



Did you know?

Township Commits to Improving Communications

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In the fall of 2017 Council adopted the Manitowadge Community Strategic Plan and we would like to take this opportunity to thank those who took the time to respond to our questionnaire or attend our open houses. Your input was invaluable to the process.

One of the items that was clearly identified was communication between the Township and the public.

In an effort to start improving on our communication, we will send out a quarterly newsletter appropriately named,

Did you know?

This newsletter will be included in with the water bills and will also be posted on our website and our Facebook page. The content of the newsletter will be items that we think the public may want to know that would include, for example, items of general interest about activities of the Township and links to items that we feel are of importance.

We will be working hard to improve on how we communicate with the public and will be developing a communication policy so the public will know where to find information regarding all of

the Townships programs and events. We will also be looking for input from the community on how best to make sure the ratepayers are aware of the important issues. The policy will also include how we communicate events and the strategy may be different depending on the nature of the event.

We will continue to send out the forecaster to highlight all of our upcoming events and other community activities/events that are taking place.

The full strategic plan can be found on our website. HINT: use the search feature

Office Hours—Municipal Office

In 2015 there was a change in the hours of operation for the Municipal office. There seems to be some confusion which we would like to clarify.

The office is open to the public daily from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm and open during lunch.

Staff work from 8:00 am to 4:30 PM Monday to

Thursday and 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on Fridays.

Appointments can be made with staff if necessary outside of the hours we are open to the public. These appointments are on a case by case basis if the individual cannot see us during regular business hours.

Special points of interest:

- > Is it an emergency?
- > Seniors Tax Credit
- > Frozen water line prevention

Manitowadge Community Strategic Plan



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Did you know?

New Pumper Truck



Did you know: that the Manitowadge Volunteer Fire Department placed a new Red Pumper Truck in service in October, 2017. This pumper replaces a 1990 pumper that was purchased by Fire Chief Al Turner.

The 1990 pumper was yellow in color as was the standard then. At the time many thought that the yellow or lime pumpers were easier to

see. Around the same time a NYFD study found yellow apparatus to be 58% more accident prone than the red. Most Fire Departments have now switched back to the traditional Fire Truck Red.

The new Manitowadge apparatus will be known as Pumper 4 and is equipped with LED scene lighting, a 360 camera system and a foam system to handle mod-

ern combustibles found at vehicle fires that cannot be extinguished with water.

The members of the Department look forward to serving the community with this new Pumper

Emergency?

Can it wait until the office is open?

The Township has an emergency number for the public to use in case of an emergency.

We have seen a significant number of calls to this number to report things such as frozen water lines or water breaks. Many of these calls care made late in the evening or the middle of the night. Our staff answers this phone as there may be an

emergency that needs immediate attention.

We ask your consideration of the following:

- Water breaks—are there barricades or pilons around it? If yes, we know about it.
- Water line frozen? Please call in the morning. Staff will not be dispatched

outside of regular hours to thaw frozen water lines.

- Emergency? Can it wait until the office is open? If it can wait, please do so and call the office in the morning when staff are available to take the relevant information and help address your concerns.

Ski Hill Update

The ski season is upon us and we are happy to announce that we have a new Ski Life Mechanic in Training. Kern has worked very hard to ensure that our Ski Hill could be open over the Christmas break, even though the cold weather hovered over us.

Snow making was successful in the pre-season and we now have a great base on the Main and Pine to help extend our ski season when the Spring sun shines down. Now we need Mother Nature to co-operate.



Need to make a payment?

If you can't get into the office during regular business hours we offer several other options:

- ⇒ Pay on line through the following banks:
 - ⇒ CIBC
 - ⇒ Scotia Bank
 - ⇒ TD Bank
- ⇒ Send a cheque or money order in the mail
- ⇒ Drop your payment in the drop box located outside the staff entrance at the Municipal Office.

Seniors Tax Credit

Eligible persons are entitled to a rebate on their property taxes in the amount of \$250.00 per year.

For full details, visit our website and review the by-law for eligibility:

www.manitouwadge.ca/?pqid=188

Eligible persons can download the form and submit the appropriate documentation for processing.

For more information contact:

Chris Townes—826-3227 ext. 225

Community Services

The Community Services Department was very busy over the last year with some significant changes and upgrades to some of our facilities and outdoor areas. The Community Centre had some much needed repair work completed in the arena including reinforcement of the roof purlins and replacement of the

dressing rooms furnaces. The curling rink surface was re-leveled with new crusher fines and new carpeting installed along the walkways. The exterior of the Community Centre is where the most noticeable work has taken place, new LED lighting around the outside of the building.

The outdoor areas under the Department have had some upgrades as well, including a thorough weeding and mulching of the downtown flowerbeds and 60 tonnes of sand added around and under the playground structure at the beach.

New Website

For the past year, we have been working on updating our website. These updates will make information easier to find and more accessible for persons with disabilities. The project is almost complete and we expect a launch by the end of January.

The address will not change:

www.manitouwadge.ca

Dumpsters—when to use them

The green garbage dumpsters around town are for kitchen/food waste only. They are not for furniture, construction waste, hazardous materials or electronics.

The Township supports a hazardous waste day for the collection and safe disposal of wastes that we do not want in

our landfill site. This is held in the fall of each year

We also provide an electronic disposal site at the public works yard to properly recycle used electronics. This is available year round.

For more information on these programs call Michelle at 826-3227 ext. 230



NWMO Update

On December 6, 2017, the NWMO announced that they were focusing on fewer communities in the site selection process for a deep geological repository for used nuclear fuel. The communities of Blind River and Elliot Lake will no longer be considered to host the project. The full press release can be found on our website at www.manitouwadge.ca/default.asp?pgid=84

Manitouwadge will continue on with the Learn More Process

Want to know more?

Meetings are held monthly in the Council Chambers. From time to time guest speakers are invited and those presentations are very interesting and informative.

The NWMO attend these meetings are always willing to answer your questions.

The next meeting is January 18, 2018 at 7:00.



Want to know even more?

Did you know NWMO has established an office in the Hallmarket Square where you can go and pick up reference materials and ask questions?

Karen Robinson is the Community Liaison Coordinator and will be more than happy to answer your questions. Karen can also be reached at 826-3255 or email

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Extreme Cold Weather

We, like the rest of the country, have been experiencing a lengthy period of extreme cold temperatures.

Frozen water lines are always a casualty of this type of weather. What can you do? We have a few suggestions for you:

1. Keep the heat on, even if you are away
2. Allow a facet to drip slightly, this will relieve the pressure in the system.

3. Keep interior doors open. Pipes are often in cabinets where there may not be as much heat.
4. Seal up cracks and holes. Heating tape or insulation around the pipes may be an option if they are easily accessible.

If your water line freezes, Township policy requires you contact a plumber first. If it is determined the line is frozen on the Township's end we will come and attempt to thaw it. We are not always successful and you may need to

wait until spring or connect to your neighbor via a hose.

Frozen water lines may not be a priority and there may be a line ahead of you.

