



Wollaston Township Community News & Events

MAY 2021

Office Hours

The Wollaston Township office will be closed to the public until further notice. We are answering inquiries Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am-4pm, by phone at 613-337-5731, or by fax at 613-337-5789, as well as via email to office@wollaston.ca.

Information Updates

Interim Tax Notices have been mailed out, and the second installment will be due on **May 21st**, 2021.

The May Council Meeting will be held on Monday May 10th, at 3pm.

Municipal information is available 24/7 on our website, www.wollaston.ca, and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/wollastontownship. To receive your tax bill electronically, please download the Tax Notice Email Consent form from www.wollaston.ca/township-hall/applications-licenses-and-permits/

Wollaston Township is not affiliated with the “What’s Happening Wollaston” newsletter, or Facebook page.

The **Water Tap** is open for use 24/7, and can be found at 90 Wollaston Lake Road, on the south wall of the Roads building. Please follow instructions located at the tap.

The **Beach, Rink/Pavilion** and **Playground** and the **Boat Launch** are open. Please note, the public bathrooms remain closed, as well as the changeroom.

Good Food Bags

Good Food bags can be ordered and paid for (by cash) at the Wollaston Public Library before May 20th, 2021. Vegetable Bags are \$10.00 each, and Fruit Bags are \$5.00 each. You will receive a call once orders arrive at St. Andrew United Church, on June 1st, at approximately 3:30pm. For all questions, please contact Sue Mowers at (613) 337-5339.

Wollaston Public Library

Wollaston Library is open for curb-side pickup! Please call (613) 337-5183 or email wollaston.public.library@gmail.com to schedule a pick-up or exchange. Not sure what to check out? You can browse the online catalogue at: <http://wollastonpubliclibrary.ca/elibrary/library-catalogue/>

Spring Vehicle Safety

Ontario winters can be hard on vehicles. The cold temperatures, snow, slush, salt, and road grit can cause accelerated wear and tear on a vehicle. Check things like your fluid levels, brakes, and wiper blades to make sure everything is in good working order. If you are not a mechanically inclined, many garages have affordable spring tune up packages. Please also beware of soft gravel shoulders which are freshly thawed and keep in mind that as the weather warms up more children, cyclists and motorcyclists will be out enjoying the sun.

Keep our roads safe for everyone!

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day

The first **Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Day** of 2021 is on **Saturday May 8th**, from 9:30am – 2:30pm. It is located at the Faraday Public Works Yard (29860A-B Hwy 28 South) and has no cost to dispose of hazardous waste. Please be advised that gasoline containers, propane tanks and oil containers (unless completely empty) are considered hazardous waste. You must bring your waste site card to enter.

Be Bear Wise

Bears waking up from hibernation are faced with a lack of natural food sources, so they look for food in garbage cans and bird feeders instead. When bears are caught off guard, they feel stressed and typically want to flee. It is important that if you come across a bear that you do not panic and remain calm.

Additionally, you can find great information online at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/prevent-conflicts-wildlife>

Do...

Back away from the bear but keep it in your sight and wait for it to leave. If the bear does not leave then throw objects, wave your arms, and make as much noise as you can. If a building or vehicle is nearby get inside as a precaution. It is also best to drop and leave any food you are carrying.

Do Not...

Kneel, squat, run, make direct eye contact, climb a tree, or enter water. Never approach a bear or attempt to feed a bear.

You can prevent bears from visiting by...

- Storing garbage in waste containers with tight-fitting lids (indoors if possible)
- Putting away bird feeders for the spring
- Cleaning food residue and grease from outdoor barbecue grills after each use
- Keeping pet food indoors

Bears that enter your community are not necessarily a threat, but it is important to know who to call if you encounter a bear. For non-emergencies, the province operates a toll-free Bear Wise reporting line (from April 1st to November 30th each year) at 1-866-514-2327. If a bear is posing an immediate threat by exhibiting threatening or aggressive behaviour, remain calm and call 911.

Fire Department

As we enter Spring, we are hoping to remind stakeholders that while yard clean-up is a great method of exercise and home maintenance, please be extra cautious when burning brush. Please follow directions on our signage, our Facebook page and township website. **We do not issue fire permits.** Burning is only permitted from 7pm to 7am from April 1st until October 31st unless a Fire Ban is in effect.

All fires must be tended by someone capable of extinguishing it and have the materials at the fire site to put it out should it become unmanageable. Materials being burnt must be less than 1 metre high and 1 metre in diameter. Please also be aware of wind conditions which will quickly spread a fire to trees and grass.

Be in the Know

Covid-19 Updates for Hastings County

<https://hpepublichealth.ca/the-novel-coronavirus-2019ncov/>

Covid-19 Updates from the Province

<https://covid-19.ontario.ca/index.html>