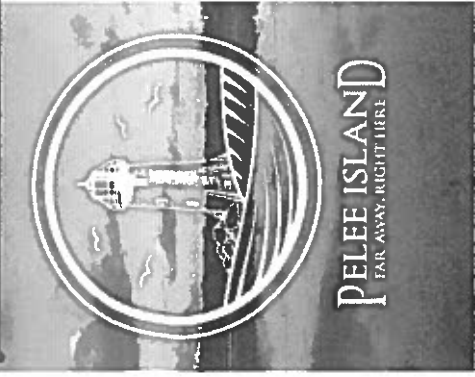




Community News

Pelee App - Now Available for Download



The Pelee Island Tourism Committee, Council and the Municipality have created an App to serve as a Digital Tourism and On Island Information Centre.

We encourage everyone to download and share the app.

The Municipality will use the Apps Notification system to send out Emergency alerts and pertinent info affecting residents and visitors.

Please accept push notifications if you would like to be alerted and expect to see a red symbol beside the app icon if a notification was sent.

If you would like to see your Business, B&B, Cottage Rental, Service, or Organization listed on the App please contact the Municipal Office for details.

Stay Informed

The Township of Pelee will be giving updates on Blue Green Algae, beach closures, emergency situations, Council and/or special meetings via Twitter. This is a valuable tool to ensure residents stay informed of water conditions and other Township items. To receive updated texts to your cell phone: Text: [Follow townofpelee](https://www.pelee.org) to **21212** today!

Blue Green Algae

Please visit www.pelee.org for an updated version of the Blue Green Algae Factsheet.

Keep up to date with what's going on in the Community. Visit the Township of Pelee website at www.pelee.org. Here you will find information about the community, notices, applications, activities, fact sheets and so much more. Under the "Municipality" tab you can view: by-laws, council meeting schedules and access council agendas and minutes, look up tax information, and learn about the various committees that assist council and provide opportunities for community involvement and participation.

Trailer Permits

Trailers within the Township of Pelee In accordance with By-Law 2016-22, all trailer owners, including those exempt from fees, are required to submit an application annually. Failure to do so can result in financial penalties. For further information regarding this By-Law, visit the Municipality website www.pelee.org, or contact the Townshin Office at 519-774-7931.

Drain Maintenance Charges

Please note that 2016 drain maintenance charges that remain unpaid after June 30, 2017 have been added on to the 2017 Final Tax Bill.

Emergency Preparedness

Hazards

Learn about the hazards most common to your area and know what to do for each hazard. These actions may save your life.

Flood

- Stay away from moving water
- Turn off utilities at the main switches or valves (if instructed to do so)
- Move to higher ground if there is a possibility of a flash flood

Tornado

- Go to a basement, safe room or the centre of an interior room
- Get under a sturdy table and use your arms to protect your head and neck
- If you are outside, go to the nearest sturdy building or shelter, or lay flat in a ditch and cover your head with your hands

Winter Storm

- Stay indoors and keep your pets inside
- Run a trickle of water to prevent pipes from freezing
- If you are outside, dress appropriately for the weather and check for frostbite regularly

Power Outage

- Use a battery powered or crank radio to listen for updates
- Use glow sticks or flashlights to see> Keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible
- If you are outdoors, never go near or touch a fallen power line

Species at Risk

The Environmental Advisory Committee would like to share some important information with Islanders. Please visit the website below for information about best mowing practices for monarch butterflies. <http://monarchjointventure.org/images/uploads/documents/MowingForMonarchs.pdf>

Please visit the website below for information about the impact of site alterations on snakes http://www.pelee.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/2016-04_Landowner-ESH-

Municipal Tax Considerations

Farmland Classification

If you are a farmer and your tax bill does not reflect a farm classification it is likely that you did not file your annual Farm Registration Form with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) prior to the deadline. If you did not file your form or you filed it late, MPAC classifies your property as residential and it is taxed at a residential rate.

The process to correct this oversight can take one full year. The farm owner must first contact the Farm Rebate Office at OMAFRA and discuss with them any changes that may have occurred on the property and the reason why they have not filed. Farm Rebate will then determine if the property qualifies as a farm and if there are any corrections to be made. Applications will still need to be completed. The Farm Rebate office will then inform MPAC of any adjustments.

To contact OMAFRA you can call 1-800-469-2285 or visit their website at www.omafra.gov.on.ca for more information. The Township is NOT able to complete the application or deal with OMAFRA on your behalf.

Assessment Questions or Concerns

For assessment questions or concerns please contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-MPAC or visit their website at www.mpac.ca.

Request for Reconsideration (RfR's):

These applications can be downloaded from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) website at www.mpac.ca, or by contacting the Municipal Office. The applications are to be submitted to MPAC directly by March 31st of each tax year.

Vacancy Rebates

(Commercial & Industrial Properties Only):

To qualify for this rebate the property must be assessed in either the commercial or industrial property tax class and must have been vacant for at least 90 consecutive days (not including seasonal operation of businesses). More information in regards to eligibility requirements and application forms can be obtained through the Municipal Tax Department.

Tax Billing and Installment Due Dates:

Two tax bills are mailed out each calendar year. Each of these bills has two payment due dates.

Interim Tax Bill (mailed in January)

- *February 28th of the current year for installment #1
- *May 31st of the current year for installment #2

Final Tax Bill (mailed in July)

- *August 31st of the current year for installment # 3
- *November 30th of the current year for installment # 4

Payment Options:

You may pay your property taxes by using one of the following options:

- 1) Cheque made out to "Township of Pelee".
- 2) Post-dated cheques for installment dates; please note that ALL cheques must be filled out with dates and amounts. The Township will not fill in monetary values or dates.

Instructions for Sending an Email Money Transfer:

If you would like to make a payment to the Township of Pelee via email there are a few simple steps to take.

1. Your account will need to be set up for online banking;
2. Enter into your online banking account;
3. Under transaction options, select the option for sending an e-transfer;
4. You will need to add Township of Pelee as a recipient. To complete this you will be required to...
 - a. Enter a recipient name, "Township of Pelee";
 - b. Enter email address for recipient, m.feltz@pelee.ca
5. Now you will be able to send an e-transfer by selecting "Township of Pelee" when prompted to select a recipient;
6. After selecting a recipient you will be asked to select the account from which you would like the funds to be withdrawn;
7. Next you will be prompted to enter the amount you wish to transfer;
8. Final portion will be to enter a question that will provide a "hint" for the recipient to know the password. The "hint" should be, "street name";
9. You will be asked to input a password. The password should be the street name of the Pelee Island property associated with the payment, written in the form of one word without the inclusion of the word "road", all lowercase;
10. The final step is to send the transfer.

Penalties

Tax penalties and interest are assessed the day following the due date and the first of each month thereafter at a rate of 1.25%. (*Note: July interest and penalties on outstanding taxes will not appear on the 2017 Final Tax Bill)

Failure to receive a tax or water bill does not excuse a taxpayer from the responsibility of payment nor remove any liability for late payment charges. It is the responsibility of the taxpayer to ensure the Township has the correct mailing address and owner information.

Pelee Island Transfer Station

Open

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 a.m. to Noon
Saturday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Canada and U.S. Holiday Mondays 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

NEW! Fees and Charges NEW!

Fridge/ Freezer (w/ Freon)	\$ 50.00
Fridge/Freezer (w/o Freon)	\$ 25.00
Car	\$200.00
Solid Waste Per Bag	\$ 3.00
Bulk Waste Per Cubic Yard	\$ 40.00