

WWR UPDATE

FEBRUARY 3, 2020

Reminder!

Your first 2 bags of garbage placed at the curb can be any colour and do NOT need to be Whitewater Region yellow "W" bags. If you want to put more than 2 bags at the curb for pick-up, you will need to purchase a yellow "W" bag for \$5 at the Municipal Office or a local retailer.



2020 Dog Tags

Before March 31 st	Beginning April 1 st
Sterilized: \$15.00	Sterilized: \$25.00
Non-sterilized: \$30.00	Non-Sterilized: \$40.00

Tags can be purchased at the following locations:

- Municipal Office, 44 Main St, Cobden
- Rooney's Variety, 74 Main St, Cobden
- Annie's Gas Bar, 2008 Foresters Falls Rd
- Beachburg Deli & Bakery, 1824 Beachburg Rd
- Kenny's Store, 2164 Westmeath Rd

Beginning **February 10**, Dog Tag permits are also now available on our website with online payment at www.whitewaterregion.ca. Fees apply.

Council approved a Zoning By-law Amendment and Licensing By-law to legally permit the use of 1 Recreational Vehicle (tent/travel trailer, motorhome, etc.) on vacant waterfront and vacant rural zoned properties. This process will ensure that recreational vehicles are properly located on their respective properties, are disposing of septage adequately, and can be accessed by emergency services.

The process to permit a recreation vehicle on a vacant property is simple and cost effective. Simply visit our website, download the Application Form, and submit the completed form, along with a Site Plan and the applicable fee (2020 - \$150.00).

The Township looks forward to existing and new recreational vehicle owners complying with these requirements. Info: Carmen Miller, Clerk at Ext. 123 cmiller@whitewaterregion.ca or Ivan Burton, Planner/ EDO at Ext. 124 or iburton@whitewaterregion.ca.



RECREATIONAL VEHICLE LICENSING

Pushing Snow Across Roads

It is a safety hazard and against the law. The Ontario Highway Traffic Act states, "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."

Fire Hydrants

Clear access to a fire hydrant can save precious time during an emergency. If a hydrant is buried, it can be difficult for our firefighters to locate. Ideally, snow should be cleared away around the hydrant for three feet to provide room to connect the hoses.

Community Recreation Grants

The Township of Whitewater Region is committed to supporting community partners providing programs and services to the residents of the Region. Through this financial support, it is hoped that other funding may be leveraged and volunteers can be supported, attracted and retained. For more information on the grant please visit our website. Deadline for applications is March 1st. Info: Jordan Durocher, Manager of Parks & Recreation at Ext. 122 or jdurocher@whitewaterregion.ca.

Family Day

The Municipal Office will be closed on February 17.

Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

Council approved \$25,000 as part of the 2020 Budget deliberations to support the Township’s Community Improvement Plans (CIP). The CIP provides financial assistance to property owners looking to revitalize and beautify the Township’s Villages and Hamlets, as well as water, shoreline, septic and agricultural improvements within the Rural and Agricultural areas. In order to learn more about eligibility for these programs, please visit the Township’s website or contact the Planner/EDO at Ext. 124 or iburton@whitewaterregion.ca.

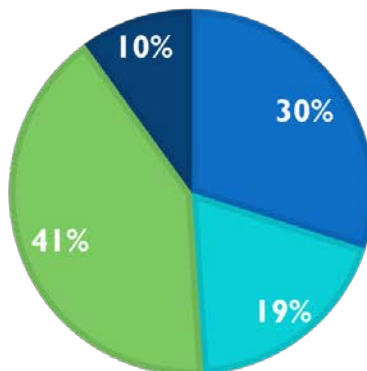
Ross Landfill – 990 Kohlsmith Road

When visiting, please consider the following:

- Be cautious of heavy equipment and watch your speed.
- Keep children and pets in the vehicle at all times.
- Refrain from smoking.
- Plastic toys, buckets, flower pots, plastic bags and other film plastics are not recyclable. Please do not place in the top-loading recycling containers.
- Deposit items in the appropriate areas/stockpiles.
- Bagged waste other than the yellow “W” bags are assessed at \$5.00 per bag.

CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR COLLECTED

■ County (30%) ■ Education (19%) ■ Municipal (41%) ■ Policing (10%)



TAXATION

Please make note of the following due dates to avoid interest charges.

Interim Tax Bill:

First installment is due: **February 28, 2020**
 Second installment is due: **April 30, 2020**

Final Tax Bill:

First installment is due: **August 31, 2020**
 Second installment is due: **October 30, 2020**

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:

- There are no cheques to write out;
- 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.

Contact Kim Peterson, Finance Clerk at Ext. 129 or kpeterson@whitewaterregion.ca.

WATER/SEWER BILLING

Bills are now due on the last business day of every other month in March, May, July, September, November, and January. Interest will be charged at a rate of 1.25% on current year’s arrears. Penalty will be charged at a rate of 1.25% on previous years’ arrears.