

February 2021

Animals

NOTICE: Bylaw 43-2017 subsection 4.1 states No person who owns or keeps a dog or allows it to stay in the owner's premises shall allow such dog to bark excessively or howl excessively.

Pet owners lets all do our part to keep Hepburn a peaceful community!



The deer are causing issues in town; such as barking dogs, and destroying trees and plants in residents yards. Please do not encourage the deer to stay in town by feeding them.

Property Taxes

2021 discount for paying taxes between January 1st and July 31st is 6%! This discount applies to all amounts paid towards the **2021 municipal portion** of taxes during this time.

Also, did you know that you can pay your taxes monthly? This can be done by dividing the 2021 levy by the number of months that you wish to pay it in. Payments can be made online, in office, or by postdated cheques. Contact the Town office with any questions or for assistance.

Masks

The Town Office has received complaints of masks being left on the roadways. Please dispose of your masks properly.



Civic Services during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Town Office is open to the public; however, please continue to utilize online and contactless options when possible. Please do NOT visit the town office if you are feeling unwell. Residents and customers are encouraged to carry out transactions electronically such as online banking. Cheques may also be dropped off in the drop slot at the Town Office.

2021 Census

Be it resolved that:

The Council of the Corporation of Town of Hepburn supports the 2021 Census, and encourages all residents to complete their census questionnaire online at www.census.gc.ca.

Our municipal funding is population based; therefore, accurate and complete census data support programs and services that benefit our community.

Statistics Canada will be hiring approximately 32,000 people across the country to assist with census collection. To apply go to: https://census.gc.ca/jobs-emplois-eng.htm

Emergency Measures Organization

Hepburn has implemented an EMO committee. This group is dedicated to making plans and implementing measures to ensure community safety in times of emergency. We are looking for a few more volunteers to join. The committee is hoping to meet in March 2021, if this is something that is of interest to you, please contact the Town Office.

SNOW REMOVAL

If there is a significant snowfall, please remove vehicles parked on the streets to allow Public Works Staff to pass by with equipment easily. Also, please remove garbage & recycle carts from the streets as soon as possible after it gets picked up. Remember it is the responsibility of the residents and business owners to clear the snow from the sidewalks in front of their property.

Council Highlights

In 2020 the total interest earned on the reserve savings bank account was **\$28,443.31**. Council allocated this revenue to the Lagoon reserve. The lagoon reserve will be utilitzed for future upgrades and repairs to the lagoon.

The Council orientation and training has been postponed due to COVID-19.

Council is starting to prepare for the 2021 budget.

Next Regular Council Meeting: February 16, 2021