



Municipal Newsletter

Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Message from the Mayor:

By now I am sure that most everyone knows that I won't be running for re-election this October.

Past health issues have left me with very little energy and so I feel it would be best for all if I retire. But first I need to extend some thanks to some very important people.

I am very grateful and humbled by the trust residents of Blandford-Blenheim have placed in me over my 18 years on Council. Thank you so much! I couldn't have done it without the help from Councils and employees, past and present, both at the Township and County. I appreciate all the knowledge and friendship you shared with me.

My experience on Council was excellent! I have been fortunate to meet so many wonderful people and have had great experiences.

If anyone has ever had a thought that they might have something to contribute to their community helping make Blandford- Blenheim a better place to live, we need you.

Diversity on Council makes it a very good thing, we need to hear from youth, millennials, seniors, males, females, all reflective of our community. So you've got 4 years to think about it. You won't regret it! Don't disappoint me. I know there are a lot of good candidates out there!

Don't forget to vote October 22, 2018. Make your voice heard!

Forever in your debt, Marion

Municipal Office

47 WILMOT ST. S.,
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www.blandfordblenheim.ca

Hours of Operation

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Monday – Friday

Public Works Yard/ Leaf Waste Depot

The depot is located at
895957 Oxford Road 3,
just North of Drumbo

Community Services

Plattsville Arena &
Community Hall
68 Mill Street East
519-684-7482

Princeton Centennial Hall
35 Main Street South
519-458-4891

County of Oxford

Phone: 519-539-9800

www.oxfordcounty.ca

**Council meetings are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month
at 4:00 p.m. All meeting are open to the public.**

**IMPORTANT ALERT: TOWNSHIP MAILING ADDRESS HAS
CHANGED! Please remove PO Box 100.**

If your mailing address has changed, please update us.



2018 Municipal & School Board Election



October 22nd, 2018 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm | Advance Vote: October 13th, 2018 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

A traditional paper ballot must be marked in person at your specified Voting Poll or at the Advance Voting Poll. Voter Notification Cards will be mailed in October (pending Canada Post strike action). Cards will let each Voter know which Poll to attend.

If you haven't already checked the Municipal Voters' List:

Please make sure your information is accurate and that you are on the list! Contact the Township Office at 519-463-5347 or visit www.blandfordblenheim.ca.

A person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality, if on voting day, he/she is:

- A Canadian citizen;
- At least 18 years old
- Residing in the local municipality or an owner or tenant there, or then spouse of such owner or tenant;
- and,
- Not otherwise prohibited from voting.

Not sure who the candidates are? Check www.blandfordblenheim.ca/municipalelection2018

At the close of voting, the unofficial results will be displayed at the Township Office and on the Township website.

Parks & Recreation News

Free Public Skating is held Saturdays starting October 6th at 4:30 pm.

Free Parents & Tots Skates are held Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 am.

Starts Wednesday October 10th. Each program runs weekly, check Arena for any cancellations.

Free Drop in Centre at the Blenheim and Plattsville Public Schools.

Blenheim School starts Wednesday October 3rd. Plattsville School starts Wednesday October 10th. Dates are posted on the Community Calendar of the Township Website.

3 on 3 Ice Hockey for Youth on PA Days is starting Friday October 26th, call 519-684-7482 (TVDSB PD Days).

Special Free Skates over Christmas will be posted at the Arena and on Township Website early December.

We're looking for Sponsors for our Public Skating, if interested please call 519-635-3507.

For ice time or parks information call 519-684-7482 Plattsville Arena.

Family Day Free skate Monday February 18th 2019 from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm.

Fitness at the Plattsville Lion's Hall call Terri at 519-465-7147.

Parks will be winterized in mid-October.



Public Works Yard/ Leaf Waste Depot:

Located on Township Road 8 beside the Public Works yard at 895957 Oxford Road 3 - Open 24/7 to drop off yard waste such as grass, hedge trimmings, leaves, Halloween pumpkins plus house and garden plants. No containers please.

LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.

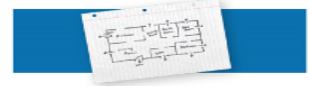
BE AWARE! Fire can happen anywhere.



• **LOOK** for potential fire hazards around your home. Take action to prevent fire from starting.



• **LISTEN** for the smoke alarms in an emergency. Everyone must know the sound and be able to hear them in an emergency. Early detection gives you the extra seconds needed to get out safely.



• **LEARN** two ways out of every room. Practice an escape plan with everyone in your home before a fire starts so you and your family can get out quickly.



For more information contact your **local fire department.**

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

October 7–13, 2018



From the Public Works Department

Respect the BLUE: Snow removal equipment will soon be out on the roads. When you see the BLUE lights flashing give them lots of room to work. They are there to make the roads safer for everyone to use.

Snow Removal: Residents are reminded that it's an offense to deposit snow or ice on a roadway. This practice contravenes Township of Blandford-Blenheim By-law Number 455-82 and similarly The Highway Traffic Act, R.S.O. 1990, C.H.8, S 181, which states "No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or Road Authority responsible for the maintenance of the road".

Parking: To assist with snow removal operations, parking is restricted on all Township maintained streets. Starting November 1st to March 31st there is NO Parking from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday to Friday. Parking on streets maintained by the County of Oxford is restricted from 2:00 am to 6:00 am.

Mailboxes: The Township will replace broken mailboxes **only** if snow removal equipment makes physical contact with the mailbox. Landowners are responsible to ensure mailboxes are securely attached to their post.

BURNING GUIDELINES

Open air burning shall not take place unless it has been approved or, the open-air burning consists of a small confined fire that is:

- Used to cook food on a grill, barbeque, or spit;
- Proportionate with the type and quantity of food being cooked; and,
- Is supervised at all times.

All toxic materials prohibited by the Environmental Protection Act including treated, painted or laminated wood, tires, rubber, leaves/brush, plastic, asphalt, foam and insulation shall not be burned, at any time.

Fire must always be supervised at all times.

Sufficient water or other fire retardant equipment is readily available to keep fire under control.



Local Remembrance Day Services:

816661 Oxford Rd 22 Bright ON: November 11 @ 11 am

32 Wilmot St South Drumbo ON: November 9 @ 11 am

112 Mill St Plattsville ON: November 9 @ 11 am

25 Main St South Princeton ON: November 11 @ 11 am

The Township intakes Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Checks. If you require a Vulnerable Sector Check, the OPP requires a letter from the organization requesting it. You must bring two pieces of identification: Driver's License, Passport, Birth Certificate, Hunting License, Blood Donor Card or Student Card. We cannot accept a Health Card as identification.



About your Property Taxes

E-mailing of Property Tax Bills

Have your property tax bill e-mailed to you, instead of regular mail! Receiving your tax bill by e-mail will allow you to easily file these important documents electronically for future reference. It's not only environmentally friendly, but also fiscally responsible. Your authorization is required and can be done by sending an e-mail requesting this service, to Katie, our Deputy Treasurer / Revenue Co-ordinator, at kkoski@blandfordblenheim.ca. Don't forget to keep us updated if your e-mail address ever changes.

Pre-Authorized Payment of Property Taxes

Paying your property taxes by pre-authorized payments makes sense. There are no administrative fees and your payment is never late. There is a monthly payment option; 10 months from January to October, withdrawn on the 15th of each month, as well as the installment option withdrawn on the four tax due dates. Forms are available online or at the Township office.

Farm Property Tax Credit

If you participate in the Farm Property Tax Credit Program, **it is important to keep the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) up to date with any changes to the farm ownership or tenancy.** It is important to maintain your relationship with OMAFRA as even minor changes can have dramatic effects on your assessment and property taxes. Please call 1-877-424-1300 to report any changes or if you have questions about the program.

FINAL TAX INSTALLMENT DUE OCTOBER 31, 2018

Municipal Drains

Dead & fallen trees can affect the function of drains, this can cause blockages, which may also cause flooding. Please inspect open drains on your property.

If you suspect that the municipal drain on your property requires maintenance or repair, including being affected by trees or their roots, please contact the Drainage Superintendent to schedule an inspection at 519-463-5347.

www.blandfordblenheim.ca/Services/MunicipalDrainage

Township Office will be Closed:

October 8th 2018 for Thanksgiving

November 12th 2018 in lieu of Remembrance Day

December 24th 2018 to

January 1st 2019 for Christmas

February 18th 2019 for Family Day

April 19th 2019 for Good Friday

April 22nd 2019 for Easter Monday

