

Municipal Office

475-5229
conmee@conmee.com
Hours:
Monday – Friday
9 am – 4 pm

Conmee Landfill

Summer Hours

(May 15 – Oct. 14)
Wed: 3 pm – 7 pm
Sat: 9 am – 3 pm

Winter Hours

(Oct. 15 – May 14)
Wed: 1 pm – 5 pm
Sat: 9 am – 3 pm

Public Works

475-5337

Emergency Numbers

Non-Emergency OPP
1-888-310-1122
Emergency (fire,
medical, OPP): 911

Hydro Outages

1-800-434-1235

MTO Highway Concerns

Emcon
1-888-636-8704



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As summer begins to draw to a close, we look ahead to the arrival of autumn. Hopefully, we will continue to enjoy some pleasant fall weather, and perhaps even a few warmer days before the season fully changes. Many of us can agree that summer seemed to pass very quickly this year, largely due to the wildfire activity that affected our region. At one point, it felt as though our communities were surrounded by fires burning on all sides.

The wildfire in the O'Connor/Gillies area was successfully brought under control thanks to the quick response and cooperation of the Neebing, Gillies, and O'Connor Fire Departments. Their efforts helped extinguish the fire rapidly, preventing any structural damage to homes or properties. Fortunately, the damage was limited primarily to wooded areas.

The fire in the Whitefish area took longer to contain. The Nolalu Fire Department worked alongside the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) to bring the situation under control. While the process took more time, we are grateful that the fire was eventually extinguished.

Although several wildfires to the west of our region remain active, they are no longer considered a direct threat to our community. Travel restrictions have been lifted, allowing residents and visitors to once again travel throughout the area, while continuing to exercise caution.

The Lac des Mille Lacs fires were particularly devastating for many residents. Numerous camps, cottages, and properties belonging to family and friends were affected. The fires in the Pakashkan area also caused significant damage, with many camps being lost. As conditions improve and restrictions continue to be lifted, travel has resumed, but caution remains essential. Currently, there are 64 active wildfires across the Thunder Bay region, including two new fires in the Nipigon area. The largest fires continue to be located in the Atikokan/Fort Frances region and the Armstrong area. In Armstrong, several separate fires merged into one large fire complex, which has now burned more than 301,000 hectares. As we move into the fall season, we remain thankful for the dedication and hard work of our firefighters, emergency responders, MNRF crews, and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to protect our communities throughout this challenging wildfire season.

Upcoming Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 — 6:00 pm

Location: Conmee Community Centre

Virtual attendance is available.

Visit www.conmee.com for further information.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

Our Emergency Services team continues to work toward additional certifications and training opportunities. Recently, members of our department completed certification that allows us to work more closely with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) on wildland fire incidents. As a member of the department, I found this training extremely valuable.

While I can apply this training during smaller wildland fire responses within our municipality, my role during a large-scale emergency would be from the Mayor's chair, helping oversee the emergency response and supporting our community through the incident. Nevertheless, the knowledge and experience gained through this training are a tremendous asset to our department.

I would like to give a huge shout-out to **GlobalMedic**, a tremendous supporter of volunteer fire departments throughout our region. This summer, GlobalMedic provided fire skids to many departments to assist with wildland fire response. Our department received a skid unit equipped with a water tank, pump, and hose, allowing us to access difficult-to-reach areas during wildfire situations. In addition, GlobalMedic supplied fire-rated coveralls for every member of our team. These contributions have had a significant impact on our department's capabilities and safety. We are incredibly grateful for their support. **Thank you, GlobalMedic, for investing in our firefighters and helping protect our communities.**

I would like to recognize the two summer students who worked for the Township of Conmee this year. Our Playground Program student did an outstanding job creating activities and helping keep local children engaged throughout the summer months. Our Public Works student worked diligently clearing vegetation around road signs and delineators, improving visibility and safety throughout the township. He also did an excellent job assisting at the landfill. On behalf of Council and the community, thank you both for your hard work and dedication. We wish you every success in your future studies, careers, and life endeavors.

We are aware that residents have noticed an increase in truck traffic along Holland Road and we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We emphasize that every effort has been made to complete hauling, that is required, to occur as quickly and efficiently as possible and before the return of school buses this fall.

Speaking of school buses, another school year is about to begin. Soon, buses will once again be traveling throughout our township and along our highways each morning and afternoon. I would like to remind everyone to be especially cautious as children head back to school.

traffic, so please slow down, stay alert, and be mindful around bus stops and loading zones. Please obey all school bus stop signals and flashing lights. The safety of our children must remain a priority. Last year, we were fortunate to have assistance from the OPP in monitoring areas where drivers were failing to stop for school buses. Their efforts helped improve safety and awareness. Hopefully, those measures will not be necessary this year, but we will not hesitate to work with law enforcement again if needed to protect our children.

You may have noticed vehicles throughout the Township displaying green flashing lights in their windows or on their grills. These lights identify volunteer firefighters and emergency first responders who are responding to emergencies within our community. The green light is intended to make motorists aware that the driver is responding to a call. Drivers are encouraged, but not required, to yield when it is safe to do so. It is important to note that these green lights do not grant emergency vehicle status. Volunteer responders must still obey all traffic laws, speed limits, and road safety regulations while responding.

As fall approaches, I would like to remind everyone that 2026 is a municipal election year. Municipal elections will be held on **October 26, 2026**, at the Municipal Hall. It is encouraging to see a larger list of candidates this year, and I encourage all residents to take the time to learn about those seeking office. Research the candidates, ask questions, and make an informed decision when you cast your vote. The choice ultimately belongs to the residents, and your vote will determine the Council that guides our municipality over the next four years.

As for the weather, I have already heard predictions that we may receive as much snow as we did last winter. If that proves to be true, let's hope we enjoy plenty of beautiful autumn weather before the white stuff starts flying once again.

If you ever need clarification on a municipal matter or assistance finding information, please feel free to call or text me, or contact the Township office. We are always happy to help.

Have a wonderful September, stay safe, and I look forward to connecting with you again next month.

— **Mayor Sheila Maxwell**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held: July 14, 2026

CLERK'S UPDATE

Administration has been busy preparing background materials and briefing packages for Council's attendance at the 2026 AMO Conference. These materials help support meetings with provincial ministries and provide Council representatives with information to advocate for local priorities, infrastructure needs, and funding opportunities on behalf of the Township. Administration also continues to monitor legislative changes and review municipal policies to ensure Township operations remain current and effective.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

The Township has successfully completed its 2025 Asset Management Plan project. The finalized plan provides Council with valuable information on the condition of municipal infrastructure and will serve as an important tool for future budgeting, financial planning, and asset replacement decisions. The project also helps ensure the Township remains eligible for provincial infrastructure funding opportunities.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Summer is a busy season for Public Works staff, with crews focusing on brushing, weed cutting, culvert cleaning, equipment maintenance, signage replacement, and landfill operations. Staff have also been addressing drainage concerns in several areas of the Township, including locations affected by beaver activity, helping to keep roads safe and serviceable for residents.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Conmee Emergency Services continues to focus on recruitment, training, and long-term planning to ensure the department can meet future service demands. During its July meeting, Council received an update on the department's apparatus fleet, with discussions focusing on future replacement needs and opportunities to strengthen firefighting capabilities within the Township.

2026 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

September	8 & 22
October	13
November	10 & 17 (Inaugural Meeting)
December	1

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Agendas and minutes are posted at www.conmee.com — the office can print copies on request.



All Candidates Night!!!

The Township of Conmee will be hosting an All Candidates Night on **Tuesday, September 29th at 7pm at the Conmee Municipal Complex, 19 Holland Rd. West (Off Hwy 11/17), Kakabeka Falls**

All of the candidates registered for the 2026 municipal election have been invited to attend this event. They will each have 10 minutes to introduce themselves and to present their election platform. After, the candidates will then respond to any questions from the audience.

We encourage all eligible voters to come out, ask questions of the candidates and learn what they will do for you if elected.

Candidates for Mayor	
Name	Nomination Date
Crystal Olson	August 7, 2026
Tara Wupori	August 10, 2026
Sheila Maxwell	August 11, 2026
David Halvorsen	August 20, 2026
Candidates for Council	
Name	Nomination Date
Jamie Barry	June 26, 2026
Jason Fleck	August 10, 2026
David Maxwell	August 13, 2026
Trinity Hebert	August 17, 2026
Robert Pajamaki	August 20, 2026
David Macsemchuk	August 21, 2026
Darren Smith	August 21, 2026
Jennifer Hainrich	August 21, 2026

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2026

The Municipal and School Board Election will take place on **Monday, October 26, 2026.**

MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The time is coming up for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election!

There will be an advance vote held on **Saturday, October 24th from 10 am to 4 pm**

The regular election day is **Monday, October 26th from 10 am to 8 pm**

Both the advance vote and the regular election day vote will be held at the **Conmee Municipal Complex, 19 Holland Rd. West (Off Hwy 11/17), Kakabeka Falls**

Municipal Government is important to the health and well-being of the community you live in. Please come out and vote.

ARE YOU ON THE VOTERS' LIST?

The Township uses the voters list provided by Elections Ontario. It's important to make sure your information is up to date before the election.

Visit: If you missed the deadline to update your information with Elections Ontario you can contact their municipal clerk directly to register to vote after August 12.

Take a minute to confirm your:

- Name
- Address (especially if you've moved recently!)
- School support designation

Keeping your information current will help ensure a smooth voting process in October.



WANT TO ADVERTISE?

Advertise your business, event, or happy ad in the next issue! Contact the Municipal Office for upcoming deadlines.

Full Page	\$20.00
Half Page	\$10.00
Quarter Page	\$5.00
For Sale Ad (card size)	\$2.50



COMMUNITY EVENTS & NOTICES

KAKABEKA FALLS LEGION — AUGUST EVENTS

Friday, Sept 4th	Dance with Quest	7 pm
Saturday, Sept 5th	Veteran's Drop-In	9 am
Saturday, Sept 12th	Legion Executive Meeting	2 pm
Saturday, Sept 12th	Legion General Meeting	3 pm
Sunday, Sept 13th	Breakfast	8:30 to 11am
Saturday, Sept 18th	Dance with Quest	7 pm
Sunday, Sept 27th	Sunday Musical with Rusty Notes	2 – 4 pm

To book an event, please call Alice at (807) 577-0418.

RURAL 60 PLUS — SUMMER AT THE CENTRE



YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO HAVE FUN!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Craft Room 10–3 Carving 1-3	Craft Room 10–3	Craft Room 10–3	Craft Room 10–3	Craft Room 10–3
	Weaving 10–3	Beginners Carving 10–3	Yoga 10-11	
	Knitting 10–3	Quilting 10–3	Weaving 10–3	
	Choir 1-2:30	Cribbage 1–3	Knitting 10-3	
			Euchre 1-3	

Monday Chair Yoga will start again on Monday September 14th at 10am.

Good Company Choir will start again on Tuesday September 8th at 1pm.

Euchre/Games day will start again on Thursday 10th at 1pm.

Thursday Yoga will start again on Thursday September 24th at 10am.

TO THE RESIDENTS OF CONMEE:

As you know, the submission of Candidates for Mayor and Council in the upcoming election has come and gone.

Some of you may ask why I haven't run for Councillor this upcoming election. I will be retiring when this present term is finished. During the past 2 years I had some personal challenges to deal with, and I cannot fairly continue to represent you.

As I look back on the last 18 plus years as Councillor, and the many decisions that have been made to best represent the will of the ratepayers, I only hope they were the correct ones.

I wish to thank the past and present Council members, and those who supported me term after term. It is humbling to be given such a trust.

To the candidates for the October election, may you always keep the best interests of Conmee Twp. and the ratepayers at the forefront, and find the time to attend as many Council Meetings, Board Meetings, seminars, and TBDHU, THBML, NOMA, and AMO meetings, as possible. It is a great learning experience.

To the rate payers, come on out and listen to the candidates' platforms, make a sound decision, then come out and vote on election day for the candidates of your choosing. It is not only a privilege, but a duty that we shouldn't take for granted.

Thanks again for your support

Grant Arnold,
Councillor



Friendship Café
Food, Fun & Games!

September 25, 2026 | 1-3PM
5 Pineview Road, Kakabeka

Join us for an afternoon of food, fun and connection - no registration required!

Questions? Contact Shaun
at 807-473-5528

Logos at the bottom: Northwest Community Health Centres, Lakehead University, Alzheimer Society, and others.

Dori's Sewing Studio & Quilt Shop
Pop Up Store & Sewing Machine Servicing

Where: Rural 60 Plus
5 Pineview Road
Kakabeka Falls

When: Friday, September 18th from 2:30pm-7:00pm
Saturday, September 19th from 9:00am-3:00pm
Contact: 807-737-3674
Cell: 807-738-1724

I will have a great selection of wide backings and specials on sewing machines and carrying cases. Lots of fabrics for only \$16.00 a metre. Plus a variety of Jelly rolls and panels to choose from. Notions and sewing machine parts as well.

Please let me know ahead of time if you are bringing your sewing machine for servicing. You can email me at dorisewing1998@gmail.com.

If you need something specific let me know.

See you then

Dori Hopko

DOG SAFETY



Happy dogs. Safe dogs. Strong communities. 

Rural life is full of adventure for you and your dog. Follow these tips to keep your dog safe and protect other animals, people and property.



RESPECT FENCES

Keep your dog away from livestock and fenced areas. It protects animals and your dog.



STAY ON DESIGNATED PATHS & ROADS

Stick to trails, roads and public areas. Avoid crop fields and private property.



KEEP DOGS UNDER CONTROL

Use a leash or reliable recall. Excited dogs can scare livestock, wildlife or people.



CHECK FOR TICKS AND BURRS

Rural areas have more ticks and burrs. Check your dog after every outing.



PROVIDE WATER AND SHADE

Always bring fresh water and watch for signs of overheating, especially in summer.



BEWARE OF TRAFFIC AND MACHINERY

Keep dogs away from roads, moving vehicles and farm equipment.

WATCH FOR THESE HAZARDS



LIVESTOCK

Never approach or chase. Give animals space.



WILDLIFE

Avoid disturbing wildlife and their habitats.



TOXIC PLANTS

Learn which plants are toxic to dogs in your area.



CHEMICALS

Keep dogs away from fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals.

WHEN IN DOUBT, LEASH UP!



Keep your dog leashed unless you are on your own property or in a designated off-leash area.



BE A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER.



PROTECT YOUR DOG.



RESPECT OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES.



KB Rural Area Stitch and Craft Group

Bring your project & Join our Needle & Natter Crew

Upcoming Meeting Dates

AUGUST	11th
AUGUST	25th
SEPTEMBER	8th
SEPTEMBER	22nd
OCTOBER	13th
OCTOBER	27th

We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday
of every month
in basement at
O'Connor Community Centre
330 Highway 595
7-9pm



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



YOU'RE INVITED Volunteer Information Session

Discover how a few hours a month can bring sunshine to someone's life

Hospice Northwest trains caring community members to offer in-person, one-to-one companionship to people living with a life-limiting illness. Come learn what it's about, no commitment, just bring your questions.

WHEN

Monday, October 5, 2026

6:00 PM Eastern (Canada)

WHERE

Online, on Zoom, join from anywhere

Meeting ID: 856 6826 7583

Passcode: 350032



Scan to join

JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING
Click here to open the meeting

For more information, visit us at hospicenorthwest.ca

Making Moments Matter

Hospice Northwest Services · 63 Carrie St, Thunder Bay ON. hospicenorthwest.ca



*It's that
warm fuzzy
feeling and
vast social
connections
that enrich
my life*

Larry, 74, has been a volunteer with Hospice Northwest for ten years. Throughout his career he was always a people-person and still enjoys every opportunity to interact with others. He believes it is our moral responsibility to be there for others in time of need and the experience truly gives as much to him as it does to the clients he meets.

Volunteers needed

Visit www.hospicenorthwest.ca
or call 626-5572 to learn more



LOST AND FOUND

Please come see us at the Municipal Complex if you think you might have left something here. A bike helmet and a toy doll are some of the main items!



AT THE LIBRARY — FALL 2026

Murillo Branch

4569 Oliver Road

Murillo, ON

(807) 935-2729

Open Monday and Wednesday
and Saturday 9 AM – Noon



Rosslyn Branch

3405 Rosslyn Rd

Rosslyn, ON

(807)939-2312

Open Tuesday and Thursday
and Saturday 1 – 4 PM

THE HUB OF THE COMMUNITY

Where residents come together to exchange ideas and discover and create rich meaningful experiences



Weekday hours: 10AM – 8 PM

<https://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca>

September at the Library - Back to School!

Murillo branch of the library closed Monday, September 7 (Labour Day)

Please visit either branch for the following:

a book to fulfill a high school independent novel study – loan periods can be extended
to get in some last minute tennis or pickleball – rackets are available to borrow
a puzzle for a rainy day at camp – there are many different varieties to choose from
at the Rosslyn Branch:

start a new exercise regime: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 – all are welcome

try CRIB – Tuesdays at 1 PM – new players welcome

Suggestions for programs are always welcome!



AROUND THE WATERSHED — CONSERVATION AUTHORITY NEWS

News and events from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) — September 2026.

Please note that on August 17, 2026, the LRCA declared a LEVEL I LOW WATER CONDITION for the LRCA's Area of Jurisdiction based on three-month received precipitation, which was 64% of average (May, June, July), and observed flow conditions in area streams when compared to the lowest average summer flow (43% of average). Criteria for a Level I Low Water Condition includes:

- Monthly precipitation is below 80% of the average.
- In the spring, monthly water flow in streams is less than 100% of the lowest average summer month flow.
- At other times the monthly flow is less than 70% of the lowest average summer month flow.
- The potential for water supply problems is identified.

During a Level I Low Water Condition, water users are asked to voluntarily reduce their water consumption by 10%. Rural residents on wells should begin to monitor their wells and be prepared for low water levels.

The LRCA still has some spots available at our upcoming fall Watershed Explorer programs. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. To register, visit the events section of our website for details and registration. Programs are possible thanks to the generous support of the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation. Additionally, please join us on Saturday, October 3 for Fall Migratory Birding Day at Mission Island Marsh Conservation Area from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (generously supported by Ontario Power Generation).

NEW MERCH ALERT! The LRCA is proud to offer an entire line of new merchandise (including t-shirts, stickers, buttons, patches, and water bottles) featuring ten new logos unique to each one of our Conservation Areas! There is also an extremely limited number of hoodies and crew neck sweatshirts featuring the new Mills Block logo. Visit www.lakeheadca.com/shop to order now or come by our administrative office to browse the products!

It's hard to believe that Summer is already on its way out, but that means Autumn is around the corner! The Fall is a wonderful time to explore a Conservation Area. The Fall colours will be starting soon, and the weather will be cooling off which means less bugs. If you plan on visiting us this Fall, we would like to remind all visitors of the \$5.00 per vehicle fee. If you visit often, consider an Explore Card Parking Pass. All Explore Card and parking fee revenue goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Conservation Areas.



RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

NEXT FOOD BANK

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Registration 9:00 – 11:00 am • Drive-Thru Pick-up

Conmee Municipal Complex

19 Holland Rd, Kakabeka Falls P0T 1W0

807-285-0836

Drop-Off Locations

Oliver Paipoonge: Murillo & Rosslyn Libraries (during open hours)

Nolalu: Hoppers Variety

Gillies: Whitefish School (Sept to June)

O'Connor: O'Connor Municipal Office

Neebing: Neebing Municipal Building

Note: Rural Cupboard Foodbank needs recyclable bags

With Gratitude

- **A BIG THANK YOU** to our many volunteers who work behind the scenes at the food bank and are there on distribution day, the time they donate is greatly appreciated.



RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Neighbours Helping Neighbours

Conmee Municipal Complex

19 Holland Rd, Kakabeka Falls P0T1W0

807-285-0836

We sincerely thank all those that continue
to support the food bank.

Your donations enable the food bank
to remain open.

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Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Registration 9 am to 11 am

Drive-Thru Pick-up



SEPTEMBER 2026

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	1 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	2 Mobile Clinic - Upsala Community Centre Footcare 10AM-3:00PM NP available for those without an MD or NP Walk-In Clinic	3 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	4
7 CLINIC CLOSED FOR LABOUR DAY Good Food Box Order Deadline	8 Flythe C.O.O.P Walking Group	9 NP available for those without an MD or NP Walk-In Clinic	10 Flythe C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	11
14 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor CC	15 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	16 Good Food Box Pickup at KB Clinic Walk-In Clinic	17 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	18
21 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor CC	22 Flythe C.O.O.P Walking Group	23 NP available for those without an MD or NP Walk-In Clinic	24 Flythe C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	25 Friendship Cafe
28 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor CC	29 Mobile Clinic - Upsala Community Centre (Footcare and primary care 10AM-3:00PM Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	30 CLINIC CLOSED FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY		



NorWest Community
Health Centres
Centres de santé
communautaire NorWest



4785 ON-11 Unit B,
Kakabeka Falls,
ON P0T 1W0

(807) 473-5528

PROGRAM DETAILS

Call KB Clinic Reception for
more information

**WEDNESDAY WALK-IN
CLINIC**
HOURS 4:30 PM- 7:30 PM

**Fly the C.O.O.P Walking
Group**

Meet at KB Park at 9:45am

Chair Yoga In Person & Virtual
Hosted at O'Connor & Kam
Community Centres at 10:00AM

Good Food Box Program

Monthly access to a box of
affordable fruit and vegetables.
For more information visit
www.goodfoodboxtb.org

Friendship Cafe
@ Rural 60+ Centre, KB
1:00PM-3:00M

Come socialize and meet new
people, make friends and lifelong
connections. Snacks and
refreshments provided



Follow us!

NorWest Community
Health Centres -
Kakabeka Falls Clinic

www.norwestchc.org



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

SAFE TODAY, READY FOR TOMORROW!

RIDERS: DO YOUR PART



BE ON TIME

Arrive at your bus stop 5 minutes early and be ready to board.



WAIT SAFELY

Stay on the sidewalk or at least 6 feet (3 giant steps) away from the road while waiting.



BE RESPECTFUL

Use a quiet voice and keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.



STAY SEATED

Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.



EXIT SAFELY

Use the handrail, take your time, and move away from the bus.



STAY OUT OF THE DANGER ZONE!

The danger zone is 10 feet all around the bus.



If you drop something, tell the bus driver. **Never** go back under or behind the bus!

DRIVERS: STAY ALERT



STOP

Always stop for a school bus when the red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended.



LOOK

Watch for children before, during, and after the bus stop.



SLOW DOWN

Reduce speed in school zones and residential areas.



NO DISTRACTIONS

Put your phone down and focus on the road and children.



TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP EVERY CHILD SAFE.



BE KIND



BE ALERT



BE SAFE



THANK YOU

FOR HELPING KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!

Must-Know Facts

- A school bus with upper flashing amber lights activated indicates that the bus is preparing to stop.
 - Slow down and prepare to stop.
- When a school bus is stopped with upper flashing red lights activated, and/or stop arm activated, all vehicles must stop, regardless of direction.
 - When approaching the bus from the front, stop at a safe distance for children to get off the bus and cross the road in front of you. If approaching from the back, stop at least 20 metres away.
 - On a road with a median strip, only vehicles coming from behind the bus are required to stop.
- Vehicles must remain stopped until the school bus retracts the stop arm, and the red lights stop flashing.

Consequences

- Vehicles that illegally pass a school bus while its red lights are flashing, and/or the stop arm extended are subject to severe penalties including fines, demerit points, possible jail time and criminal charges.
- Repeat offenders or severe violations are subject to increased penalties.

More Information

Ontario.ca/SchoolBusSafety

Reminders

- Always be vigilant and expect children to cross the street unexpectedly.
- Slow down in school zones and be prepared to stop when necessary.
- Wait for the bus to move, the red lights to stop flashing, and the stop arm to retract before proceeding.
- Avoid distractions while driving.
- School bus drivers and witnesses can report vehicles that illegally pass a school bus, leading to charges against the vehicle owner.

Fire Department Safety Information



CAMPFIRE SAFETY

A LITTLE
PREVENTION
PREVENTS
WILDFIRES

BE CAREFUL. BE PREPARED. ENJOY THE OUTDOORS.

✓ BEFORE YOU LIGHT

KNOW THE RULES
Check local fire restrictions and obey all campfire rules.

CLEAR THE AREA
Remove leaves, sticks, and dry grass from a 10-foot area around your fire.

USE A FIRE RING
Use an existing fire ring or create one with rocks to contain the fire.

HAVE WATER READY
Always keep a bucket of water, shovel, or fire extinguisher nearby.

NEVER LEAVE UNATTENDED
Always keep an eye on your campfire. Never leave it unattended.

KEEP IT SMALL

Small fires are easier to control.
Build a fire no larger than **3 feet high** and **2 feet wide**.

✗ WHAT NOT TO DO

DON'T BURN PROHIBITED ITEMS
Never burn trash, plastic, cans, or other harmful materials.

DON'T BUILD IN WINDY CONDITIONS
Strong winds can spread sparks and start wildfires.

DON'T USE ACCELERANTS
Never use gasoline, lighter fluid, or any accelerants to start or boost a fire.

DON'T BURN WHEN FIRE DANGER IS HIGH
Avoid campfires during dry conditions or high fire danger.

15
FEET

KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE

Keep your fire at least **15 feet** away from tents, trees, bushes, and anything flammable.

15
FEET

BEFORE YOU LEAVE, MAKE SURE YOUR FIRE IS OUT!

DROWN IT
Pour lots of water on the fire.

STIR IT
Stir the ashes and embers thoroughly.

FEEL IT
Make sure everything is cool to the touch.



**ENJOY RESPONSIBLY.
PROTECT NATURE.**

Keep Our Outdoors Beautiful!





BURN BARREL SAFETY

BE CAREFUL. BE RESPONSIBLE. PROTECT YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILY & YOUR COMMUNITY.

DO



CHECK THE RULES

Check with your local municipality for burning bylaws and restrictions.



BURN ONLY ALLOWED MATERIALS

Burn clean, dry wood, brush, and leaves only.
No garbage, plastics, painted or treated wood.



WATCH THE WEATHER

Do not burn on windy days. Check the forecast and avoid dry conditions.



STAY WITH YOUR FIRE

Never leave your burn barrel unattended. Keep a close eye on the fire at all times.



KEEP WATER NEARBY

Always have a hose, bucket of water, or fire extinguisher nearby.



COMPLETELY EXTINGUISH

Make sure the fire is completely out before leaving the area.



**IN CASE OF FIRE
DIAL 9-1-1**

A SMALL FIRE TODAY
CAN BECOME A BIG PROBLEM
TOMORROW.



SAFE BURNING TIPS



Use a burn barrel that is in good condition with no holes or rust in the bottom.



Place barrel on bare soil or gravel. Keep it at least **3 METRES (10 FEET)** away from buildings, fences, trees, and shrubs.



Keep fires small. Do not overfill your burn barrel.



Ensure air holes near the bottom of the barrel are open for better combustion.

BURN RESPONSIBLY. PREVENT WILDFIRES.

- ✓ Respect your neighbours.
- ✓ Keep smoke to a minimum.
- ✓ If smoke is a nuisance, put it out.



**YOUR ACTIONS
MATTER.**

DON'T



DON'T BURN GARBAGE

Never burn household garbage, plastics, rubber, or anything that produces thick smoke or toxic fumes.



DON'T BURN TREATED WOOD

Never burn painted, stained, or pressure-treated wood.



DON'T BURN ON WINDY DAYS

Wind can spread sparks and embers, causing wildfires.



DON'T OVERFILL

Overfilling can create too much heat and increase the risk of fire spreading.



DON'T BURN TOO CLOSE

Never burn near buildings, sheds, fences, vehicles, or propane tanks.



DON'T WALK AWAY

Never leave your burn barrel unattended, even for a short time.



**SAFE TODAY.
SAFE TOMORROW.**



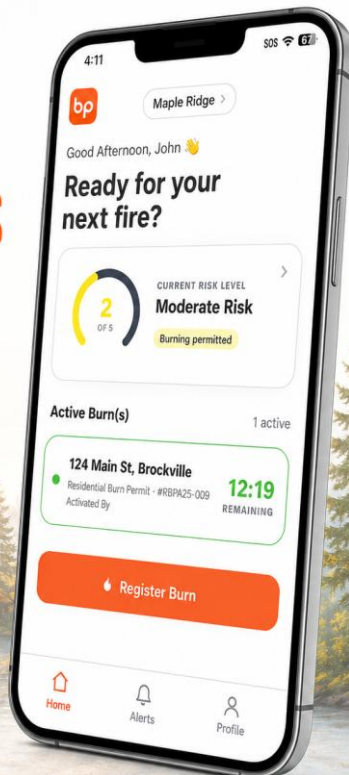
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Before you burn or set off fireworks, make sure you know the rules. The full bylaw is available on the Township website. For permits you can acquire them online at <https://conmee.burnpermits.com/home>, the BURNPERMITS app, or at the Township office. For additional information, contact the Township Office – 807-475-5229

Emergency Preparedness – Motorcycle Safety

Courtesy of Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)

While motorcycles only represent about three per cent of registered vehicles, Transport Canada reports they're involved in 10% of road fatalities. All drivers have a responsibility to keep the roads safe.

For Riders

Gear up

Always wear a government-approved helmet, eye protection and gloves while riding a motorcycle. Motorcycle-specific protective clothing is recommended and match your gear to your riding type whether it be off-road trails or highway riding. "You don't want to be out there in a t-shirt, shorts and flip-flops riding your motorcycle around," says Johansson.

Be aware

Being aware of your surroundings is important when driving any vehicle, especially motorcycles. A bike's smaller size makes it harder for other drivers to see motorcycles on the road.

Avoid riding in a vehicle's blind spots and keep a safe distance.

Know your ability

Always ride within your limits. Practise on safe roadways away from high-traffic areas to build skills and confidence and avoid speeds and curves outside your ability.

If riding in groups, choose routes that the riders with the lowest skills can handle with confidence.

Consider registering for a government-approved motorcycle operating course to refresh your skills and stay up to date with the rules of the road.

For Drivers

Be on the lookout

In the summer months, always be aware that motorcycles can be on the roads. They can be on city streets, backroads and highways.

And even if it's raining, that doesn't mean riders won't be on the roads. Remember a motorcycle's single headlight can make them appear farther away in low-light conditions.

Look out at intersections

A motorcycle's smaller size means they can be harder to spot at intersections or hidden behind other vehicles. As with all driving, always ensure an intersection is clear before proceeding and be extra cautious when turning left.

"I've been to numerous collisions where people didn't even notice the bike was there," says Johansson.

Be courteous

Tailgating and aggressive driving are always dangerous, especially when there's a motorcycle nearby. Always leave enough space between your vehicle and motorcycles.

And remember, motorcycles don't offer the same protections, like seatbelts and airbags, as conventional vehicles do.

Courtesy of Ministry of Transportation Ontario (MTO)

You can also refer to the Official Ministry Motorcycle Handbook at the following link:
<https://www.ontario.ca/document/official-ministry-transportation-mto-motorcycle-handbook>

MOTORBIKE SAFETY

RIDE SMART. RIDE SAFE. GET HOME. **EVERY TIME.**



**TWO WHEELS
ONE LIFE**



WEAR A HELMET

Always wear an approved helmet.
It could save your life.



WEAR PROTECTIVE GEAR

Jacket, gloves, pants and boots
protect you when it matters.



BE SEEN

Wear bright or reflective clothing
and use your headlights.



RIDE WITHIN YOUR LIMITS

Obey speed limits and
ride at a safe speed.



STAY ALERT

Watch the road, avoid distractions
and expect the unexpected.



KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

Give yourself space and
time to react.



**LOOK TWICE.
SAVE A LIFE.
RIDERS ARE
EVERYWHERE.**



SAFE RIDER.

| SAFE ROAD.

| SAFE EVERYONE.



DIRT BIKE SAFETY

RIDE SMART. RIDE SAFE. **COME HOME.**



WEAR THE RIGHT GEAR

Always wear a DOT-approved
helmet, goggles, gloves, boots,
and protective clothing.



KNOW YOUR LIMITS

Ride within your skill level.
Take time to practice and
improve your skills.



RIDE IN SAFE AREAS

Ride in approved areas only.
Stay on marked trails and
respect private property.



CHECK YOUR BIKE

Always inspect your bike before
you ride. Check brakes, tires,
chain, and controls.



RIDE WITH A BUDDY

Never ride alone. Let someone
know where you're going and
when you'll be back.



RESPECT NATURE

Stay on trails, don't litter,
and help keep our riding
areas open for everyone.



**THINK SAFE.
RIDE SAFE.
BE RESPONSIBLE.**

GOOD RIDERS



FOLLOW THE RULES



PROTECT THE SPORT



Final Summer Drop-In Recreation Program Highlights

WEEK OF AUGUST 4 TO 7

This week's Children's theme was based on Marvel/The Avengers with activities and crafts that included a Captain America Ring Toss, Spiderman Puppet Craft, The Avengers Assembly Obstacle course, and much more! For Wednesday's Senior's day the theme was a Garden Party that involved fun games and crafts including, but not limited to, Seated Ballon Volleyball, Outdoor Bowling, and Pickleball.

WEEK OF AUGUST 10 TO 14

Monday's theme was a Minion theme that involved crafts and activities from Minion Paper Bag craft, Build your own Minion craft, and Secret Agent Tag. Tuesday's theme of the day was a Disney Princess theme that involved a Moana Scavenger Hunt, Snow White's Poison Apple Target Toss, and Ariel's Under the Sea (chalk obstacle course). Wednesday's Senior's Day had a Spring theme that had activities from Uno/Card Games, Ultimate Frisbee, and a Ring Toss. Thursday's theme had a Sing Movie theme that had activities from What Time is it Mr. Wolf, Cops vs Robbers Tag game, and Freeze Tag. Friday's theme was a Star Wars theme that included Star Wars Tag, Outdoor Soccer, and Ultimate Frisbee/Kickball.

WEEK OF AUGUST 17 TO 21

This week's children's programming started off with a Trolls Movie theme that included a Trolls Dance Freeze, Freeze Tag/Grounders, and Playdough play. For the Senior's this week there was a Fun Day Wednesday theme that had activities from word searches, Hot Potato Game, and Hit the Target Ring Toss. Thursday's Children's programming was held indoors due to the rain, but still had plenty of fun activities from Freeze Dancing, Indoor Bowling, Parachute Games, and much more! Friday's Children's programming was outdoors once again and had an awesome turnout with activities that ranged from Capture the Flag (With Bouncy Balls), Chalk Racetrack, and Bouncy Ball Volleyball for the kids to enjoy!

WEEK OF AUGUST 24 TO 25

This was the last week of the Summer Recreation Program with Monday and Tuesday being the last days that included the Children's programming. Monday's activities included Water Gun Fight, Four Square, Freeze Tag, Red Light/Green Light, and Parachute Games. Tuesday's activities were held indoors, due to rain, but there was plenty of fun to be had from Indoor Bowling, Hot Potato Game, and Friendship Bracelet making!

Thank you to everyone who attended this Summer...we hope you enjoyed some Summer fun!!!





SEPTEMBER

WORD SEARCH



Find the words listed below in the puzzle.
Words can go across, down, or diagonally.

WORD LIST

AUTUMN
BACK TO SCHOOL
BLESSINGS
CRISP AIR
EARLY SUNSET
FALL
FOOTBALL
HARVEST
LEAVES
CHANGE
PUMPKIN
SPICE
ORCHARD
GOLDEN
HAYRIDE
RAKE
COOL
NATURE
GRATITUDE
SEPTEMBER

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D	E	A	R	L	Y	S	U	N	S	E	T	H	L	M
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