



New rules on smoking and vaping in Ontario

- The *Smoke Free Ontario Act, 2017* prohibits the smoking of cannabis (medical and recreational) and the vaping of any substance in all areas

where smoking tobacco is prohibited. This includes:

- enclosed public places, such as restaurants, hospitals, and businesses;
- enclosed workplaces and workplace vehicles;
- restaurant patios and public areas within 9 metres of a patio;
- schools, community recreation facility grounds, and public areas within 20 metres of these places;
- playgrounds, public sporting fields and spectator areas, and public areas within 20 metres of these places; and
- outdoor hospital grounds, and 9 metres from any entrance or exit.

If you are an employer or business owner find information on [cannabis-related workplace policy](http://www.pdhu.on.ca) and signage at www.pdhu.on.ca. Tobacco Enforcement Officers from the Health Unit are in the process of delivering the required signage. Signage is also available at the Municipal Office.

For anyone who chooses to use cannabis, follow these tips for safer use:

- Limit use when possible, and avoid daily or near-daily use.
- Look for products lower in THC.
- Avoid mixing cannabis with alcohol, tobacco, or other drugs.
- Smoking is harmful to your lungs, consider other methods like oils or edibles.
- Do not use cannabis while pregnant. There is no known safe amount to use while pregnant or breastfeeding.
- Never drive high. Impaired driving, whether you are under the influence of cannabis, alcohol or other drugs, is dangerous and illegal. Always plan a safe ride.
- Safe storage is important. Make sure you keep any cannabis products (including edibles) in child-proof packaging, out of sight and out of reach from children.

For more information on cannabis rules, health effects, and resources for parents visit www.pdhu.on.ca

Dog Licence Reminder

All residents in West Perth are required to obtain a licence for their dog on or before May 31st of each year. Dog owners should already have received the 2019 invoice for the dog tag program.

Licence Fees

First Dog	\$15.00
Second Dog	\$20.00
Third Dog	\$25.00
Fourth Dog	\$25.00
<i>Fees double after May 31st</i>	

Have a new dog? A [Dog Tag Application](#) is available on the [Municipal Website](#) or you can register your dog at the Municipal Office.

For further information please call the By-law Enforcement Officer at 519-348-8429 ext. 232.



**Swimming Registration Dates
@ the West Perth Community Centre**
February 23, from 9:00 a.m. –12:00 p.m.
March 2, from 9:00 a.m.— 12:00 p.m.

You can also register on the [Municipal Website](#).

Interim Tax Installment Due Dates February 28th and May 31st, 2019

Accepted Tax Payments include:

- In Person 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
- After Hours Drop Box (Cheques Only)
- By Mail, P.O. Box 609, Mitchell ON, N0K 1N0
- Pre-Authorized Payment ([Form on website](#))
- Telephone/Internet Banking & Teller/ABM Payments

Payment must be received at the Municipal Office on or before the due date. Penalty charges of 1.25% will be applied on any amount of non-payment after the due date as per the Municipal Act.

Have Your Say

Have you visited our new engagement website? Check it out at www.yoursaywestperth.ca. We will be using this platform to get feedback from the community regarding different projects occurring in the Municipality. We encourage you to share your suggestions for West Perth with us anytime through our [ideas project](#).

West Perth Public Library

Tweenie Tots

At Tweenie Tots, books are the focus and fun is the goal. Preschoolers are invited to join in the stories, songs, rhymes and crafts. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The program is on Thursday mornings 10:30 a.m. -11:15 a.m. and the donation is \$1/child/session.

Speaker's Nite

Speaker's Nite at the Library will resume in March. Stay tuned for our speakers for the spring.

Upcoming Programs

- Get your Read on with 'Canada Reads'
- St John Ambulance Babysitting Basics
- St John Ambulance Home Alone Course

For more information on these activities or anything else the library offers, call us at 519-348-9235, send us an email wpl@pcin.on.ca or visit our website www.westperth.library.on.ca.

2019 Plant a Tree

The West Perth Environment, Forestry & Trails Committee is offering West Perth households an opportunity to purchase up to 5 trees for their property. Order form available on the [Municipal Website!](#)

First day to order:

February 25, 2019

Final day to order:

March 22, 2019



There is a \$20 discount per tree on the first 150 trees purchased. Payment must be made by March 29, 2019 and you must have your receipt to pick-up your trees.

Tree pick-up:

May 11, 2019 from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Greenbelt Farm (5901 Perth Line 44, ON)

Simplify your Tax and Water Bills

Never misplace another water or tax bill again by signing up for e-billing! Fill out the form on the Municipal website under [taxes, water and sewage](#) or pick up a form at the Municipal Office.

Make paying your bills even easier! Begin pre-authorized payments for set-it and forget-it convenience. Fill out the form on the Municipal website under [taxes, water and sewage](#) or pick up a form at the Municipal Office.

Garbage and Recycling

The Municipality of West Perth partners with [Bluewater Recycling Association \(BRA\)](#) to provide curbside garbage and recycling collection. Looking for the collection schedule? Missing your bin? Need to report a missed pick up?

Visit West Perth's My Services Hub on [BRA's website](#). Never miss a collection date with BRA's [smartphone and tablet app](#).

Call for a Burn Permit

Are you looking to have a small contained fire to get rid of some brush? You need a burn permit. Open air burning can only take place with a valid permit. Burn Permits can only be issued during regular business hours. *Leaving a voice mail does not constitute an issued permit.*

Call 519-348-8429 for a permit.

Vacant Rebate Program

The [Vacancy Rebate Program](#) that was in place for commercial/industrial properties with vacancies to apply to municipalities for a reduction in their property taxes was effective until December 31, 2018.

Original MPAC practices for commercial/industrial property assessment values were based on the property being fully occupied. Therefore, the Vacancy Rebate Program was introduced for rebating and reducing the taxes payable when the property was not fully occupied. MPAC has gradually changed its valuation customs and have factored in that a portion of the property that would on average be vacant.

This was brought to the attention of the Province in 2015 and prompted a review of the Vacancy Rebate Program. The 2016 Ontario Budget announced that municipalities had the flexibility to modify vacancy rebate and reduction programs. On June 21, 2018, the County of Perth passed a by-law that the program be eliminated for 2019 or any subsequent year.

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