they help to shape and build our community spirit. Thank you!

### 3. Strategic Planning

Council and staff, in consultation, have been developing a Comprehensive Strategic Plan for all departments. The strategic plan ensures vision and clear objectives for all municipal operations and ensures that Council is planning for future projects, opportunities and initiatives.

### 4. Spring Weather

I would like to remind residents to be prepared for emergencies and flooding situations. Prepare a 72-hour emergency kit to keep readily available at your home.

### 5. Tweed Public Library CEO

I would like to welcome our new Tweed Public Library CEO Shannon Burgess, and wish Cathy Anderson all the best in her retirement. Thank you Cathy!



### 6. Community Development Grants

We are pleased to have received \$118,250 for an Arena Energy Retro Fit, \$25,312 for a Farm to Table Community Celebration, \$5,000 for marketing, \$2,800 for a hydration station at the Arena, and \$70,750 to revitalize the Stoco Lake Boat Launch. For more news from our Community Development Department visit [www.tweed.ca](http://www.tweed.ca)

### 7. Wastewater Grant

The Municipality received \$75,000 from the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund for replacing the backup pump and generator at the River St. Pumping Station.

### 8. Thank You To Public Works

Thank you to our Public Works Department for keeping our roads safe and clear during this very active winter season.

### 9. Official Plan Update

Hastings County Planning Department is undertaking an update of our Official Plan in 2017.

## Community Development Update

The Municipality of Tweed has been put on the map as a destination for signature events. From sold out fishing tournaments, to foodie events; the Community Development Department has been busy focusing its efforts on destination marketing for the municipality, not just in the summer months, but as a year round destination.

Of course, events such as the Tweed Tribute to Elvis Festival, the Tweed Stampede & Jamboree, the Tweed Agricultural Fair, the Tweed Festival of Trees, and the Tweed & Area Studio Tour add to the long list of great events happening in our backyard all year long.



Two large projects will be completed this year with assistance from Canada's 150th Community Infrastructure Grants.

The energy retrofit project will begin this spring at the Tweed-Hungerford Community Centre.

The revitalization of the Tweed Boat Launch will begin in October of this year.

Be sure to visit our website often at [www.tweed.ca](http://www.tweed.ca) for all upcoming events and news.



## Quinte Waste Solutions Update

In 2016, Tweed residents kept over 335 metric tonnes out of landfills by participating in the blue box program!

We would like to thank the residents of Tweed for participating in the Battery Buddy pilot program. Residents recycled thousands of batteries last year through this pilot study.

Electronic waste, or e-waste, will no longer be collected at our hazardous waste collection events. Residents are now asked to take electronic waste to the e-waste bin at the Tweed landfill.

After being told by re-manufacturers that black plastic was not being recycled, we had to let residents know that black plastic is not accepted in the blue box. Unfortunately it is just garbage. Try to avoid purchasing this material if at all possible.

Stay up-to-date with the recycling program by visiting [www.quinterecycling.org](http://www.quinterecycling.org).



### Kiwanis Trash Bash

**April 22nd 8:00AM-12:00PM**

**Tweed Memorial Park**



**Municipality of Tweed  
255 Metcalf Street  
Postal Bag 729  
Tweed, ON  
K0K 3J0**

**Phone: 613-478-2535  
Fax: 613-478-6457  
Website:  
[www.tweed.ca](http://www.tweed.ca)**

## Protecting Your Well

Eastern Ontario experienced one of the driest summers on record last year. The lack of precipitation led to low level water advisories issued by numerous conservation authorities across the province. Though low level warnings have ended, there has been an impact on groundwater.

As a result of the lack of precipitation, groundwater levels reached lows that we have not seen in many years. Water shortages can and did occur across Eastern Ontario as a result.

Groundwater levels are usually highest during April, and then gradually decline until early fall. With a lack of precipitation it is not unusual to experience well issues. If you experience well issues for the first time you should first check your pump and pressure system for mechanical failure. You should also check your water level and record water levels in your well.

Well owners are obliged to maintain wells on their properties, and, if you are experiencing issues, have a licensed well contractor do the necessary repairs.

If your water shortage is temporary an above-ground water storage tank can provide short-term relief. Always be sure to check that the source of the water to be stored is potable, and test it regularly. Water testing bottles are always available at the Municipal Office.

## Canada 150 – Farm to Table Dinner

The Municipality of Tweed received a grant from the Ontario 150 Community Celebration Program to host a Community Dinner on Metcalf St on **Saturday, July 22, 2017.**

The Farm to Table dinner is a culinary event celebrating and promoting agri-tourism and “foodie” tourism in the Municipality of Tweed.

Metcalf St. will be closed and transformed into a farm to fork foodie experience where the community can come together to celebrate our local food and Canada’s 150th birthday.

This event will be the epitome of what a community can do while celebrating the best our region has to offer.

We hope you will join us this July!



## Tweed Public Library

The Tweed Public Library welcomes Shannon Burgess as new CEO, and Niki Dodd as Program Developer. For any questions, or to sign up for upcoming programs you can reach Niki at [nikidodd39@gmail.com](mailto:nikidodd39@gmail.com) or call the Library at 613-478-1066.

As March Break approaches the Tweed Public Library will be hosting a number of programs including the following:

**Wednesday March 15th—10:30—12:00  
Painting with Toothpicks**

**Thursday March 16th—2:30-4:00  
Collage Craft for Kids**

**Friday March 17th 11:00-12:30  
St. Patrick’s Day games and leprechaun magnet craft.**

**Saturday March 18th 11:00-12:00 The Salamander Man will be at the Library to talk about conservation and children will be allowed to interact with various sized salamanders!**

**NEW: Every other Thursday at 2:30 PM a movie will be shown with free popcorn and drinks!**

[www.tweedlibrary.ca](http://www.tweedlibrary.ca)



**GET YOUR 2017 DOG TAGS!**– Dog tags are available at the Municipal Office, 255 Metcalf St, for \$15.00 until April 1st. After that the price increases to \$45.00 per tag.