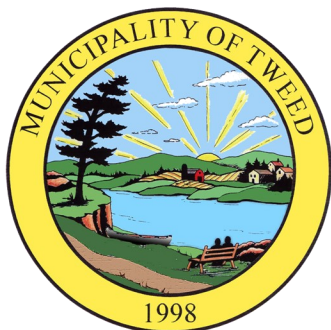


# Council Communiqué



## Building Permits

All construction requires a building permit to be obtained from the Building Department (BISB).

The BISB is our Building Inspection Services Department who service five municipalities throughout Hastings County.

The Building Official is in the Tweed Office **Mondays from 2-4 PM and Wednesdays from 9-11 AM.**

Those constructing or renovating without a permit are subject to an administration fee, and a possible double permit fee.

### BURN PERMITS

Permits are \$10 and can be purchased Monday-Friday at the Municipal Office. If you need to obtain a permit on Saturday you may do so at the Tweed Public Library from 10 AM-3 PM.

## Waste Site Hours

Tuesday 9 AM -5 PM

Wednesday  
1-5 PM (Nov.—Apr.)  
1-8 PM (May—Oct.)

Saturday 9 AM- 5 PM

**PLEASE ENSURE YOUR  
LOAD IS SECURE!**

## From The Mayor's Desk

Looking back on 2017 it was one of the busiest years we have had with Canada 150 events happening almost weekly in the Municipality.

Overall, we are looking forward to 2018, and Council has many objectives to achieve this year.

Volunteers continue to amaze us with their support, creativity, and community spirit. I am in awe of how many dedicated people we have volunteering at the numerous events occurring throughout our Municipality. I cannot begin to thank you enough for being the cornerstone of what it means to be from Tweed!

Early this year we were able to secure funds to complete a rehabilitation of Victoria Street and our downtown core. Council is looking forward to the completion of this much-needed project.

Our website has an improved Business Directory. Business owners can now login and change their own content as often as required. If you are operating a business in the Municipality of Tweed please ensure you have your listing on our website and keep the information current.

We hosted a Black Crappie Fishing Tournament this winter on Stoco Lake. The tournament was sold out early and brought many people out for a



day of awesome adventure on the lake.

Staff have put together a welcome package for new residents of the Municipality that can be picked up at the Municipal Office. The package contains information about everything a new resident should be aware of including businesses, waste removal, hours of operation, and also includes information about the surrounding region.

As spring approaches we would like to remind all residents to be prepared for possible flooding. Please visit [quinteconservation.ca](http://quinteconservation.ca) for updates on flood information for our area.

## Victoria Street Rehabilitation

Tweed received a \$1,325,000 grant from the Connecting Link Program to rehabilitate Victoria St. this spring. The project includes the road surface, sidewalks, gutters, and catch basins.

In addition to this funding, the Municipality has also received \$41,000 from the Province of Ontario for main street revitalization that will be used to enhance the facades of local businesses.

During construction residents are advised to follow all signage posted on site, and obey speed limits.

This is a major project that has been identified in our Municipal Asset Management Plan for a number of years. With the volume of traffic on this

section of Provincial highway, which is legislated to be maintained by the Municipality, we are pleased to have Provincial support to complete this project.



**Facilities are available for your next meeting or gathering.** Call or email Zita at 613-478-2535 ([zitag@twp.tweed.on.ca](mailto:zitag@twp.tweed.on.ca)) to inquire about what facilities are available for you.

## 2018 Is A Municipal Election Year

### Municipal Act Amendment

#### Tax Arrears

Please be advised that in 2017 **Section 373 (1)** of the *Municipal Act, 2001* was amended as follows:

“Where any part of tax arrears is owing with respect to land in a municipality on January 1st in the second year following that in which the real property taxes become owing, the Treasurer of the Municipality, unless otherwise directed by the Municipality, may prepare and register a tax arrears certificate against the title to that land.”

This amendment means that municipalities may now register tax arrears certificates against a property on January 1 when a property has accumulated two years of tax arrears as opposed to the three-year limitation in the older version of the Act.

For more information on this amendment or to arrange a payment schedule please contact our office at your earliest opportunity.

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 1, 2018. Any qualified elector is eligible to be a candidate. A Nomination Form must be filed in the office of the Clerk 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](http://www.tweed.ca) and from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs at [www.mah.gov.on.ca](http://www.mah.gov.on.ca). Tweed will be utilizing Internet and Telephone Voting for the 2018 Municipal Election. Watch the local papers for municipal election advertising. More information will also be available on our website regarding forms, candidates, and how to vote as the election period draws near.



### Water Consumption

Property owners are reminded that they are responsible for all water consumption at their properties. Make sure that all outside taps are shut off when not in use. Regularly check water lines for drips or leaks and check all toilets for continual running water.

If you are leaving your property for a long period of time, shut off the water supply inside or have someone check your home on a regular basis.

If you have tenants in your building, respond quickly to requests to fix any water leaks that might occur. Water meters are read every three months so water and sewer charges can accumulate quickly in the event that a leak develops during that period. Vigilance on your part can help conserve our water supply and save you money.

As of July 1, 2017 the overage rate for water and sewer service became the same price as the regular rate.

For the average resident who does not use more than their allotted 36 cubic meters of water each quarter, you will not notice any overage on your quarterly bill.

Prior to the change, the overage rate for water and sewer was reduced after a resident had met their allowance. Regardless of how much water is used at a residence, the cost to the municipality remains the same for each cubic meter of treated water serviced to all homes and businesses. This billing change is necessary as a cost recovery measure for the Municipality.



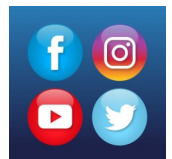
### Follow Us On Social Media

The Municipality of Tweed maintains Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, and Instagram pages to keep residents up to date on what is happening in the Municipality.

The social media platforms are also used as promotional tools to draw visitors and families to our region of Ontario.

You can connect with us at the following locations:

Facebook: [tweedontario](https://www.facebook.com/tweedontario) | Twitter: [@tweedontario](https://twitter.com/tweedontario) | Instagram: [tweedontario](https://www.instagram.com/tweedontario)



#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

The Municipality of Tweed is able to issue income tax receipts for donations to Municipal projects. Several recreation projects that are ongoing are eligible for an income tax receipt.

**GET YOUR 2018 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.

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