

# Warwick Township Newsletter



## Council Priorities This Year

In 2015 Council approved an updated Strategic Plan to guide projects and actions over the next five years and beyond. Warwick Township will be focusing on a number of projects in 2017 that will require community feedback. Opportunities for your input will be communicated to all residents.

In addition to regular service delivery, Warwick Township Council will be focusing on the following in 2017:

- Completion of a Fire Services Master Plan on fire protection services in Warwick Township.
- Reviewing municipal operations to ensure effective and efficient service delivery in Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments.
- Undertaking a comprehensive services and fees review to ensure Warwick Township rates are competitive and fair.

- Completion of a condition assessment on Centennial Hall and reviewing options on next steps for the facility.
- Undertaking a review of downtown Watford and Warwick with a goal of moving forward on downtown revitalization strategies focused on market data.
- Making opportunities available and attracting residential development to Warwick Township to fill the current housing shortage identified in Watford.

To view Council's strategic plan, visit [www.warwicktownship.ca](http://www.warwicktownship.ca) / Government / Plans and Strategies.



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## Update on Centennial Hall



At a Special Council Meeting on February 23, 2017, Council discussed for the first time a condition assessment report prepared by a certified engineer, and other supplementary information provided by staff on Centennial Hall usage and

costs. In addition, two community groups provided delegations to Council on this matter.

Council discussed the current uses of the facility and safety related to the continued use of the basement. Council directed staff to complete further investigation on basement usage and requirements to improve safety. Staff will report back to Council with more information at a future regular Council meeting.

Public notice of future meetings and reports on the Centennial Hall will be published online. Unless otherwise directed by Council, Centennial Hall will continue regular operations.

## Tax Payment Dates

Tax payments are due on the following dates:

### Interim Tax Due Dates:

- February 28, 2017
- April 28, 2017

### Final Tax Due Dates:

- August 31, 2017
- October 31, 2017



## Parks & Rec User Fee Increase

Council has approved a user fee increase for facility rentals, ball diamonds and ball hockey to come into effect as of April 1, 2017. Ball diamond rentals and ball hockey fees will increase by 4% and facility rental fees will increase nominally.

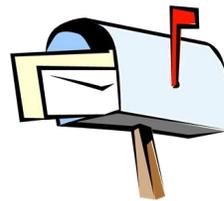
## Student Summer Job Opportunities

Warwick Township will be hiring six students this summer for the following positions:

- Parks and Recreation Labourers (3)
- Community Coordinator (1)
- Records Project Assistants (2)

Applications for all positions are due on April 3, 2017. Information on job requirements and application process is available at [www.warwicktownship.ca/Government/Employment Opportunities](http://www.warwicktownship.ca/Government/Employment%20Opportunities).

## PO Box Notice



Mail is being returned to the municipality because PO Box numbers aren't on file. If you have a PO Box, please contact the Township office at 519-849-3926 to ensure that we have all of your address details.

## Clean Up Days



Spring Clean-Up

Spring and Fall Clean Up Days have been scheduled for Saturday, June 10, 2017 and Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. On these days you can bring the following items to the listed location:

- Large waste items can be dropped off at the Twin Creeks Landfill (5768 Nauvoo Road). Examples of large waste items include: couches, washer, etc.
- Electronic waste items can be dropped off at the Public Works Watford Depot (7923 Confederation Line). Examples of e-waste include: televisions, computers, DVD players, etc.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Warwick Township is now offering Pre-Authorized Payment for your water and property taxes. Contact the Township Office to learn more about this method of payment.

## Online Tax & Water Payments

When adding your rural water bill as a payee the account number is comprised of your water account number (top right corner of your bill).

When adding your property tax bill as a payee, the account number is comprised of a portion of your 19 digit tax roll number (located on top left corner of your bill).

Each financial institution requires a different number of digits for your water and tax bills to be registered online. See table below.

| Bank   | Water           | Taxes                                   |
|--------|-----------------|---|
| BMO    | Last 4 digits   | 15 digits<br>(leave off last 4 0's)     |
| RBC    | Last 3-6 digits | 12 digits<br>(leave off first 4 digits) |
| TD     | Last 4 digits   | 17 digits<br>(leave off last 2 0's)     |
| CIBC   | Last 4 digits   | 15 digits<br>(leave off last 4 0's)     |
| Scotia | Last 5 digits   | 14 digits<br>(leave off first 5 digits) |
| Libro  | Last 4 digits   | 15 digits<br>(leave off last 4 0's)     |

## Twin Creeks Landfill Update

Waste Management has applied to the Ministry of Environment for an increase in annual tonnage capacity at Twin Creeks Landfill from 750,000 tonnes to 1.4 million tonnes annually. The proposal does not involve an increase in overall tonnage or an expansion of the landfill footprint, but would increase the rate at which the landfill can be filled.

The Township of Warwick's Technical Review Team (TRT), made of up experts in the fields of traffic, noise, dust/air quality and leachate management/ground and surface water protection, has reviewed key impact issues related to the WM's proposal. The initial TRT report in September 2016 recommended additional information and study, which WM agreed to complete. Following a second TRT review in the fall of 2016, the TRT continued to identify some deficiencies. These were largely addressed in updated reports provided by WM in January 2017. WM also made a number of long term commitments to the Township with respect to increased monitoring of leachate levels and full on-site treatment of leachate prior to site closure. WM also agreed to support a request to MOECC to resume daily MOECC inspections at the landfill.

Based on the advice received from the TRT, Council passed a resolution at its February 13, 2017 meeting indicating that it had no objection to approval of the fill rate increase, however, Council's sign-off on the proposal is still subject to final TRT review of the final WM reports and documentation to be submitted to MOECC to ensure all required commitments and mitigation measures will be in place if the fill rate increase goes ahead.



## 2017 Capital Budget Projects

Council approved the 2017 capital budget on February 2, 2017 with a number of projects totaling \$2.8 million. Key Infrastructure projects to be completed this year are:

- The reconstruction of Ontario Street, between Wall Street and Nauvoo Road
- Phase #2 of the Drainage Improvements on Rachel and West Streets
- Replacement of Bridge #6 on Hickory Creek Road
- Building a new water booster pumping station to improve water pressure in the North East Quadrant of the municipality.



## Water Improvements in the Township

Improved water service is coming to the North East quadrant of the municipality soon; a water booster pumping station project is in the design phase now and is anticipated to be completed by the end of March 2018.

Following the completion of a water study and water modeling in 2016, an issue with water pressures in the North East quadrant of the Township was confirmed. Low pressures in this area affect the ability of new customers to connect to municipal water and the ability of the municipality to meet Ministry of Environment and Climate Change pressure requirements.

Upon receiving the results of the study, Council approved the installation of a booster pumping station to increase pressure in this area. Costs to design and install the new booster pumping station are approximately \$750,000. The Township of Warwick has submitted an application to the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) for \$500,000 in funding towards the project.



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*Big town access with a small town feel; that is the best way to describe living in Warwick Township. Residents here reap the benefits of a small town: being a part of a tight-knit community, having friendly neighbours, experiencing less traffic and noise, low property taxes, and enjoying an all-around more relaxing way of life. Warwick is a strong rural community with two schools, great recreation and medical facilities, and many service clubs and organizations aimed at a variety of age groups. Residents also reap the benefits of living in close proximity to a number of larger urban areas, with London, Strathroy, Sarnia and the U.S. border all within a 30 minute drive. Truly, living here is the best of both worlds, and residents agree.*

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

| Date     | Event   | For More Information Contact / Visit |
|----------|---|--------------------------------------|
| March 19 | Warwick Fire Association Pancake Breakfast<br>9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.                  | Brad Goodhill, 519-490-4256          |
| March 25 | Watford Fire and Rotary Annual Maple Syrup Festival, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.           | Terry Smith, 519-876-3406            |
| March 25 | Watford Figure Skating Carnival, shows at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.                     | Ann Marie Rops, 519-876-2457         |
| April 5  | Spring Charity Banquet, Social at 5:30 p.m.<br>Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Concert to follow. | Marg Hollingsworth, 519-876-5084     |
| April 28 | Watford Fire Annual Perch Stag Fish Fry   | Rick Sitlington, 519-490-4337        |
| May 14   | Rotary Club Mother's Day Brunch<br>8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.                             | Maryanne Cundick, 519-876-5537       |
| May 22   | Brooke-Alvinston and Watford Annual Road Race   | Mikayla Verberne, 519-402-2993       |
| June 3   | Annual Yard Sale Day  | N/A                                  |
| June 10  | Spring Clean Up Day   | Township Office, 519-849-3926        |

If you would like your group's or organization's event details included on Warwick Township's website, please send it to [whatsup@warwicktownship.ca](mailto:whatsup@warwicktownship.ca).