

RYERSON TOWNSHIP - WHERE LIFE, HISTORY & NATURE ARE BRIDGED
NEWSLETTER JULY 2011

Municipal Offices & Garage are located at 28 Midlothian Road (corner of Midlothian Rd and Highway 520). Office hours are: Mon. to Fri. 8:30 - 4:00 (closed for lunch). Mailing address is R. R. # 1, 28 Midlothian Rd, Burk's Falls, Ontario P0A 1C0. Phone: (705) 382-3232; Fax: (705) 382-3286; Garage: (705) 382-3822. e-mail address: admin@ryersontownship.ca
Please visit our web site www.ryersontownship.ca

REEVE: Glenn Miller (705 382-2898) **COUNCILLORS:** Rosalind Hall (705 382-5102), Barbara Marlow (705 382-2205), George Sterling (705 382-1761) and Doug Weddel (705 382-9060)

Normally, **COUNCIL MEETINGS** are held at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of each month, at the Municipal Office. For the summer only one meeting per month (first Tuesday) will be planned, call the office or check the web site regarding the summer schedule. Everyone welcome. If you wish to be on the agenda you must do so by 4 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the meeting.

LANDFILL PASS, your pink card is required to enter the landfill site. The landfill site hours are printed on the back of the pink card. You will notice more control at the landfill site, you **must** have your card with you. Tipping Fees as per By-law 26-11 will apply. Every bag of garbage containing household waste going into the landfill site requires bag tags. **New tags for use July 1, 2011** until June 30, 2012 have been previously mailed out. Each household receives residential 50 tags, do not throw them away and remember to bring them up to the cottage. If you own more than one residence, you are responsible to ensure your tenants receive their 50 bag tags. If more tags (residential or commercial) are required they can be purchased at the municipal office or the landfill site for \$ 1.00 each.

Haz Mat Day: Sat. Sept. 17th - 10 am.– 2 pm. at Strong Twp. Site, 483 Forest Lake Road

Over the past year the landfill has seen many changes. Two new monitoring wells to analyze ground and surface water and two sand mantles to filter runoff, were installed to proactively control leachate. The TRI R Committee, with assistance from Waste Diversion Ontario, purchased a new cardboard baler and skid steer. With your assistance, the recycling program was able to divert 340 tonnes of Blue Box material from the landfill. **Remember Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.**

Ryerson Township Council is concerned about garbage being left on the Township roadsides. This is a reminder that there is no municipal garbage collection in the Township. **All garbage must go to the landfill site.** If you are renting out your home or cottage, or family or friends are using your place, please let them know the requirements and leave a pink card for their use. By-law 6-99 prohibits the dumping of garbage on public roads and other municipal property. The maximum fine is \$5,000.00. Council appreciates your co-operation in keeping our roadsides "green".

The **Animal Control and Municipal Law Enforcement Officer** is Jim Mahoney (705) 382-0503. **Almaguin Animal Shelter:** (705) 386-0020. **ALL DOGS REQUIRE DOG TAGS** - these are available at the Township Office. Jim Mahoney is increasing enforcement of dog tag and trailer requirements, in addition to other by-law enforcement.

For the **Building Department** contact Brian Dumas or Tyler Irwin at (705) 384-9444. Ensure that you obtain a building permit before building.

Council and the **Road Department** are concerned about driveway entrances in the Township. Please do not install a new driveway unless you have approval from the Township. We are concerned about sight lines and road safety in addition to drainage along the road sides.

The **18TH ANNUAL GARAGE & CRAFT SALE** was held Saturday, June 25, 2011. The cool, drizzle didn't dampen the spirits of those who attended! There were still lots of treasures to buy! We thank all who participated.

The History Book A Tribute to Ryerson Township is available at the Township Office and the Museum for \$26.25 including HST.

The **Official Plan** is in effect except for those areas under appeal. The parts now in effect include general matters and also those parts of the plan which apply to ninety percent plus, of the township which were not designated Provincially Significant Wetland (PSW), Floodplain, or Magnetawan River Development Area (MRDA). The draft **Zoning By-Law** is a work in progress. These planning documents are available on the municipal web site.

Accessibility Plan: Municipalities have a responsibility under the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act to provide barrier-free services to persons with disabilities. Our Accessibility Plan is available on the web site or you may obtain a copy from the office. Please let us know if you have suggestions on how we can improve policies, practices and procedures to better serve persons with disabilities.

Burks Falls & District Fire Department

Most of us know the value of a smoke alarm and how integral it is in saving lives. Keeping it operating properly is the most important part. Smoke alarm batteries should be changed a bare minimum of once per year.

The fire department suggests you change them in the fall when you change your clock.

“CHANGE YOUR CLOCK CHANGE YOUR SMOKE ALARM BATTERIES”

This year you will also want to **purchase a carbon monoxide detector**. A carbon monoxide by-law has been introduced and passed in April of this year by the Municipalities of Armour, Burk's Falls and Ryerson. This by-law states that every owner of every single family residence **shall install** or cause to be installed a **minimum of one (1) Carbon Monoxide Detector**, which contains a Fuel Burning Appliance, whether it's owner or tenant occupied. It's just another imperative tool to help keep you and your family safe.

If you live in the municipalities of Armour, Burk's Falls and Ryerson and need help changing your smoke alarm batteries, the Burk's Falls & District Fire Department will send firefighters to your home to assist. Just call Fire prevention at 705 382 2611. **REMEMBER - NO OUTDOOR BURNING IS ALLOWED BETWEEN 10 am. & 6 pm.** Small fires are allowed after 6 pm., if conditions are safe and precautions are followed per By-law 19-03. Copies are available at the office and on the web site home page.

This summer **visit the Museum** located at 112 Midlothian Rd. Hours: Tues. – Sat. 10 am – 4 pm. Sunday 1-3. (Sept, Oct. to Thanksgiving Saturdays & Sundays 1- 3 pm.). The Historical Society **needs volunteers** to help keep the Museum open, please contact us if you have a few hours to spare! **Heritage Day is Saturday August 13, 2011.** 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us for an antique car show, special displays to honour Armour Township's 130th Anniversary.

You will also want to go to the **Farmer's Market**, located in **Burks Falls**, behind the arena. Tuesdays 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. (Open June 28th – August 30th)

We understand that many seasonal residents make food donations of non-perishable items to the local food bank at the end of the season when cleaning up the kitchen cupboards, rather than taking everything back home. What a great idea! Burks Falls Food Bank hours are Tuesdays 1- 3 p.m. and Fridays 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., or you may drop off non-perishable items at the municipal office and we will take them to the Food Bank.

Almaguin Highlands Health Care: Please visit the HealthCare web site and fill out the on-line survey: www.almaguin-health.org (Copies of the survey are also available at the Municipal Office).

The Township is registered for **TAX PAYMENTS** with the following banks - if you wish to pay by Internet or telephone banking: Royal, Canada Trust/TD, Scotia, Montreal, CIBC, and Credit Union Central. We are not registered with the banks for over the counter or bank machine payments. Please note a \$25.00 charge will apply to items returned by the bank. **Note:** Please ensure that we have your **proper mailing address** and if you are on a rural route the address **must** include your civic address (911 #).

Council has deliberated the **2011 BUDGET** at several meetings, resulting in an overall tax levy increase of 6%. **The residential tax rate is down 1.13 %.** The total budget is: \$2,493,821. Refer to the chart below, for further details. Copies of the 2010 Financial Statements will be available at the municipal office at no cost to any ratepayer or resident of the municipality.

EXPENDITURES AND TAXES 2011							% OF
	% TWP CONTROL	EXPENDITURE	COST			DIFFERENCE 10 TO 11	RATEPAYERS 2011 TAXES
			2009	2010	2011		
PROV/OTHER	0.00%	ASSESSMENT	\$27,131	\$27,929	\$28,829	\$900	1.78%
		INSURANCE/LEGAL/AUDIT	\$63,625	\$62,098	\$45,300	-\$16,798	2.80%
		PSAB/BLUE SKY	\$20,000	\$13,206	\$12,300	-\$906	0.76%
		HEALTH & SAFETY/ACCESS	\$7,000	\$4,000	\$1,000	-\$3,000	0.06%
		POLICING	\$42,118	\$41,753	\$42,126	\$373	2.60%
		HEALTH UNIT	\$18,511	\$19,034	\$19,573	\$539	1.21%
		AMBULANCE	\$30,574	\$35,640	\$38,496	\$2,856	2.38%
		SOCIAL SERVICES	\$99,732	\$87,560	\$78,586	-\$8,974	4.86%
		EASTHOLME	\$37,135	\$45,189	\$120,613	\$75,424	7.46%
		PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	\$15,000	\$68,000	\$25,000	-\$43,000	1.55%
		OTHER	\$4,550	\$720	\$700	-\$20	0.04%
		EDUCATION	\$296,162	\$309,706	\$318,977	\$9,271	19.72%
		SUBTOTAL	\$661,538	\$714,835	\$731,500	\$16,665	45.23%
		GOVERNMENT SUPPORT	\$280,271	\$272,486	\$279,282	\$6,796	
		NET EXPENDITURES	\$381,267	\$442,349	\$452,218	\$9,869	
		OTHER REVENUES & TRANSFERS	\$20,158	\$29,456	\$22,292	-\$7,164	
		NET EXPENDITURES	\$361,109	\$412,893	\$429,926	\$17,033	26.58%
TRI COMMITTEE	33.00%	LANDFILL/RECYCLE	\$96,593	\$132,881	\$142,415	\$9,534	
		LANDFILL TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	\$0	\$0	\$41,600	\$41,600	
		NET LANDFILL/RECYCLE EXPENSES	\$96,593	\$132,881	\$100,815	-\$32,066	6.23%
		ARENA	\$65,320	\$64,823	\$65,764	\$941	
		ARENA TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	\$6,000	\$12,106	\$15,820	\$3,714	
		NET ARENA EXPENSES	\$59,320	\$52,717	\$49,944	-\$2,773	3.09%
		LIBRARY	\$17,774	\$21,813	\$23,704	\$1,891	1.47%
		FIRE	\$248,010	\$339,892	\$367,713	\$27,821	
		FIRE REVENUE	\$183,508	\$251,811	\$268,091	\$16,280	
		NET FIRE EXPENSES	\$64,502	\$88,081	\$99,622	\$11,541	6.16%
		MUSEUM	\$0	\$0	\$8,520	\$8,520	
		MUSEUM REVENUE	\$0	\$0	\$6,910	\$6,910	
		NET MUSEUM EXPENSES	\$0	\$0	\$1,610	\$1,610	0.10%
		OTHER	\$7,500	\$6,600	\$9,400	\$2,800	
		OTHER REVENUE	\$4,060	\$6,406	\$2,440	-\$3,966	
		NET OTHER EXPENSES	\$3,440	\$194	\$6,960	\$6,766	0.43%
		NET TRI COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES	\$241,629	\$295,686	\$282,655	-\$13,031	17.48%
TOWNSHIP	100.00%	ADMINISTRATION	\$162,720	\$201,910	\$217,190	\$15,280	13.43%
		COUNCIL	\$39,000	\$46,000	\$45,000	-\$1,000	2.78%
		ELECTION	\$0	\$10,000	\$2,500	-\$7,500	0.15%
		RESERVE	\$45,000	\$45,000	\$100,000	\$55,000	6.18%
		PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	\$10,700	\$12,550	\$19,300	\$6,750	1.19%
		ROADS - MAINTENANCE	\$463,730	\$435,722	\$447,824	\$12,102	27.69%
		ROADS - CAPITAL	\$367,124	\$269,815	\$237,791	-\$32,024	14.70%
		HEALTH SERVICES	\$5,500	\$4,900	\$38,700	\$33,800	2.39%
		RECREATION SERVICES	\$20,300	\$24,526	\$10,000	-\$14,526	0.62%
		PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT	\$5,700	\$10,100	\$5,100	-\$5,000	0.32%
		OTHER	\$12,000	\$12,900	\$21,400	\$8,500	1.32%
		SUBTOTAL	\$1,131,774	\$1,073,423	\$1,144,805	\$71,382	70.79%
		GOVERNMENT SUPPORT	\$72,293	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
		NET EXPENDITURES	\$1,059,481	\$1,073,423	\$1,144,805	\$71,382	
		OTHER REVENUE	\$285,860	\$260,964	\$240,096	-\$20,868	
		NET EXPENDITURES	\$773,621	\$812,459	\$904,709	\$92,250	55.94%
TOTAL ALL MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES			\$2,228,509	\$2,354,267	\$2,493,821	\$131,034	
TOTAL ALL REVENUE SOURCES			\$852,150	\$833,229	\$876,531	-\$5,208	
NET EXPENSES RAISED THROUGH TAXATION			\$1,376,359	\$1,521,038	\$1,617,290	\$136,242	100.00%

TOTAL REVENUE SOURCES = 35.15% OF TOTAL EXPENSES
64.85% OF TOTAL EXPENSES RAISED THROUGH TAXATION