

KERNS TWP.



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TOWNSHIP OF KERNS

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Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Council meetings:

- Kerns Township Council Chambers, 279279 Milberta Rd.
- 1st Tuesday of every month
- 8:00 p.m.
- meetings are open to the public

Reeve:

Terry Phillips (705-563-8375)

Councillors:

Stephen Aitchison (705-563-2113)
Carter Seymour (705-563-2469)

Mark Lenover (705-563-2966)
Dennis Jibb (705-648-5761)

MUNICIPAL LANDFILL SITE

Hudson Township, Twin Lakes Road C#1

SUMMER HOURS: April 1st to October 31st

Monday – 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday – 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WINTER HOURS: November 1st to March 31st

Wednesday – 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tires of all sizes may be brought to the landfill site at no charge since the municipality has joined the Ontario Tire Stewardship Program since January 2010. Please remember: **ABSOLUTELY NO RIMS ON THE TIRES WILL BE ALLOWED.** All residents going to the dump must sign in with Mr. Walker and provide their physical address on the required sheets.

Thank you to everyone who is recycling. For the list of acceptable materials, please go to our web site at www.kerns.ca and go in “Notices”.

If you did not pick-up your free garbage cards, they are still available at the Hudson Outreach Library during their hours of business. If and when you run out of cards before the end of the year, you will be able to purchase them at the Harley Office at a price of \$20.00 per card.

Garbage pick-up may be arranged for a fee, every Friday. Please call William Walker, Dump supervisor at 705-648-8644 (leave message).



BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required for any new buildings, prefabricated structures, additions, renovations where structural changes are made, heating systems (wood stove, etc.), chimneys, ventilation systems, plumbing, demolitions, patio decks.

****You must obtain a building permit BEFORE you start any kind of construction. An extra fee will be charged to anyone starting construction before obtaining a building permit!** You must complete an application for a building permit and pay your processing fee of \$80.00 at the municipal office. The completed application will then be forwarded to our Chief Building Officer, Mr. Francis Rivard. Mr. Rivard was hired to issue the building permits, do the inspections on site and answer questions relating to a construction project. For more information, you may reach him or leave a message at 705-563-2375 or go visit the TMBA web site at www.tembuild.com .

DOG BY-LAW 685

Dogs are not allowed to run at large. Be a good neighbour and remember that you are responsible for your dog's actions and damages caused by your dog.

DEAD STOCK DISPOSAL

In Ontario, OMAFRA regulates the disposal of dead farm animals through the ***Dead Animal Disposal Act***. Under the Act, farmers have 3 legal options for disposing of their dead stock:

1. Through a licenced dead stock collector.
2. Burial of the carcass under 2 feet of soil away from watercourses.
3. Composting of certain carcasses (small), under 2 feet of organic dry matter, in a properly designed composter.

Under the Act, livestock must dispose of their dead stock within 48 hours of death. Proper disposal is especially important to prevent the spread of disease, and to prevent environmental contamination. Where burial is used, it must be conducted in an environmentally responsible way to prevent contamination of surface and soil water as well as being deep enough to prevent predators and rodents from excavating the carcass.

Composting must be conducted properly to prevent odour, to prevent leaching of product into the soil or surface water and to provide a complete breakdown of the animal. If composting, sawdust is one of the best medium to mix with mortalities @ 1 kg sawdust per 1 kg of mortalities. Two fact sheets are available from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food to help producers with dead stock disposal:

1. Proper Burial Techniques for Small Farm Animals and Poultry Mortalities under 25 kg
2. On-farm Composting of Livestock and Poultry Mortalities

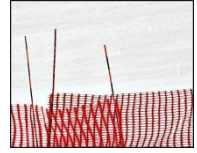
To obtain these forms, visit the Ministry of Agriculture's web site at: www.omafra.gov.on.ca

LIVESTOCK

The Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program changed on January 1st, 2017. The OWDCP provides financial assistance to owners whose livestock, poultry and honey bees have been damaged or killed by wildlife. Owners must have a valid premises identification (PID) number for the farm property **where the damage or kill occurred** and a Farm Business Registration Number (FBRN). For more information on the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program visit: ontario.ca/predation.

FENCES

Since we live in an agricultural setting, it is of utmost importance that animals be confined within their field/pasture. It is the owner's responsibility and duty to assure that all the fences around his fields are in flawless condition in order to keep his animals restrained within their pasture and not wander into the neighbour's field where crops are being cultivated. Animals running at large could be impounded and the owner is responsible for any costs involved, so make sure you confine your animals to your property.



ROADS DEPARTMENT

Guy Godmaire, Roads Superintendent
Garage phone: 705-563-2848 or 705-647-6322

ROADSIDE DITCHES: Roadside ditches perform primary functions such as collecting water to a sufficient outlet, and assist in winter snow clearing operations by providing snow storage below the elevation of the road surface. Roadside ditches are not a public utility! **It is imperative that landowners and farmers do not plow too close to the roadside ditches when plowing their fields as it fills the roadside ditches and disrupts the function of the ditches as it is intended.**

BALES OF HAY AND STRAW: It is very important not to stockpile the bales of hay and straw too close to the road or under the power lines. These stockpiles are safety issues due to the reduced visibility and snow accumulation during the winter months. The Township is asking its residents to call the Roads Superintendent **before** piling any bales next to the road.

REPLACEMENT OF CULVERTS: If you need to have any repairs done to a culvert, or are interested in making an entrance way to your property, please contact the office or the Roads Superintendent **before** starting any of the work.

Snow: IMPORTANT NOTICE: Under the Highway Traffic Act, Chap. H.8.181 cites the following: **«No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing so to do from the Ministry or the road authority responsible for the maintenance of the road. R.S.O. 1980, c.198, s.157.»**
In more simple words: DO NOT PUSH SNOW ACROSS THE ROAD; IT IS ILLEGAL!

Township Winter Mailbox Policy: The Township follows the following standard for mailbox maintenance and repair related to winter operations:

The Township does not provide snow removal for rural mailboxes and cannot ensure access to mailboxes for mail delivery. If a rural mailbox and/or post are damaged by snow being discharged from the snowplow during snow removal operations, the Municipality is not negligent, and is not responsible for repairs.

If the mailbox and/or post is damaged by direct impact with the Municipality's snow removal equipment, the Municipality will repair the damage if possible, or replace the damaged items with a standard mailbox and/or post only.

HALF LOADS: Please be advised that we have HALF LOAD policy during the spring thawing season on all municipal roads. Please refrain from hauling heavy loads during that time. For more information, please call the Roads Department at 705-647-6322

KERNS HALL RENTAL

The Kerns hall is available for use to anyone needing a facility for a small gathering or meeting.

Fees are as follows:

Weekdays (Monday to Thursday)	- \$ 50.00 per day
Weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday)	- \$100.00 per day
Holidays	- \$100.00 per day

There is now a contract that anyone renting the hall must sign. This contract has a list of information on it to know what can or cannot be done while renting the hall. For information on renting the Kerns hall, please contact the municipal office at 705-647-5439 during regular office hours. Thank you to Camille for keeping our hall sparkling clean!



KERNS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Kerns Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for individuals interested in joining the fire department. If you are interested, please call Fire Chief Mark Lenover. The Fire Department meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 8:00 p.m. at the Kerns Fire Hall.

SMOKE ALARMS: IT'S THE LAW!

Under the Ontario Fire Code, every home in Ontario is required to have working smoke alarms. Homeowners must ensure that smoke alarms are installed between sleeping and living areas. They are also required to maintain the smoke alarms in working order. In rental accommodations, the obligation to install and maintain smoke alarms in operating condition rests on the landlord. Landlords must also provide smoke alarm maintenance information to the occupant of each unit.

It is an offence for any person to disable a smoke alarm. This requirement applies equally to homeowners, landlords and tenants. Failure to comply with the smoke alarm requirements of the Fire Code can result in a minimum fine of \$200. For Further information about smoke alarms, contact the fire department.

CO DETECTORS (carbon monoxide detectors):

It's the LAW to have a working CO detector outside every sleeping corridor. CO detectors must be installed in any dwelling that uses fossil fuels (wood, gas, oil, propane). This law has taking effect as of April 15, 2015. As soon as you have an attached garage, even if you are not using fossil fuels, you need to have a CO detector in your house. For more detailed information on the CO Detectors, please visit the fire marshal's website at www.ofm.gov.on.ca .

REMEMBER, the best line of defence is to protect yourself and your family even before the call to 911 is made; once the call is made, sometimes, it's too late. Please make sure your Fire alarms and your CO Detectors are in working order and installed where needed. Homeowners should make a home escape plan and practice it every 6 months; it could save your lives.

REMINDER: Please remove ashes from the house as soon as one cleans their fire box out; CO is given off from these ash pails and fire departments are getting calls, because the CO detectors are going off.

FIRE PERMITS: Fire permits are required between April 1st to October 31st. Permits are free of charge and may be obtained at the Municipal Office during regular office hours.

BURNING OF WINDROWS: Information on burning of windrows may be obtained from the MNR or from your local fire department.

To get information on different security features, you can visit «The office of the Fire Marshal» website at www.ofm.gov.on.ca. Need information on emergency situations, emergency preparedness guide, emergency survival kit or any other emergency subject, please look up Emergency Management Ontario site at www.emergencymanagementontario.ca.

Recycle your Electronics:

The Kerns Fire Department is still receiving your end-of-life electronics. Collection and management of recyclable electronics have successfully diverted tonnes of e-waste from our landfill site. In 2012, the Township of Kerns achieved e-waste collection milestone. Thank you to everyone who participates and keeps the OES program a success. For information or drop-off of your end-of-life electronics, please contact Mark Lenover at 705-563-2966!

Milberta Community Women: To improve community living. Meeting every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., except July and August. Contact Audrey Shelton at 705-647-6205.

HUDSON OUTREACH LIBRARY

The Hudson Outreach Library will be going on Summer Hours from April to October:

- Monday & Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – for information, please call Collen Spence at 705-647-6074

Due to the decline in the number of participants in our 2016 Summer Craft Program, we are trying to determine if it is feasible to run this program for the summer of 2017. We would like anyone interested in having their child/children/grandchildren (between the ages of 5 – 12) attend the program this summer, to call Judi Graydon at 705-647-4239 or email her at jhgraydon@outlook.com no later than June 1, 2017. We will then be able to determine if we can continue with this program. We will require a minimum of 10 participants

YOUTH BASEBALL

Slo-pitch baseball is always a “hit” in Kerns Township. Registration night was held on Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at the Kerns Hall. For more information, please call Rachel Neil at 705-563-8104



All home games are at the Milberta Ball Park at 7:00 p.m. The kids will be playing 10 regular season games and will end the season with a tournament in Dymond in mid-August.

CHILDREN PLAY AREA

New this year, thanks to the Government of Canada through the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, Kerns Township now has a brand new children park with outdoor play equipment. The park equipment will be installed behind the Church beside the baseball field for everyone to enjoy.

MILBERTA CHURCH

Update on the Milberta Church. It is presently unoccupied and power has been turned off in the building. However, the Kerns Volunteer Fire Department is presently using the building for fire practices. The council of the Township of Kerns have no immediate plans for the moment and everything is on hold.

Emergency Management

The Emergency Management Response Plan was brought into place to help avoid and/or reduce the impact of any sort of Emergency that can affect our townships. This is organized by an appointed group of people that have the necessary knowledge and qualification to help residents during any emergency situation. This year the Townships of Casey, Harley, Hudson and Kerns have come together and established a «Joint Community Emergency Management Response Plan» to assure simplicity and efficiency when dealing with an emergency. It is imperative to have an emergency kit in your house if ever there was an emergency. Listed below are some examples of things you can put in your own.

SURVIVAL KIT IDEAS

- Food (non-perishable and easy-to-prepare items, enough for 3 days) and a manual can opener
- Bottled water (4 liters per person for each day)
- Medication(s)
- Flashlight
- Radio (crank or battery-run)
- Extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Candles and matches/lighter
- Hand sanitizer or moist towelettes
- Important papers (identification, contact lists, copies of prescriptions, etc.)
- Extra car keys and cash
- Whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
- Zip-lock bag (to keep things dry)
- Garbage bags
- Items for babies and small children—diapers, formula, bottles, baby food, comfort items
- Prescription medication
- Medical supplies and equipment
- Pet food and supplies
- Any other items specific to your family's needs
- Clothes, shoes
- Sleeping bags or blankets
- Personal items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, comb, other toiletries)
- Playing cards, travel games, other activities for children

For any other information on Emergency Preparedness please feel free to visit the following web site.
www.emergencymanagementontario.ca