

July 31, 2020

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Reminder! 2020 Dog Tags

Don't forget to get a tag for your dog!

Tags can be purchased at the following locations or on our website under Permits:

- Municipal Office 44 Main St, Cobden
- Rooney's Variety 74 Main St, Cobden
- Annie's Gas Bar 2008 Foresters Falls Rd
- Beachburg Deli & Bakery 1824 Beachburg Rd
- Kenny's Store 2164 Westmeath Rd

FIRE PERMITS

All owners who wish to set or maintain a fire in the Township of Whitewater Region must first obtain a permit. Permits are valid for the calendar year in which they are taken out and expire December 31st of that year. *No burning is permitted if a fire ban is in effect*.

There are four classes of permit:

- Recreational
- Open Air
- Special/Agricultural
- Campground Exemption.

Permits can be obtained online. Call or visit the Municipal Office for help.

How to get a permit online:

- 1. Go to wwr.burnpermits.com.
- 2. Enter your email and new password.
- 3. Press create account.
- 4. Select the type of permit that you would like to apply for.
- 5. Enter your personal information.
- 6. Confirm your location.
- 7. Read the terms and conditions.
- 8. If you wish you can enter photos of your burn site, but this step is optional.
- Once again select the type of permit that you are applying for.
- 10. Sign your name.
- 11. Fill out the notification methods.
- 12. Download/view your permit.
- 13. Please call 1-855-922-2652 or go online to report every time you burn.

Parking By-law Review

The Township is reviewing its parking regulations. Please provide comment on the draft by-law, which can be found on the website. Comments received prior to August 17, 2020 will be reviewed and considered. A revised draft by-law will be presented to Council in the early fall 2020.

Recreational Vehicle (Trailer) Licensing

The use of 1 recreational vehicle (tent/travel trailer, motorhome, etc.) on vacant waterfront and vacant rural zoned properties is permitted with an annual license. The process is simple. Visit our website, complete the application form along with a site plan, and submit the applicable fee (2020 - \$150.00). This process will ensure that recreational vehicles are properly located on their respective properties, are disposing of septage adequately, and can be accessed by emergency services.

Backyard Chickens

- A person may keep <u>up to 4</u> backyard chickens at a residential property which does not specifically permit a farm use, subject to obtaining a license.
- Conditions and requirements as set out in by-law must be met. Roosters are not permitted.
- To obtain a permit, an application must be submitted with a \$75 fee and subject to inspection.
- There is no sale of eggs, manure or other products associated with the keeping of hens. Chickens must be inside their coops or shelters from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. No slaughtering on the property. The Coop and any run are within the rear yard and meet required setbacks. Maintenance standards must be adhered to.



TAXATION

Please make note of the following due dates. Interest will be charged at a rate of 1.25% on current year's arrears. Penalty will be charged at a rate of 1.25% on previous years' arrears.

Final Tax Bill:

First installment is due: August 31, 2020
Second installment is due: October 30, 2020

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Pre-Authorized Payment Plans

Did you know the Township of Whitewater Region offers pre-authorized payment plans for Property Taxes and Water/Sewer Bills? There are many benefits:

- There are no cheques to write out.
- No waiting in line to make a payment.
- You will save on postage and transportation.
- You don't need to keep track of due dates.
- No penalties for missing a due date.

You can sign up anytime. Forms are available on our website or contact Kim Peterson, Finance Clerk at Ext. 129 or kpeterson@whitewaterregion.ca.

After Hours Drop Box

Place your payments in the Drop Box located at the front door of the Municipal Office. If you require a receipt, please indicate that with your payment. Please add your email address or mailing address if you would like to have a receipt for your payment sent to you.

Online and Bank Payments

Payments for Property Taxes, Utility Bills and Accounts Receivable can be made at your bank or by online banking. For online banking, search payee:

- Whitewater Region Taxes

- Whitewater Region Water

- Whitewater Region AR

Please note that for online banking, you will need to enter your roll #/account with modifications.

- For tax payments, a 15-digit account is required. For water payments, an 11-digit account is required.
- Example: Roll #: 4758-051-045-21000.0000, enter the following: Taxes: 475805104521000, Water: 05104521000

SAFETY REMINDERS

Ontario Provincial Police (Non-Emergency): 1-888-310-1122
Animal Cruelty Provincial Hotline: 1-833-926-4625

911 Civic Addressing provides emergency services with a quick and efficient method of finding a location. Not just your residence benefits from a civic address, farm fields, hunt camps, and wood lots can have a civic address (911) sign placed at the entrance onto a recognized road.

Private Road owners are requested to maintain minimum standards to permit emergency vehicle access including:

- Trees cleared to a height of 5.0 metres (16 feet).
- Trees, fences, planters, etc. cleared to a width of 9.0 metres (30 feet).
- Where possible, provide a platform or surface width of 6.0 metres (20 feet).
- Ensure surface material is crushed gravel or stone and able to hold the weight of the emergency vehicle including fire truck.
- Check any culverts or bridges for deterioration, flooding, or collapse.

