

# TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL

MARCH 2022

## BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU FLUSH

With COVID19 and the additional use of disinfectant wipes, paper towels and wet wipes we would like to remind everyone these do not belong in our sewer system. Despite what some packages say, these are not flushable. If these items are flushed they can cause blockages in pipes which may lead to sewage overflows in your home or business. We are also having problems with our lift stations. the pumps are being plugged and unable to breakdown these items.

**REMEMBER THE 3 "P'S" that are flushable PEE, POOP AND PAPER (toilet paper)-NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## SUMMER LANDFILL

### HOURS

**April 1-Sept. 30**

**Tuesday 12:00-8:00**

**Thursday 12:00-5:00**

**Saturday 8:00-5:00**

## LOAD RESTRICTIONS

**A reminder that reduced load restrictions will be put in place during the spring thaw. Please keep an eye out for posted signage to know when the load restrictions are in effect.**

**FIRE PERMITS REQUIRED APRIL 1 – OCTOBER 31. THEY ARE \$5.00 AND YOU CAN GET THEM ONLINE AT [echobay.ca](http://echobay.ca) OR AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE.**

## ECHO BAY CARWASH

In February 2021 Council met once again with the Ministry of Transportation to discuss the situation on Hwy 638 just west of the intersection of Hwy 17 4-lane that has been named "The Echo Bay Carwash". At that time the Ministry made a commitment to do an engineering survey to determine if Hwy 638 has experienced any settlement over time. Most recently we have received confirmation that the existing top of the pavement is lower than the design elevations and the road does require improvements. The Ministry is now in the process of carrying out further investigation needed to prepare a design to raise the road profile. This investigation and design is to be completed in late 2022 or early 2023 with construction timing to be determined when the design is nearing completion.

Council wants to reiterate to the public that Highway 638 is not under municipal jurisdiction, it is a Provincial Highway. They continue to put pressure on the MTO to have some corrective measures done with this section of Hwy 638. Council has discussed this area of concern with MTO for numerous years and will continue to meet with them until this problem is rectified.

## WATER METER READING

The water meters will be read on Thursday March 31. Please ensure there is a clear path to your remote in order for staff to be able to read your meter safely. If they are unable to read your meter due to snow you will be charged the base amount and the difference will be adjusted on the next reading in May. It is to your advantage to ensure that your meter is read in order to prevent any additional charges.

## INTERIM TAX BILLS

Interim Tax Bills were mailed out in February. If you have not received your tax bill please contact the municipal office @705-248-2441. Due dates for taxes are March 15 and May 16, 2022

## BUDGET MEETINGS

Date for the March Budget Meeting has been changed to Monday March 21, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. April 26, and May 31, 2022 dates remain the same @ 7:00 p.m.

## FIRE HYDRANTS

This is a reminder from Fire Chief Jarrell to **NOT** park within 10 feet of a Fire Hydrant.

With all the congestion in front of the Echo Bay School, due to construction, this has been happening quite regular. If the Echo Bay Volunteer Fire Department needs **QUICK** access to a fire hydrant in an emergency situation we need to ensure there are no obstructions.

## INCOME TAX CLINIC

The United Way will be hosting an Income Tax Clinic at the Echo Bay Community Hall on March 11 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.** Please call the United Way at 705-256-7476 Extension 0.

Bring with you: T4's and or T5's, Charity/Medical Receipts, Rent Receipts, Any other Documents you would like to Claim. Masks are required. All COVID19 procedures will be utilized to ensure the safe and effective delivery of this program.