

OFFICE NEWS

While the office remains closed, staff is still on site. We ask that tax payers please minimize their attendance at the office, and call ahead with any requests so staff can be prepared for your arrival. This request is to help minimize everyone's exposure. We have masks and hand sanitizer available for your use if you do need to enter the office.

LANDFILL NEWS

Landfill Hours

Fall Hours for the Landfill will begin on October 1st

Hours will be

Wednesdays 12-5 Saturdays 9-5

October 1st - March 31st

Tentative Share Shed Opening

Tarbutt & Johnson Township Councils have set a tentative reopening date for the share shed of September 5th. Please remember to wear a mask. Items taken from the share shed are done so at your own risk. Items are not sanitized by staff when left at the share shed.

Thank You to Our Volunteers

Tarbutt Township Council would like to send out a sincere thank you to the local Mennonite Community in both Tarbutt and Johnson Townships for volunteering their expertise, hard work and donating materials to build the new Share Shed extension at the Johnson and Tarbutt Landfill site.

They would also like to thank Keith Stobie of Stobie Mechanical who volunteered his time and equipment to have the trusses delivered to the landfill site.

And another Thank You to our Landfill Volunteer Lois Charron and Staff Lynda Boucher and Charlie Stobie for their endless hours spent organizing the share shed and making the share shed extension a reality. The more waste that is diverted from the landfill the longer we will be able to operate at the current location.

We are so fortunate to have such caring and giving residents in our community.

Summer Student

Council would like to thank Kaija Karhi for her hard work and dedication this summer.

She has kept up with the rapidly growing grass at all of the Municipally maintained properties as well as helping the Roads department and doing some administrative work. This is the second summer that Kaija has worked for the Township. We wish her all the best in the future.

Animals at Large

The Township has seen an ongoing issue with animals at large this summer. Both pets and livestock. Council is asking residents to please be mindful of your neighbours and always have care and control of your animals.

In accordance with By-law 16-2014 a by-law that regulates the control of animals (Excluding Dogs which are covered under a separate by-law) within the Township Section 4.1 of the by-law states that "Any animal running at large contrary to the provisions of this By-law may be seized and impounded by the Animal Control Officer" Furthermore section 4.5.2 states that "The owner pays an administrative fee of \$500 along with all fines and fees prescribed by this by-law that may be applicable as set forth in schedule "A" to this by-law" in addition the owner is responsible for all impound fees that may be incurred with the Humane Society. Owners must also take into account the liability that they take on when their animals are at large, reoccurring incidents only increase owner liability.

Aggressive Dog Incidents & Dogs Running At Large

The Township has also had several complaints about incidents involving dogs at large, incessantly barking dogs and aggressive dog behavior.

All Dogs over 6 months of age that reside in the Township are required to be licensed yearly by March 31st

In accordance to by-law 6-2013 that regulates the licensing, registration and care and control of dogs and for prohibiting the running at large of dogs. Section 8(1) states that a dog which is found running at large contrary to the provisions of this by-law may be seized and impounded in the 'pound' Dog owners are required to pay any fees that are incurred at the Humane Society when they retrieve their dog.

Council has also dealt with several incidents of aggressive dog behavior in the Township. Council is asking that you please be mindful of others and remember to have care and control of your dogs at all times. Most of these incidents occur when residents are walking on the roadways. Even if you feel your dog wouldn't hurt anyone you still need to always have care and control of your dog. Keeping in mind your liability as a dog owner if your dog were to attack someone.

Roads

Barr Road South from Highway 17 to Lakeshore Drive and Smith Road from Highway 17 to just past Government Road are being hard surfaced. Please be aware of loose gravel and slow down when meeting other vehicles.

Back To School

September 8th means back to school for many children. Buses will be out in full force and little ones will be excited to go back and see their friends after a very long March Break. Please remember to give children waiting at the end of driveways extra room while driving by and always stop for school buses. Council and Staff are wishing everyone a safe and healthy return to school this fall.