

# TOWNSHIP OF MACDONALD, MEREDITH & ABERDEEN ADDITIONAL

MAY 2023

## BUDGET 2023

Final Budget discussions will take place at the May 16, 2023 Regular Council Meeting. The 2023 Budget will be adopted at the June 6, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

## TAX DUE DATE

The second installment from the Interim Tax Bill is due on May 15, 2023. You can make online payments or come into the office and pay cash, debit, or cheque.

## ANNUAL HYDRANT FLUSHING & VALVE EXERCISING

Ontario Clean Water Agency will be doing their annual hydrant flushing and valve exercising on May 29-June 1, 2023. Residents may experience short periods of lower than normal water pressure and some discolored water. This annual maintenance is necessary to keep our system functioning to its full capacity.

### BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU FLUSH

With additional cleaning and disinfecting that is part of our new world, we would like to remind everyone not to flush disinfectant wipes, baby wipes etc. Despite what some packaging says, wipes are not flushable. Paper towels and facial tissues also do not belong in the toilet because they do not break down like toilet paper does. If these items are flushed they can cause blockages in your pipes which may lead to sewage overflows in your home or business. They can also clog sewers and cause costly damages to local wastewater infrastructure.

**REMEMBER THE 3 "P"s that are flushable. PEE, POOP and PAPER (toilet paper)-NO EXCEPTIONS!**

## BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

**Now that spring has arrived, this is a reminder of the rules under By-Law #15-1892 being a By-law for the licensing and registration of dogs; for regulating the control of dogs. Under this by-law you are required to license your dog(s) which means getting your license and dog tag. This is available on our website, or you can come into the office. You are also obligated to have care and control of your dog(s) at all times. No dog(s) shall be permitted to run at large. There is a fine for the above contraventions and you could be given a ticket under the Provincial Offences Act. As a responsible dog owner, we ask that you clean up after your dog and do not permit them to enter your neighbor's property.**

**If you encounter an issue with a dog(s), you can contact our By-law Enforcement Officer, Brant Coulter by sending an e-mail to:**

**[bylawenforcement@ontera.net](mailto:bylawenforcement@ontera.net)**

**Or contact the municipal office at 705-248-2441 or [twpmacd@onlink.net](mailto:twpmacd@onlink.net) and we will forward the information.**

## SAULT STE MARIE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT

The Household Hazardous Waste Depot is now open for the season. It will be open from April 18-October 21, 2023 on Tuesday-Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

They are located at 402 Fifth Line East in Sault Ste. Marie (City Landfill). This service is free of charge for our residents and there is no gate fee required (just need to provide your postal code). View the list of

Acceptable vs Unacceptable Waste at:

[https://saultstemarie.ca/City-Hall/City-Departments/Public-Works-Engineering-Services/Public-Works/Waste-](https://saultstemarie.ca/City-Hall/City-Departments/Public-Works-Engineering-Services/Public-Works/Waste-Management/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Depot/Acceptable-vs-Unacceptable-Waste.aspx)

[Management/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Depot/Acceptable-vs-Unacceptable-Waste.aspx](https://saultstemarie.ca/City-Hall/City-Departments/Public-Works-Engineering-Services/Public-Works/Waste-Management/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Depot/Acceptable-vs-Unacceptable-Waste.aspx)

**Note: No containers over 5 gallons will be accepted and any cans that contain gas/oil will not be returned.**

## ALGOMA POWER VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Algoma Power Inc. (API) vegetation management program is scheduled to complete upcoming work in the Echo Bay and surrounding area starting the end of May 2023. The work will include tree and brush cutting to establish API standard clearance requirements for vegetation near powerlines. In addition to the notification letter sent out regarding this work, API would like to invite all customers and landowners with property that may be impacted by the work to contact API with any questions or concerns. Please contact the API office at 705-941-5641 to speak with a Forestry Technician in regard to the upcoming work.