

MAYOR'S MESSAGE – Richard Stephens

As we start a new term of Council, I would like to take this opportunity to thank former Councilors Alex Baran, Pat MacDonald and Ted Taylor for their many years of service to our Municipality. We wish you the very best in your retirement. We also welcome our new Councilors, Angela Johnston and Steven Shaffer, as they join our council table.

I have offered a suggestion to revise our council configuration. It would reduce our council to a Mayor and a slate of 4 Councilors to lead and oversee a Municipality of about 2100 residents, versus 6 Councilors that are currently in place. This idea has not yet been placed on an agenda for consideration or further discussion. Your comments will be appreciated.

Building construction activities in 2018 were remarkably good in Central Manitoulin. It is a satisfying sign that we are attracting investments in long term assets be both businesses and residents in our community. We hope that trend will continue throughout 2019.

As usual at this time of year, Council and staff are busy putting the finishing touches into our budgets for 2019. It will be a challenge to predict our contribution from the provincial government as they have not released these figures. At this point, we can only hope that this important source of funds does not adversely affect our tax rates.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL (2018-2022)

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Councillors

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MUNICIPAL STAFF

CAO/Clerk	Ruth Frawley
Treasurer/Deputy Clerk	Denise Deforge
Municipal Coordinator	Silvio Berti
Accounts Payable/Receivable	Sarah Bowerman
Administrative Assistant	Tina Davidson
Chief Building Official	Raymond McPherson
Economic Development Officer	Nancy Kinoshameg
Roads Superintendent	Perry Chatwell
Maintenance Supervisor	George Strain
Fire Chief	John Reid
Health & Safety Coordinator	Arthur Moran
Animal Control Officer	Paul Methner

COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

Regular Council	2 nd & 4 th Thursday
Roads / Waste & Water	1 st Tuesday
Property	2 nd Tuesday
Security / Health & Education	3 rd Tuesday
Finance / Economic Dev.	3 rd Thursday
Office / Administration	4 th Tuesday

Committee meetings start at 7:00 pm, unless otherwise stated.

Council meetings start at 7:30 pm, unless otherwise stated.

To be able to speak at a meeting you MUST be on the Agenda. Contact the Municipal Office at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

EMERGENCY PLAN

The Central Manitoulin Emergency Response Plan can be called into action as needed. Copies of the plan are available at the Municipal office.

STRATEGIC PLAN

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin Municipal Strategic Plan 2016-2021 can be viewed on our website.

LIBRARY SERVICES

The Municipality has two public libraries.

The Providence Bay Public Library:

Located at 11 Mutchmor St. in the basement of the Providence Bay Community Hall.

Phone: 705-377-4503

The Mindemoya Public Library:

Located at 6020 Hwy 542 in the Municipal Complex.

Phone: 705-377-5334

Please call for hours of operation.

WELCOME CENTRE

Located at 2207 HWY 551, Mindemoya. This building has public washrooms, tourist information and is the entrance to the Pioneer Museum (open from June to August).

Phone: (705) 377-4383

MUNICIPAL CEMETERIES

Inactive

Big Lake Cemetery
Long Bay Cemetery

Active

Mindemoya Cemetery - Mark Love 705-377-7240
Providence Bay Cemetery – Lyle Dewar 705-377-4645
Grimesthorpe Cemetery – Ken Lewis 705-377-4796
Contact the Municipal Office for further information

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

Arenas

The Municipality has two arenas.

For bookings from the beginning of April to the end of October please contact the Municipal Office.

For winter bookings (November to March):

Providence Bay Arena 705-377-4090

Mindemoya Arena 705-377-6648

Community Centres/Halls

The Municipality has five Community Centres/Halls.

Sandfield Hall - private group lease

Big Lake Hall - private group lease

Mindemoya Community Centre - contact office

Spring Bay Community Centre - contact office

Providence Bay Community Centre - contact office

Harbour Centre

The Harbour Centre is located on the beautiful Providence Bay Beach. In the Harbour Centre there are public washrooms, a coffee shop, Providence Bay/Spring Bay History Preservation Society, as well as our Discovery Centre which is organized by the local Discovery Centre Board, as well as summer students. Open to the public from the end of June to the end of August.

Tennis Courts

There are two tennis courts located behind the Municipal Complex in Mindemoya.

Playgrounds

There is a playground in Mindemoya behind the Old School building, one at the Big Lake School, one at the Spring Bay Hall and one on the Providence Bay Beach.

Boat Launches

Windfall Lake - located on Dial Road

Lake Manitou - located at the Sandfield Dock

Big Lake - located where HWY 542 meets lake (NW side)

Lake Mindemoya - located at the Mindemoya Government Dock

- located on Monument Rd North

Kagawong Lake - located on Perivale Rd. West

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY

Every July the Municipality holds a Household Hazardous Waste Day. This event is advertised every year in the local papers; as well, flyers are sent out.

LANDFILL SITE OPERATION

There are two active landfill sites in the Municipality.

Big Lake Landfill – this landfill is for household waste and recycling only.

Hours of operation:

Victoria Day Weekend to Labour Day Weekend:

9:00 am – 1:00 pm (Saturday and Sunday)

Remainder of year: 9:00 am – 12:00 noon (Saturday only)

Providence Bay Landfill – this landfill is for household waste, recycling, construction material and scrap metal.

Tipping Fees are in effect for any non-household items brought to this site.

Hours of operation:

Victoria Day Weekend to Labour Day Weekend:

2:00 pm – 6:00 pm (Saturday and Sunday)

Remainder of year: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm (Saturday only)

GARBAGE COLLECTION (BY-LAW 2001-21)

Curbside garbage pick-up is every Wednesday. All garbage is to be out at the curb by 6:00am.

Municipal Waste and Recycling Consultants is our garbage and recycling contractor. If there is a problem with pick-up, please call MWRC at 1-800-430-7778. Waste shall only be collected if it is placed into CLEAR plastic bags. The maximum bag size is 30 inches x 38 inches (76 cm x 96 cm) and must not exceed 40 lbs. If you have a garbage box, please make sure you have a visible marker on the box to indicate if it is full or empty. For more information pick up our waste flyer at the municipal office.

RECYCLING (BY-LAW 2001-21)

Recycling is picked up every Wednesday and alternates between fiber (newspaper/cardboard) and metal/plastic/glass items. The 2018 recycling schedule is available at the Municipal Office or online. Please ensure all recycling is at the curb by 6:00am.

The segregation of recyclable items is mandatory. Waste that has not been properly segregated will not be collected. Additional blue boxes are available at the Municipal office at a cost of \$12.00 each.

CENTRAL MANITOULIN NOW RECYCLES TIRES

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin has registered with the Ontario Tire Stewardship Program (OTS). Tires may be dropped off at the Providence Bay Landfill Site at no cost. For more information you may go to the OTS web site at: www.ontariots.ca. Tires will not be accepted if they are on the rim, filled or covered with any substance (i.e.: foam, concrete, mud, etc.)

ANIMAL CONTROL (BY-LAW 2009-24)

Every owner of a dog shall register on or before the first day of April in each year for each dog owned, possessed or harboured by him in the Municipality. Every person who becomes the owner of a dog on or after the first day of April in each year must have the dog registered and licensed at the Municipal Office within fifteen days after acquiring or otherwise becoming the owner. Please contact Paul Methner at (705) 795-0229 for more information.

Everyone who allows a dog to be running at large in the municipality or whose dog is running at large in the municipality is guilty of an offence and upon conviction is liable to a minimum fine of \$200.00 to a maximum fine of \$2000.00. For tag fees please contact the Municipal office.

FIRE PROTECTION

The Municipality has four Fire Halls:

Sandfield Fire Hall located at: 3737 HWY 542
Mindemoya Fire Hall located at: 6369 HWY 542
Spring Bay Fire Hall located at: 9292 HWY 542
Providence Bay Fire Hall located at: 5099 HWY 551

The Fire Department is comprised of one Fire Chief, one deputy Fire Chief, six captains and approx. 35 volunteer members. Non-Emergency Phone: John Reid – 377-5600
Emergency Phone: 911

FIRES (BY-LAW 2002-25)

No burning permit shall be issued, and no burning is allowed in Hamlet of Mindemoya, Providence Bay, and Spring Bay, the Hodgins Subdivision and the Nelder Subdivision. Fires enclosed in a campfire pit shall be fire permit exempt and shall be permitted in all areas. A burning permit is required in all other areas of the Municipality from the 1st of April to the 31st of October of each year, other than in areas referred above that do not allow burning. Permits can be obtained at the municipal office, for a fee of \$5.00. During summer months, Fire Ban information can be found on our website.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE MESSAGE

For the protection of property and people, it is important to have adequate access and turn-around capabilities for emergency vehicles. Make sure your driveway is clearly marked with a 911 sign and accessible to emergency vehicles, which are wider, longer and taller than a personal vehicle. If the emergency vehicle cannot access your property safely, they may not be able to provide for service in the case of an emergency.

SNOW PLOWING

DO NOT park vehicles on Municipal roads or road allowances. DO NOT push snow onto or across any Municipal roads.

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

Winter road maintenance is one of our biggest challenges. Over 440 lane km of roads are maintained by trained full time operators working early morning and late-night hours. During heavy snow fall events we ask that you be patient with our snow removal process.

MAILBOX POLICY

We apologize if municipal snow-clearing damages a roadside mailbox. The Municipality will replace a mailbox and/or post damaged by our operations that are:

- a) Located at least 5' from paved road or unpaved shoulder
- b) 42" above traveled portion of the road
- c) Are kept cleared of snow and ice accumulation so as to be visible to our operator.

SIGNS (BY-LAW 2003-13)

No person shall erect any sign on any lot except in accordance with provisions outlined in the By-Law. A permit must be obtained from the Chief Building Official

BUILDING PERMITS (BY-LAW 2005-12)

Office hours are Mon. – Fri. 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, unless the CBO is out on calls. **It is strongly recommended that you make an appointment.** Note: 48 hours notice is required for inspections. A permit is required for new buildings, accessory buildings, material alterations, additions, renovations and repairs to existing buildings, decks, swimming pools, chimney and fireplaces, tent structures over 60 sq. meters etc. **If construction begins prior to obtaining a valid building permit, permit fees shall be doubled. A final inspection on all construction is required by-law.**

For permit information contact the Chief Building Official.

LAND USE PLANNING

The Zoning By-Law (**BY-LAW 2002-07**) regulates building and land use in the Municipality. A copy of this by-law can be viewed on our website, but you are strongly encouraged to verify the information is up to date by reviewing the consolidated copy in the Municipal office. You cannot obtain a building permit or receive any permission to develop land unless it complies with zoning. There may be other approvals needed for your lands such as the Ministry of Transportation. Contact the Chief Building Official for assistance. Additional information can be obtained by submitting a detailed land use request form which is also on our website. For appointments to discuss detailed development requests or to pre-consult on a planning application, contact the Manitoulin Planning Board.

PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW 2003-11

This is a reminder that the Municipality has a by-law setting minimum standard for existing buildings and properties. All property owners, residential and non-residential, are responsible to ensure their buildings and property are in accordance with the by-law or repair them to conform to the by-law. For a copy of the By-law please visit our website or contact the Municipal office.

BUSINESS REGISTRY (BY-LAW 2009-09)

Every business in the Municipality **is required** to register biennial at the Municipal Office. There is no fee to register your business, and free advertisement will be provided on our website. Contact the Office for more information.

STREETLIGHTS

All the streetlight poles in the municipality are numbered. If you see a light that is out or not functioning properly, please call the office with the pole number and general location.

WATER AND SEWER

The Municipality will read and bill quarterly. Rates are available at the Municipal Office.

MUNICIPAL TAXES

Your Interim Tax Bill is enclosed with this newsletter. Payment due dates are February 28th and April 30th. If a property has changed ownership, send the tax bill to the new owner or return it to the Municipal Office indicating to whom the transfer of title has been made. To prevent misdirected tax bills, please advise the tax department in writing of the mailing address change. Your Final Tax bill will be mailed at the beginning of August.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not excuse a taxpayer from responsibility for payment of the taxes nor relieve liability for penalty due to late payment.

PAYMENTS

Tax and Water and Sewer payments can be made by mail or in person at the Municipal Office (cash or cheque). You can pay your bill online with most major financial institutions and we have Interac and Credit Card services available in the municipal office. We accept Credit Card payments over the phone, and we also accept post-dated cheques.

The Municipality of Central Manitoulin is now in the process of setting up pre-authorized payments for property taxes and utility payments. More details will be posted on our website as they become available.

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