



The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls Community Newsletter

September 2018

ASSESSMENT AND OTHER TAX CYCLE INFORMATION

Tax revenue represents approximately 54% of the funds required to operate a balanced budget. Any shortfall, (including assessment changes and tax arrears) in this revenue will have an overall affect on the bottom line. That is why efforts to address and collect on tax arrears have increased in our municipality in the last few years.

Bill 68, *Modernizing Ontario's Municipal Legislation Act, 2017* is now law. The following is an overview of the resulting changes to the *Municipal Act, 2001* that pertain to tax registrations and tax sales.

Previously, a tax arrears certificate could be registered if there were arrears owing on January 1 of the third year following that in which the taxes became owing. In other words if there were arrears owing from 2014 or earlier, a tax arrears certificate could be registered after January 1, 2017. A tax arrears certificate can now be registered if there were tax arrears owing on January 1 of the second year following that in which the taxes became owing. The legislated Ontario Tax Sale process, once initiated can ultimately result in the property being sold if outstanding taxes and penalties (in addition to the administrative fees associated with the Tax Sale Certificate Registration) are not paid within one year from the date of Registration. The Township retains the services of a third party Municipal Tax Recovery firm who specializes in this process. Mayor & Council understand and are sympathetic to the difficulties that can be associated with making tax payments. The ability to enter payment plans is always an option and communication among all parties is the key.

The tax billing cycle for the municipality remains the same. Interim Tax bills are calculated at 35% of the previous year's taxes and are mailed out in early January each year. The due date for Interim Tax bills is March 31st. Once council calculates the new year's budget and sets the municipal tax rates, the Final Tax bills are calculated and mailed out (usually by the first week of May). This Final Tax bill can either be paid all at once by June 30th, or can be paid in two installments – June 30th and September 30th. Remember that if you do not receive a tax bill you should contact the Municipal office as soon as possible to ascertain why you did not receive it. Please notify the Municipal office as soon as a change occurs to your mailing address. If you have your mail forwarded to a winter address, please ensure that your forwarding order has not expired.

If you have any questions regarding your assessment please contact MPAC at 1-866-296-6722. If you have any other tax questions (billing, supplemental tax bills, write-offs, tax arrears collection procedures), please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Maureen Hanson, Treasurer

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Steps to Safe Needle Disposal:

Have you ever come across needles or drug preparation equipment on your property or in your community?
Would you know what to do with it if you did?

Needles and drug preparation equipment can be handled safely. By picking them up yourself you can help limit the time they spend on the ground and potentially help prevent someone else from getting poked.

Here are some tips for safe needle pick-up and disposal:

- Wear gloves before handling any drug injection equipment.
- Always use a hard sided plastic container for needles.
- Use long-handled tongs to pick up the needles with the point facing down. Keep the needle away from you.
- Place the used needle, point end first, in the container.
- When everything has been picked up, put the lid on the container and tape it shut.
- Wash your hands or clean with a hand sanitizer.
- Return your container and its contents to your local Northwestern Health Unit office.

If unsure or uncomfortable with picking up a needle, call your local Northwestern Health Unit office.

Where can used needles be taken?

- Needles can be brought in to your local Northwestern Health Unit.
- Some pharmacies may take them, call ahead to find out.

For more information on the Harm Reduction Program or to get your own needle pickup kit, please call your local Northwestern Health Unit office.

Northwestern Health Unit office hours in Sioux Narrows are Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, unless posted otherwise. Phone number is 807-226-9626 ext 3745.



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Screen for Life

Cancer screening sees what you can't



Screen For Life
Sioux Narrows Community Hall
September 19th & 20th
Nestor Falls Community Hall
September 21st & 22nd
Call 1-800-461-7031 to book an
appointment

Terry Fox Run

Sunday, September 16th, 2018
Registration 8:00 am—9:00 am
Location: Valleyview School, Kenora,
Email: info@terryfoxrun.org

Sioux Narrows Bassin' for Bucks Tournament

22nd Annual Live Release Bass Tournament
Lake of the Woods, Sioux Narrows Ontario
September 7, 8, 9, 2018



Weigh-ins daily 3:30pm at The Lazy Loon
Contact Chloe Swenson/ Swenson Marina and
Bait 807-446-8180 or
Barb Salvador 807-466-2578

11th Annual Crow Lake Classic

11th Annual Crow Lake Classic Bass
Tournament
Hanson's Hideaway Lodge, Nestor Falls
September 15th & 16th



Limited to 30
Teams/ Entry fee \$350.00

Registration forms available at
Bite Me Bait & Tackle or by calling
Kiley Shebagegit at 276-4405

For more information visit [crowlakeclassic](https://www.facebook.com/crowlakeclassic)
On Facebook

NESTOR FALLS MUSKY CUP



September 21st & 22nd

Entry fee \$400.00 CND
per 2 person team

For more information:
www.muskycup.2cat.com

Lake of the Woods Chapel

At Lake of the Woods Chapel United Church, services will remain at 7:00 p.m. for September 2nd and 9th. On Sunday September 16th, worship services will be at 2:30 p.m. until next summer. Remember, all are welcome!

I'm taking this opportunity to thank all who contributed to the success of our fund-raising efforts over the summer.....the Pie Social in June, the Bake Sale and New-to-You Sale at Christmas in July, and the Spaghetti Supper at Crystal Harbour in August. All were good opportunities to meet and connect with each other which is the fun part of these activities. Hope everyone has enjoyed the summer, and for those leaving this haven of natural beauty, safe travels to each of you. We will look forward to your return.

Nursing Station Schedule

Dr. Kerry Anderson

August 28th & 30th -9:00 am—12 noon
September 6th -2:00 pm—5 pm
September 13th & 20th- 9:00 am—12 noon
September 27th -1:30 pm—4:30 pm

Dr. Rowena Lass

September 12th—8:45 am—11:45 am
September 18th—1:30 pm—4:30 pm

Dr. Krill Schroth—Dentist

September 12th- 9:am—4:00 pm

PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENTS & LEAVE YOUR NAME & TELEPHONE NUMBER
AND SOMEONE WILL RETURN YOUR CALL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NURSING STATION—226-1081
AMBULANCE, FIRE & POLICE CALL 911.