

# **Otonabee-South Monaghan** an OSM Township

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Education

32%

**SUMMER/FALL 2022** 

## **Property Tax**

Property taxes fund Education, the County of Peterborough and the Township. For residential ratepayers, the taxes paid to the Township are shared as follows:

Education 17%

County 32%

Township 51%

2022 Final Tax Bill Installment Due Dates Friday, July 29 & Friday, Sept. 30

#### Flat rates for Area Services on the Tax Bill Annual Rate for:

- Curbside Pick Up (island and vacant lands excluded) \$ 51.00 per household and/or unit
- For owners of properties served by the Municipal Water Systems in Keene and Stewart Hall \$ 2,200.00 per household
- For Burnham Meadow property owners served by sewer systems: \$ 1,095.00 per household and/or unit
- Swimming Pool Surcharge
  - \$ 112.00 per household in Keene and Stewart Hall
- Street Light Service Areas are rated by community area

#### **Payments**

Payment options are listed on the reverse side of your tax bill, as well as on the Township website at www.osmtownship.ca under "Payment Options", or please call or visit the Township office for more information. Pre-authorized payment plans are available. If paying through internet banking please allow 2-3 business days for us to receive payment to ensure your payment is not received late. You can also pay by credit card online through Paymentus.

#### Property Tax Grant for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities

If you are a senior on the guaranteed income supplement or a person on a disability pension, you may qualify for a property tax grant. The County of Peterborough runs the program and it is administered by the Township. Please refer to the County of Peterborough Tax Relief Programs website for eligibility and applications for this grant program:

https://www.ptbocounty.ca/en/governing/tax-relief-programs.aspx Applications must be submitted by November 15, 2022 to the Township tax offices.

### **Budget 2022**

The **2022 Total Township Budget** is \$13,774,905, which includes operating costs of \$7,601,408, Capital Plan projects of \$4,494,890, and \$1,678,607, provision for Reserves to fund future infrastructure replacement. The 2022 Total Township Tax Levy is \$6,527,437, with the balance funded through grants, user fees, development charges, reserve transfers and other revenue.

This translates into a 2.46% increase in the Township Tax Rate. Each property is impacted differently based on the assessed value determined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC). Property assessments for the 2021 property tax year will continue to be based on January 1, 2016 current values. This means your property assessment remains the same as it was for the 2020 tax year, unless there have been changes to your property. For more information about assessment, please check out the MPAC website at www.mpac.ca. To find out more about your particular property assessment, register online at www.aboutmyproperty.ca. A breakdown showing any assessmentrelated tax increase is provided on every tax bill.

## **Building Department**

The Building Department is available to discuss the details of your planned project, answer any questions and assist in completing required permit applications. Summer and fall are peak building times; therefore, inspection appointments must be booked 48 hours in advance. Information regarding building requirements and permits can also be found on our website at www.osmtownship.ca.

It is recommended that you ask before you start work. This will save you time and money!

If you build without a permit, permit fees will be doubled. You also run the risk of having your construction project removed or having to make major modifications to bring it into compliance with the Ontario Building Code. Building permits are required for the following:

- All new construction greater than 108 sq ft (10 sq m)
- · All additions to structures regardless of the size
- · All plumbing work
- · Renovations, specifically any structural changes
- · All swimming pools
- Decks (including replacement decks) We recommend hiring a BCIN qualified designer to design your deck to ensure compliance with The Ontario Building Code and local By-laws.

All additions, swimming pools, garages and accessory buildings require location approval in relation to the existing septic system from Peterborough Public Health prior to a building permit being issued. A Development Permit may be required from Otonabee Conservation of the Ministry of Transportation in certain areas.

Don't need a permit? Remember that your structure must still comply with zoning regulations, so check with the CBO about any approvals you may need.

## **Development Charges for 2022**

The 2022 phased in Township Development Charges under By-Law No. 2020-60 are as follows:

Residential - All dwelling units \$ 9,262

Non-Residential - Commercial Sector \$3.77/square foot

Note: The Township also collects Development Charges for the County of Peterborough, PVNCCDSB and KPRDSP Educational Boards (not included in the above prices).

## **News & Notices**

Watch for details on community events and recreational registrations by following us on Twitter and Facebook at @OSMTownship.



All community news and events can also be found on our website at www.osmtownship.ca.

Running a community program or event? Submit the details to us by email at info@osmtownship.ca and your event may be promoted on our website, LED sign, Facebook or Twitter, provided it meets the Electronic Information (LED) Sign Policy.

Weekly Township News Bulletins are posted Monday mornings on our website, as well as shared to social media. They highlight meetings, news, events and reminders.

#### **DEPARTMENTS**

Municipal Adminisration - 705-295-6852 / 1-800-999-4861 Chief Administrative Officer, Greg Borduas Ext. 214 Clerk/Deputy CAO, Heather Scott Ext. 223 Director of Finance/Treasurer, Ext. 211

Deputy Treasurer/Office Manager, Jackie Fitzgerald Ext. 216

**Tax Inquiries -** 705-295-6852

Accounting and Tax Clerk, Shannon Neto Ext. 210

**Building Department** - 705-295-6852

Interm Director of Building Services (CBO), Ken Currie Ext. 222 Junior Planner, Ext. 232

Building Inspector, Steve Wigboldus Ext. 212

Building & Planning Assistant, Christine Zurosky Ext. 233

Parks & Recreation Department - 705-295-6862 Recreation, Parks & Facilities Manager, Mike Nelson **Public Works Department** - 705-745-3595

Director of Public Works, Craig Brooks

**Dog Control** - 705-939-6791 / 1-866-709-6083

Dog Control Officer, Debra Haigh

Fire and Emergency Services - 705-295-6880 Fire Chief/CEMC, Chuck Parsons Ext. 217

Fire Admin/Public Education/Fire Prevention Officer, Cara Wood Ext. 215

## **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Mayor Joe Taylor 705-295-4886 jtaylor@osmtownship.ca Deputy Mayor Bonnie Clark 705-295-4434 bclark@osmtownship.ca Councillor at Large Mark Allen 705-295-1544 mallen@osmtownship.ca

Councillor for Otonabee Ward Nick Powers 705-875-8245 npowers@osmtownship.ca

Councillor for South Monaghan Ward Ken Howie 705-939-6754 khowie@osmtownship.ca

## **Fire Department**

Outdoor Burning Please be reminded that burn permits are required for outdoor burning. The provisions for burning and fines/fees associated with non-compliance are listed in By-Law 2010-50.

Permits and copies of the by-law are normally issued at the Municipal Office during regular business hours.

Permits can be obtained at the Township during regular business hours, via email to

burnpermit@osmtownship.ca or by calling the Township office 705-295-6852, ext. 215 or ext. 213.

The only burning permitted without a burn permit is a "small, confined fire, supervised at all times, and used to cook food on a grill or a barbeque". Burn barrels are not permitted for use at any time in OSM Township.

#### Fire Safety doesn't take a break!

Smoke Alarms are mandatory in all homes, on every level of the home

and outside all sleeping areas. Ionization smoke alarms are more responsive to flaming fires. Photoelectric smoke alarms are more responsive to smoldering fires.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms are required in homes with a fossil-fuel burning appliance, wood stove or attached garage and must be located outside of all sleeping areas.

All alarms have an expiry date of 7-10 years, depending on manufacturer

recommendations. Be sure to check the expiry date when you change the alarm batteries to ensure your alarms are current.

## **Emergency Management**

Be Ready for Anything - create an emergency plan.

Emergency Preparedness is everyone's responsibility. Ensure you and your family are prepared for at least the first 72 hours of any emergency. getprepared.gc.ca



Be Holiday Smart.

## **Garbage and** Recycling

## **OSM Transfer Station**

1594 Drummond Line, 705-749-2331

Mon. & Fri. 1-6 pm / Wed. 9 am - 6 pm / Sat. 9 am - 3 pm

# **Garbage Collection Inquiries/Missed Collection**

Waste Connections Canada – 705-742-4268 or

Marylin.iewer@wasteconnections.com or Stephen.bye@wasteconnections.com

Clear Garbage Bag Program. Thank you to all residents for helping to make this program a continued success. The Township is very pleased to report that since the launch of the program there has been a significant decline in waste generation and a huge increase in recycling. Garbage can be left at the curb or can be taken to the Drummond Line Transfer Station for a fee in the following ways: 1) in a clear bag in a garbage container; 2) in a clear bag; or 3) in an opaque small grocery size privacy bag to shield private items. Garbage must be at the road before 7:00am to avoid missing collection. For clear bag program details please see the Township website www.osmtownship.ca.

Peterborough County provides recycling services to all residents. The County of Peterborough website (www.ptbocounty.ca/recycling) has a Searchable Waste Portal to find information regarding recycling and garbage collection all in one place. On this site you will find a printable blue box sort guide that will assist you in finding the appropriate place for your recyclables.

Recycling Program - County of Peterborough 705-775-2737 or waste@ptbocounty.ca For missed Collection call Emterra at 705-742-3139

#### Remember the Big Three when recycling:

- 1. Have your blue boxes to the road by **7am**.
- 2. Sort your materials into 2 boxes, Containers and Papers.
  - Use as many boxes as needed, as long as Containers, and Papers are in separate boxes.
- 3. Keep recycling loose in Blue Boxes.
  - Bagged recycling will not be collected.

#### Special Provisions for Individuals with a Medical Condition The Application for Medical (Non-Hazardous) Waste Exception – Curbside Waste Collection can be found at www.osmtownship.ca/en/livinghere/Garbage-and-Recycling.

#### **ELECTION:**

#### October 24, 2022 - Ontario Municipal & School Board Election The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible

for compiling information from Eligible Ontario Voters to create a Preliminary List of Electors the for Municipal and School Board Elections. Looking to run for office? The nomination period is now open. Forms must be completed and filed in person by appointment at the Township office. Nominations will be accepted at the Township office during regular business hours until 2:00pm on August 19th.

More information can be obtained on the Election section of the Township's website.

To make sure you are on the list and your information is accurate, visit voterlookup.ca to register, confirm details and update any information that may not be current.

Voterlookup.ca features a declaration component which requires the user to verify that the information is "true and accurate." In addition, specific information entered by each user on voterlookup.ca has to match-up to existing data maintained by MPAC before users are permitted to add their name or apply changes to the information.

Register to vote -

or confirm you are already on the list - at

## <u>voterlookup.ca</u>

Please refer to our website www.osmtownship.ca or check our Facebook page for updates on the 2022 election.



## Do you need a family doctor?

Register with Health Care Connect Today!

Health Care Connect is a provincial wait list connecting orphaned patients with a family doctor. You can register with the program by visiting www.ontario.ca/healthcareconnect or by calling 1-800-445-1822 from Monday to Friday from 9AM - 5PM.

## Recreation, **Parks and Facilities**



#### **Parks and Conservation Areas**

The Township boasts several parks and playgrounds for residents to enjoy. You can also visit Burnham Woods Provincial Park, Harold Town Conservation Area, Squirrel Creek Conservation Area, McIntyre Park or hike the Lang-Hastings Trail to connect with nature or to enjoy a picnic. For more information including locations visit our website www.osmtownship.ca

## **Otonabee Memorial Community Centre/Sports Fields/Facilities**

Public Online Booking and Scheduling Software - Create an account and check rental space availability, current rates, and make booking requests for any of our rental spaces in the Otonabee Memorial Community Centre including the ice surface, curling ice, or gold room. You can also make booking requests for baseball diamonds in Keene, Lang, and Squirrel Creek.

Visit https://app.bookking.ca/osmtownshippub/index.asp to set up your account. If you have previously rented facilities or sports fields through our Township, you will already have an account and can contact the Recreation Department by phone or email to find out login information. 705-295-6862 or mnelson@osmtownship.ca.

Rentals at Stewart Hall Community Centre can be made by contacting the Township Recreation, Parks, and Facilities Department.

Upcoming Summer and Fall Events and Updates:

- ✓ Public Skating 2022/2023 Season
- ✓ Minor Hockey Registration Visit www.otonabeewolves.com for more information
- ✓ Youth Girls Hockey Registration Visit www.keenewolverines.com for more information
- ✓ Otonabee Skating Club Registration Visit www.otonabeeskatingclub.ca for more information

\*Interested in Sponsoring Public Skating or Advertising opportunities for your business? Contact the Recreation, Parks, and Facilities Dept. today! Events and rental details can be found at

www.osmtownship.ca/en/things-to-do/Facilities-and-Community-Centres