# THE CURRENT

FEBRUARY 2024

## **COMMUNITY** IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

As part of the 2024 budget, Council approved \$15,000 to support the Township's Community Improvement Plan (or CIP for short). What's a CIP? It's a program that allows the municipality to issue grants for private property improvements, with the goals of encouraging investment into our community, enhancing our agricultural sector, and improving the health of our watershed. We have two categories of grants:

#### **VILLAGE & HAMLET BEAUTIFICATION**

This program aims to enhance the look and feel of our villages and hamlets and remove barriers access businesses and gathering spaces. Grants are available for projects that improve a building's façade, support accessibility, improve grounds and property landscaping, and enhance your business' signage.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL & AGRICULTURAL ENHANCEMENT**

This program aims to improve the health of our watershed and to support the agricultural sector in community. Grants are available for projects such as onfarm diversified or agriculturalrelated uses, agricultural buffers, fencing, brownfield rehabilitation, septic system improvements, and shoreline restoration.

For more information on these programs and to determine if your project is eligible for a grant, you can view the brochures for each program on our website or contact Alex Benzie, Planner/EDO at 613-646-2282 (ext. 122). Projects are reviewed and awarded on a rolling

## **DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS**



Cobden Arena, 43 Astrolabe Road (outdoor) Municipal Office, 44 Main Street (outdoor) Beachburg Arena, 14 Caroline Street (outdoor) Foresters Falls Library, 2022 Foresters Falls Road (indoor)

#### **PRIVATE BUILDINGS:**

United Church, 1982 Foresters Falls Road (indoor) Kenny's Store, 2164 Westmeath Road (outdoor) Lapasse Community Hall, 85 Lacroix Bay Road (outdoor)

## WHITEWATER SENIORS

**FOR INFORMATION ABOUT PROGRAMS & SERVICES:** 

Home Support & Active Living

**Facebook** facebook.com/WWRSeniors



whitewaterregion.ca/community/seniors

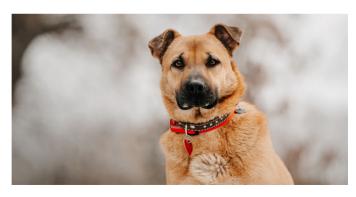


613-602-3915



**Email** seniors@whitewaterregion.ca

## 2024 DOG TAGS NOW **AVAILABLE**



Tags are available at the following locations:

- Municipal Office 44 Main Street
- Kenny's Store 2164 Westmeath Road
- · Beachburg Deli 1824 Beachburg Road

They can also be purchased on the Township's website under Permits.

### **BEFORE MARCH 31st**

\$15.00 - Spaved/neutered \$30.00 - Not spayed/neutered



#### **AFTER MARCH 31st**

\$30.00 - Spayed/neutered \$45.00 - Not spayed/neutered

## **ALL 2023 BURN PERMITS HAVE EXPIRED**

All owners who wish to set or maintain a fire in the Township of Whitewater Region must first obtain a permit. Permits are valid through the calendar year in which they are issued and expire on December 31st of that year. Special/Agricultural burns require a site visit by the Fire Chief or designate for Apply for your burn permit approval. wwr.burnpermits.com.

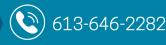
#### **ANNUAL PERMITS:**

**RECREATIONAL BURN PERMIT: NO CHARGE** 

**OPEN AIR BURN PERMIT:** 











## 2024 CAPITAL ROADS PROJECTS

The Township has a number of road projects planned for this year. More information can be found under Projects on our website.

#### **KOHLSMITH ROAD RESURFACING**

Limits: Kerr Line to Queens Line (CR-4) Schedule: May to July

Schedule: May to July Length: 2.8 km

## HILA ROAD HARD SURFACE TO GRAVEL

Limits: Zion Line to Beachburg Road (CR-21)

Schedule: June to July Length: 2.35 km

## SUTHERLAND ROAD HARD SURFACE TO GRAVEL

Limits: Highway 17 to Snake River

Schedule: July to August Length: 1.35 km

#### **RAPID ROAD SURFACING**

Limits: Rapid Road from Gore line (CR-50) to Gratton Trail Schedule: July Length: 8.5 km

## GRAVEL ROAD PROGRAM (6.6KM):

- Waterview Road (Snake River to Bird Lake Trail)
- Service Road (Chenaux Road to Bulmer Road)
- Orin Road (Calvin Road to Garden of Eden Road)
- McCoy Road

## **TAXATION & WATER/SEWER**

Please make note of the following due dates. If paying online or by credit card, please ensure payment is made at least 3 business days before the due date to avoid additional charges.

## PROPERTY TAX DUE DATES

INTERIM: February 29, 2024 April 30, 2024

FINAL:

August 30, 2024 October 31, 2024

## WATER/SEWER DUE DATES:

March 28, 2024 May 31, 2024 July 31, 2024 September 27, 2024 November 29, 2024 January 31, 2025

\*Penalty & interest will be charged at a rate of 1.25% on all arrears\*

## **SPEAKING AT COUNCIL**

There are two ways in which you can make a presentation to Council during a Council Meeting:

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT** (for items on the Agenda only)

Provide a written request to the Clerk, referencing the item on the Agenda you would like to speak to, and any written material, no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day before the Council meeting.

- You have a maximum of 3 minutes to speak
- Council will not ask questions or enter into a debate or discussion on the subject matter

#### **DELEGATIONS**

A person or group wishing to make a Delegation to Council shall provide the Clerk with written notice no later than seven days before the meeting, stating the nature of the matter to be presented and supporting material for inclusion in the agenda.

- Items shall only be made in respect of matters within Council's purview and jurisdiction
- You have a maximum of 10 minutes to speak
- Delegations may only present once every 12 months on the same topic

## **PAYMENT METHODS**

#### 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:

- You don't have to write a cheque
- 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

#### **CREDIT CARD ONLINE PAYMENTS**

Now available with VISA, Mastercard, or VISA Debit. See the Website for the link. Processing fees charged by Paymentus are applied to all transactions. Please allow a minimum of 3 business days for online payments for:

- Water/Sewer
- Property Tax
- Accounts Receivable

#### **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 along with your email address or mailing address for the receipt to be sent to you.

#### **ONLINE BANKING PAYMENTS**

Payments for Property Taxes, Utility Bills, and Accounts Receivable can be made at your bank or online. Please allow a minimum of 3 business days for online payments. 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 for each property separately 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

Pushing snow and/or blowing snow across or onto roads and streets is not only a safety hazard, it is also against the law.

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TRANSPORTATION

THE ONTARIO TRAFFIC ACT section 181 states: Deposit of snow on roadway:

No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road. R.S.O. 1990, c. H.8, s. 181



