



2021 Spring Newsletter

Interim Tax Installment Due Dates: February 26th and May 31st, 2021

Important Tax Bill Information

Interim Tax Bill – The amount billed is 50% of prior year's taxes.

Final Tax Bill – Current year tax rate is applied to current year assessment value to calculate final total taxes less interim amount billed. **It is important to keep this tax bill for future reference** if needed for income taxes purposes, mortgage companies, realtors or appraisers as it shows the total taxes billed for the year.

Accepted Tax Payments

- Pre-Authorized Payment ([Form on website](#))
- Online and Telephone Banking
- E-transfer to finance@westperth.com. Please reference your Tax Roll number when paying through e-transfer.
- Third-party Credit Card, e-Transfer and PayPal— [PaySimply](#) or [Paytm](#)
- After Hours Drop Box (Cheques Only)
- Mail, P.O. Box 609, Mitchell ON, N0K 1N0

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.

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](#).

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

MPAC Assessment Update

The Ontario Government has announced that the 2020 Assessment Update has been postponed. The province has indicated that the property assessments for the 2021 taxation year will continue to be based on the fully phased in January 1, 2016 current values.

Farm Tax Classification (FT)

Have you recently purchased a Farm in West Perth? Sales of Farmland (FT) triggers a tax classification change back to Residential (RT) and is taxed at 100%. Check your tax bills to ensure the correct classification. Classification changes are made through AGRICORP at 1-888-247-4999 or email contact@agricorp.com.

Year in Review

The 2020 Year in Review highlights the Municipality's pandemic response and key milestones achieved by the Municipality as of December 2020. View the [2020 Year in Review](#) on our website.

Highlights of economic development activities in 2020 were outlined in a newsletter prepared by the West Perth Economic Development Committee! View the [Newsletter](#) on our website or contact the office for a copy.

2021 Dog License Renewal

New this year, the Municipality is moving to a generic dog tag system with no year on the tag. Your dog will have the same tag while they reside in West Perth.

All residents in West Perth are required to obtain a licence for their dog each year as per By-law 17-2017. Dog owners should already have received the 2021 invoice for the dog tag program. Licence fees double after May 31st.

View the [payment options page](#) on our website to see all the ways you can pay your dog licence.

Sunday Gun Hunting

Reminder that Sunday gun hunting has been permitted in West Perth effective September 1, 2020. All existing regulations surrounding hunting on private property, such as requiring permission of landowners, will also apply to Sunday hunting.

Enforcement related to trespassing on private property or reporting public safety matters can be dealt with by contacting the OPP.

2021 Council Meetings

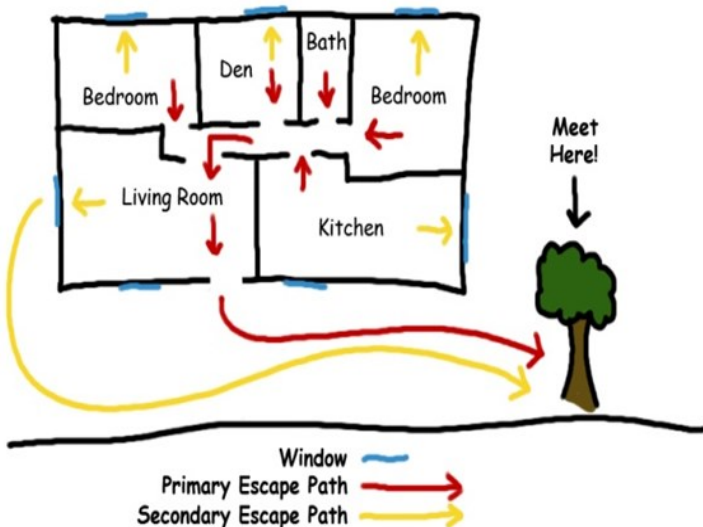
The dates for Council and Committee meetings, along with the agendas and minutes are available on the Civic Portal : <https://westperth.civicweb.net/portal/>. To view live stream meeting proceedings, please visit West Perth's YouTube Channel: <https://bit.ly/westperthyoutube>

Home Fire Prevention Safety Tips



With many of us spending more time at home, it is the perfect opportunity to make sure your home and family are **Fire Safe**. There is a few key, easy steps to ensure your safety, if a fire were to start in your home.

First, install working **Smoke/CO Alarms** on all levels of your home, including one outside sleeping areas. Next, test the alarms **once a month** by pressing the test button. If your Smoke/CO alarms are battery operated, change the batteries twice a year. Easiest way to remember when to do this is spring and fall with the time change. Lastly, plan and practice your **Home Escape Plan**. This step is the most important, especially if you have children in the house. On a floor plan of your house, map two ways out of each room and where all the exit doors/windows are. Then practice leaving the house as soon as the alarm sounds. Find a **safe meeting spot** outside and **call 9-1-1**.



If you have any questions regarding Fire Safety in your home, please call our Public Educator Jess Jorritsma at 519-595-2800 ext. 233.

Roadside Spraying

Roadside herbicide spraying will be completed yearly in the months of May and June. The herbicide will selectively kill weeds, but not the grasses and is approved for use on roadsides under the public works exemption of the cosmetic pesticide ban. A public notice of this pesticide use will be advertised in the local paper, and on the municipal website.

Property owners who do not want the unmaintained ditch in front of their property sprayed can post "No Spray" signs at the start and finish of their property. These signs must be at least 30 cm x 60 cm (1ft x 2ft) and be easily read from the shoulder of the road.

Calling All Youth!

Mark West Perth's Youth Week in your calendar from May 1st - May 7th. This will be a week to celebrate the youth in our community that you do not want to miss! Stay tuned for more information about the exciting activities and events you can expect.

Recreation Online Registration

The Municipality will be offering an online registration portal as a one-stop shop in lieu of the Registration Days usually hosted at the West Perth Community Centre. Please keep an eye out at www.westperth.com as registration information becomes available.

Do you have the qualifications and enthusiasm needed to offer a new program? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Contact our [Recreation Coordinator](#).

West Perth Public Library - COMING SOON...

West Perth Public Library is launching a new website! Watch for details on the website coming soon! www.westperth.library.on.ca.

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