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Mayor's Message

Starting off the summer season with good news! Visitation to Pelee Island is up considerably against last year and pre-pandemic levels. Interest in building and improving spaces on the island is also up with a significant increase in building permits. The Township has expanded services to better support current residents and manage responsible growth into the future. To understand Council's priorities please review the 2022-2026 Council Term Plan at pelee.org which is built on the following vision statement and mission.

Vision Statement: Pelee Island is a growing community that allows residents and small business owners the opportunity to pursue a unique quality of life.

Mission: Foster economic sustainability by actively increasing the number of residents and small businesses on Pelee Island.

Get in touch at 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
X: @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:
October 24th – 26th, 2024
October 31st – November 2nd, 2024
November 7th – 9th, 2024

Three cleanup hunts will follow in November on the 14th-16th, 21st-23rd, and 28th-30th, 2024.

The Township of Pelee will have a limited number of "No Trespassing / No Hunting" signs available to property owners of Pelee Island this year. Stay tuned for more details.



NEW in 2024

Trailer By-Law 2024-08

Trailers located within the Township of Pelee, and not assessed under the Assessment Act or defined as Stored Trailers (per By-Law 2024-08), must be licensed.

Only trailers licensed and located on previously registered properties during 2023 are eligible for licensing in 2024 & 2025. If you had a permit in 2023, you may submit a Trailer Licence Registration Form, available at the Municipal Office or by email.

Road Crossing Policy

In July 2024, a new Private and Utility Road Crossing Policy was approved.

The purpose of the policy is to provide approval for private road crossings for private water services, and outlets for private drainage systems to allow Pelee residents the ability to develop on their properties while protecting the road surfaces, shoulders, ditches and municipal drains; and to provide approvals for installations of road crossings for utility lines within the Township's Right of Way to assist the Township in developing the municipality.

For more information visit:
www.pelee.org/municipality/policies/

Charges, Permits & Fees Reminder

Fees and Charges

2024 updated fees and charges are available on pelee.org

Golf Car Permits

Permits are **required** and must be renewed **annually**. Please contact the Municipal Office for more details or visit pelee.org for permit requirements.

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

2024/2025 Seasonal Parking Passes are valid until May 31 2025. 2024/2025 Winter Parking Passes are valid from November 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025. Passes will be available at the Municipal Office, Scudder Marina, and East Park Campground and online at www.pelee.org.

Drainage Charges

The Big Marsh and Curry Marsh annual operation maintenance invoices over \$50 have been mailed. The due date is August 15, 2024. Outstanding amounts will be added to the property tax account after this date. Any amounts under \$50 will be added to the final tax bill for the applicable property. 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.



Phone: 519-724-2931

Email: info@pelee.ca

Website: www.pelee.org

Address: 1045 West Shore Road
Pelee Island, NOR 1M0

Building & Planning

Are you interested in building a new structure on your property, renovating or expanding an existing building or purchasing a new property? We are here to help provide the necessary information to make this a reality.

Did you know that buildings that do not require a building permit must still comply with the regulations of the Zoning By-Law for such things as setbacks and coverage? For more information on building sheds, outbuildings or accessory structures including where they can be on your property and what you can do with the building, please reach out to Danielle Truax, Community Services Manager with questions regarding property and building on Pelee Island at danielle.truax@pelee.ca

Emergency Management

Power Outages – What to do?

Most power outages will be over almost as soon as they begin, but some can last much longer – up to days or even weeks. Power outages are often caused by freezing rain, sleet storms and/or high winds which damage power lines and equipment. Cold snaps or heat waves can also overload the electric power system.

During a power outage, you may be left without heating/air conditioning, lighting, hot water, or even running water. If you only have a cordless phone, you will also be left without phone service. If you do not have a battery-powered or crank radio, you may have no way of monitoring news broadcasts. In other words, you could be facing major challenges. Everyone has a responsibility to protect their homes and their families.

You can greatly lessen the impact of a power outage by taking the time to prepare in advance. This involves three basic steps:

1. Find out what to do before, during, and after a power outage.
2. Make a family emergency **plan**, so that everyone knows what to do, and where to go.
3. Get an emergency **kit**, so that you and your family can be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours during a power outage.

Planning for a power outage will also help prepare you for other types of emergencies.

Learn more at GetPrepared.ca

Hydro One

Emergency outage please call 1-800-434-1235.

Pelee Island Broadband

REMINDER: NFTC is requesting your consent to perform work on the exterior of your property. Be sure to fill out their pre-work consent form for your address by scanning the QR code or visit the link below.



www.nftctelecom.com/buried-fibre-consent-form

Questions? 1-888-638-3575 | info@nftctelecom.com