



Mayor’s Message

Happy New Year! Just like many of you, Council began 2024 with some review and reflection on the past year and goal setting for the coming year. As one of the smallest municipalities in all of Ontario, the Township of Pelee continues to do much with little, and a lot of determination, and delivering Council’s vision for growth while not exhausting limited resources requires focus and planning. Our Council Term Plan as well as many other guiding documents, policies and by-laws are posted at pelee.org. Questions? Concerns? Comments? Get in touch at <https://www.pelee.org/municipality/council/submit-a-question-or-suggestion/>.

Stay Informed!

Visit the Township of Pelee website at www.pelee.org. Here you will find information about the community, including notices, applications, activities, fact sheets, and more. Under the “Municipality” tab you can view:

- council meeting dates, agendas and minutes
- committees of council information
- property tax information
- by-laws
- building permit information
- public notices, community events and more

Additionally, keep up to date with the municipality’s official social media pages for emergencies, road alerts, and other notices.

Facebook: Township of Pelee
Twitter: @TownOfPelee

For emergency situations related to health and personal safety, please call 911.

2024 Annual Pelee Island Pheasant Hunt

Main hunts will occur on the following dates for the 2024 season:

- October 24th – 26th, 2024*
- October 31st – November 2nd, 2024*
- November 7th – 9th, 2024*

Three cleanup hunts will follow *November 14th-16th, 21st-23rd, 28th-30th.*

For further details please visit www.pelee.org.

Charges, Permits & Fees Reminder

Dog Licenses

In accordance with By-Law 2023-22 all dogs within the municipality must be licensed. Licenses are available at the Municipal Office. Your best friend deserves to be identified with a municipal license so that we can help him/her get home if lost.

Golf Car Permits

Permits are **required** and must be renewed **annually**. Please contact the Township Office for more details (519-724-2931).
Or visit our webpage for permit requirements.
<https://www.pelee.org/community-2/golf-cars/>

Water Fees

Water will be invoiced quarterly in *March, June, September & December*. These fees are in relation to those with direct water hook ups with East and West Shore Water. Bulk water customers will receive monthly invoices.

Parking Passes

2023/2024 Seasonal Parking Passes are valid from March 31, 2023 to May 31 2024. 2023/2024 Winter Parking Passes are valid from November 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024. Parking passes for 2024/2025 will be made available for purchase in March. Passes will be available at the municipal office, Scudder Marina, East Park Campground and online at www.pelee.org.

Drainage Charges

Please be advised that the Township of Pelee will be mailing invoices in the coming months for 2023 pump operating costs and the following projects that were completed under the Ontario Drainage Act. All charges less than \$50 or that remain unpaid after the due date will be added to the final tax bill.

- 2023 Big Marsh Pump Operating Cost – North and West Pump Station Operations
- 2023 Curry Marsh Pump Operating Cost
- Big Marsh Drain No. 4 and Patsy-Carter Outlet Drain Maintenance Project – the majority of the work is completed with some restoration planned in the Spring of 2024.
- Big Marsh Drain No 1 – Bank Repairs – The Township completed bank repairs along Center Dyke Road in the spring of 2023. This project will be split between the Township road, lands and roads assessed for the Big Marsh Drain No.1. This will be an annual program to continue bank repairs in order to stabilize the banks and protect the road.
- Hamel Drain Extension - This project consists of the reconstruction of the Hamel Drain Extension along the west side of Henderson Road from north of Ruggles Run to the outlet into Hamel Drain. The project included the excavation of a new drain and culvert replacements along Henderson Road. The majority of the work was completed in 2023 with minor restoration being required in spring of 2024.

Please contact the Township of Pelee if there are any issues or future drainage projects required in your area.

Municipal Tax Considerations

Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program

If your property is part of a farming operation and the tax bill does not reflect a farm classification it is likely that you did not file the applicable forms with Agricorp prior to the deadline. If you did not file a form or you filed it late, Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (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 Agricorp to discuss any changes that may have occurred on the property and the reasons for not filing. Agricorp will then determine if the property qualifies as a farm and if there are any corrections to be made.

The process:

- You buy or make ownership changes to farmland or a tenant farmer.
- You return a completed application to Agricorp.
- Agricorp sends confirmation of approval to you and MPAC.
- MPAC notifies your municipality.
- The municipality applies the farm property class tax rate to your property tax bill for the next calendar year. Municipal taxes will need to be paid as billed until the classification is changed and then if a reduction is granted, the municipality will apply the reduction to future taxation as directed by MPAC.

Agricorp Contact Information:

Telephone: 1-888-247-4999

Email: contact@agricorp.com

Website: www.agricorp.com

Assessment Questions or Concerns:

For assessment questions or concerns please contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) at 1-866-296-MPAC (6722) or visit their website at www.mpac.ca.

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

***February 28th** of the current year for installment #1

***May 31st** of the current year for installment #2

Final Tax Bill

***August 31st** of the current year for installment #3

***November 30th** of the current year for installment #4

Payment Options:

1. Telephone and/or internet banking options offered by your financial institution.
2. US wire transfers, please contact the office to obtain necessary information.
3. Email money transfers (for CDN banking institutions). *Call the Municipal Office for instructions, if assistance is required.*
4. Cheques made out to "Township of Pelee".
5. Post-dated cheques for installment dates; please note that ALL cheques must be filled out with dates and amounts.

Emergency Management

Winter storms

Winter storms kill more Canadians than tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning, floods and hurricanes combined.

Safety tips

- Avoid unnecessary travel.
- Wear layers of lightweight clothing, mittens and a hat (preferably one that covers your ears).
- Wear waterproof, insulated boots to keep your feet warm and dry and to keep from slipping on ice and snow.
- Regularly check for frostbite — numbness or white areas on your face and body (ears, nose, cheeks, hands and feet in particular).
- Avoid overexertion when shoveling snow by taking frequent breaks.
- Bring pets inside and move livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

Prepare now

Take the following steps so you and your household are prepared in the event of an emergency:

- Build an emergency preparedness kit in case a power outage or winter conditions prevent you from being able to leave your home. Your kit should include items like:
 - a flashlight
 - non-perishable food, water
 - extra blankets and warm clothes
- Winterize your home to retain heat:
 - insulate walls and attics
 - weather-strip doors and windows
 - install storm windows or cover windows with plastic
 - shut off your outdoor water or insulate your outdoor pipes
- Clean heating equipment and chimneys
- Trim branches hanging over your house or vehicle
- Stock up on salt to prevent falls on your driveway or sidewalk

Fire Safety

Take C.H.A.R.G.E. of Battery Safety.

The best way to be safe is to prevent a lithium-ion battery fire from starting. Take these important actions now.



C Choose certified products.

H Handle with care.

A Always stay alert for warning signs.

R Recycle devices and batteries properly.

G Get out quickly if there's a fire.

E Educate others on safe practices.

For more information on battery fire safety please visit <https://batteryfiresafety.org/>