

NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS—CONT'D

- the purchase of a 2018 Freightliner Fire Truck Package (as per attached description) from Camions Helie (2003) Inc., for \$218,300.00 plus HST
- selling the surplus property on Amory Street via MLS listing.
- the renting of the Canteen to C. Larrett at \$250.00 per month up to the end of September 2018
- the Recreation Committee’s recommendations that \$9,000 from the Theme 4 “Power Off and Play” initiative of Healthy Kids Community Challenge North Channel be allocated to help purchase playground equipment, time and location to be decided. Recreation Committee will prepare a report on possible options and costs for a playground.

- the installation at the Farmers’ Market Pavilion of a second 4’ x 8’ raised pollinator garden perpendicular to the existing raised bed along with pollinator hotel, costs to be covered by the Johnson Farmers’ Market and Central Algoma Seedy Saturday

Council moves the budgeted \$6,000.00 for the Share Shed expansion to the 2019 budget.

Council agrees to enter into an agreement with the Gordon Lake Social Club to pay half of the actual net operating costs and capital costs based on annual budget

Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday, June 6 (Budget) and Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers.

NOTE: Visit johnsontownship.ca for the latest news and information as well as full council minutes and agendas.

PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

- Extra Gravel and calcium have been placed on the Gordon Lake Rd. detour routes (McKinnon Side Rd., Old Mill Rd., Carter Side Rd.).
- **Since you asked:** the black plastic at the Black Creek Bridge is to protect turtles. The wooden structure is to create an alternative nesting site for the Swallows who nest under the bridge. This work is part of the nature preservation system that is mandated for all public works around an environmentally sensitive work site.
- Maintenance gravel and grading and calcium is ongoing on all other roads.
- Docks are in place for summer boating and fishing, please remove all garbage as you leave
- Grass cutting is ongoing.

CEMETERY WORK BEES

- Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Gordon Lake, Saturday, June 09, 9am-noon
 - Desbarats Cemetery, Saturday, June 16, 9am-noon
- All Welcome.** Please bring your own tools.

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATIONS - MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **DESBARATS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE MEETING** - Last meeting before summer on Tuesday, June 12. Lunch meeting 1:30pm, location TBA
- **GORDON LAKE SOCIAL CLUB CARDS AND CROKINOLE and 50+ CLUB** are now concluded for the summer.



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Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday
8:30am to 4:30pm

Closed
Saturday and Sunday

Township of Johnson

LOCAL EVENTS

BREAKFAST BUFFET, OPENING OF FARMERS’ MARKET, SUSTAIN ALGOMA - Saturday June 2, Johnson Township Community Centre. Everything kicks off at 9am. Breakfast Buffet is a joint fundraiser by Recreation and the Johnson FD. The Kensington Conservancy, Clean North, Central Algoma Freshwater Coalition, Johnson Farmers’ Market, Early Detection & Rapid Response Network, and the St. Mary’s River Remedial Action Plan are proud hosts of the 3rd Annual Sustain Algoma Expo (sustainalgomaexpo.com)

JOHNSON FARMERS’ MARKET - Opens June 2 until Thanksgiving, every Saturday, 9am to 2pm and on **Wednesday’s starting in July from 3-6 p.m** at the JTCC Pavilion. (on Facebook at johnsonfarmersmarket.com)

CRUISIN’ CAR SHOW - June 9th in Bruce Mines. Car show registration starts at 9:00am at the waterfront gazebo. Prizes awarded throughout the day. Trophies randomly drawn at 3:30pm. Vendors welcome with pre-

registration. Table cost of \$20. Sponsorship of \$100 = free table rental. Info: Ed Golec 785-9911

REG MCHALE MEMORIAL FAMILY FISHING DERBY - Sat., June 23. See pg 2 for details.

BRUCE MINES COMMUNITY NIGHT - Sunday July 1, 5-11pm, the theme is “Bruce Mines through the Years”.

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY NIGHT - Saturday July 14, the theme is “Cartoon Characters”. Keep an eye out for posters and posts to our website and the “[Johnson Township Recreation](http://JohnsonTownshipRecreation.com)” Facebook Page.

KENSINGTON CONSERVANCY - has a whole slate of hikes, picnics, and events lined up for the summer. Visit kensingtonconservancy.org/2018-summer-schedule.html for more information and a calendar.

TKC BioBLITZ - Saturday, June 23 and Sunday, June 24 at the Stobie Creek Preserve. Contact Kensington Conservancy 782 2200 for more info.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: ROAD CLOSURES

Black Creek Bridge replacement – Gordon Lake Road, south of Suddaby Park entrance. Bridge will be closed to through traffic, beginning **July 9, 2018**, during construction and installation of the new bridge until completion of bridge on or around **August 31, 2018**.

Detours:
Light vehicle traffic – use Old Mill Road

and McKinnon Side Road
Heavy vehicle traffic – use Carter side Road and Centre Line Road

Note: Signage relating to the project are now up.

Government Rd. Closure - Thursday, May 31 from 8am to 5pm. From Gordon Lake Rd. to 1.4 KMS West. Please use the Hwy 17 as a detour route for this day.

Landfill Site Hours

**Summer Hours are:
April 1 to October 31**

- Saturday
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday
Noon – 7:00 p.m.

Reminder—no brush will be accepted during a Fire Ban in the Township of Johnson

Dog Tags

Don’t forget to purchase them from the Township Office.
\$10/dog

Tags provide dogs with identification if lost or stolen, help provide statistics on number of dogs in our community, and encourage responsible pet ownership

Report dogs at large to:

**Dog Control Officer—
Leanne Dow
Cell # 705-206-3323**

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JOHNSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION

UPCOMING RECREATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

REG MCHALE MEMORIAL FAMILY FISHING DERBY 2018 - SAT., JUNE 23

Johnson Township Recreation and the Johnson Township Fire Department, with the help of Cory Moore and several other area residents, welcome you to join us for the fourth annual Reg McHale Memorial Family Fishing Derby, Saturday, June 23. Entry will be on the day, \$20 for adults, \$5 for kids, and a special family rate of \$30 (please see website for details). Grand Prize winner takes home \$500 and a trophy, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd runners-up in the Adult and Youth categories will receive cash prizes and a trophy. The only measurement will be length; if there is a tie, the first fish registered will win. All participants will be eligible for draw prizes as well. Early registration available at the Johnson Fire Hall at 6am. Registration will officially open at 7am at the Johnson Township Public Docks at Hwy 17 and Lake Huron Dr. Boats can be launched from the same location. Measurement will close at 3PM sharp at the same location. The Fire Department will be running a fundraiser BBQ from noon until 4pm. Proceeds from the Derby will go towards the Fire Department and Recreation Programs. Check out the poster online at www.johnsontownship.ca or on Facebook at "Johnson Township Recreation". Many thanks to our major sponsors: **United Steelworkers Local 9548, Tunnel Lake Trading Post., Pinchin Engineering, McDougall Energy, Ontario Trap Rock, Total Precision Surveying, Stobie Mechanical & Welding, Pioneer Construction, Busting Water Tackle, Remedy's RX Pharmacy Bruce Mines, Loony Toons Pontoons and Power Sports, Kern's Maple Products, Clarida Construction and North Shore Firewood and Logging**

TENNIS NETS ARE UP AND THE COURTS ARE OPEN!

The arena and hall are available for summer bookings, contact Denise at 782 6723 for info. Leave a message - messages are checked on a regular basis

COMMUNITY NIGHT PREPARATIONS

The Sault Pipe Band and the Blue Saints Drum and Bugle Corps are booked. The theme for this year is "**Cartoon Characters**", come and celebrate with your favourite cartoon characters. The date is **Saturday, July 14**. Thanks to the Erling Lagerholm Fund, increased cash prizes for floats will be the same as last year.. Stay tuned for posters or check out johnsontownship.ca for more info

SOCCER REGISTRATIONS SHOULD BE IN! Baseball is up and running and we are starting to get organized for Soccer, so if you have not registered your child, please call Pat ASAP.

SUMMER SWIM REGISTRATIONS DUE FRIDAY, JUNE 29! - Check out the poster/registration form on-line at the township website for information about this program, which takes kids along the North Shore by bus to John Rhodes for swim lessons. The program will run from August 7 to August 17. Registration forms will be handed out at schools, or you can pick one up at the township office or by calling Pat .

SUCCESSFUL APRIL/MAY EVENTS

SENIOR'S COMPUTER PROGRAM: this 6-week program, funded by a grant from the **Ontario Ministry of Seniors Affairs Seniors Community Grant Program**, has wrapped up. Thirteen learners participated in an introductory computer course for Android and PC devices. Thanks to the **50+ Club** for hosting and to the **Thessalon Adult Learning Centre** who provided the instructor, Luciano Pontillo We are planning another course in the fall for Apple and Mac devices.

ZUMBA - This 8 week program had over 25 people attend every week. It is now wrapped up for the season but we are making arrangements for the program to start up again in the Fall. Stay tuned! Thanks to **Frieda Labelle** for volunteering as the lead on this program.

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

FIRE BANS

- We had rain, why not lift the fire ban? A number of factors influence the decision to put a fire ban in place and when to lift the ban. Weather – (current & forecasted), moisture content of the forest fuels, and resources available to respond to an emergency.
- The Fire Department was EXTREMELY busy in May due to several area fires. All these fires started from human error and ALL spread due to dry grass and wind. Fires like these cost you the taxpayer money and put our VOLUNTEER firefighters at risk. Please obey the fire bans and when burning is allowed, please follow directions you are given with your fire permit.
- A preventive approach to fire consumes fewer resources and in general reduces the risk to life, both human and other.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

**** A reminder that there is a daytime burning restriction at all times for the township****

- Burn permits for the township can be purchased at the township office for **\$10.00**, and they are good until **December 31, 2018**.
- Prior to burning the permit holder, or designate, shall call 705-782-6802 and leave a message containing the following information:
 - 1. Name
 - 2. Civic Address
 - 3. Permit Number
 - 4. Date & Time of intended fire

- Choose a safe time
 - Any fire is more likely to get out of control on a hot, dry or windy day. Burn two hours before sunset or later, and ensure that they are out two hours after sunrise.
- Keep your fire small
 - Keep your pile of wood, brush, or debris less than 2m in diameter and less than 2m high.
- Choose a safe site
 - Piles must be at least 2m from any other flammable materials.
- Stay with your fire
 - If you start a fire outdoors, you must take all necessary steps to tend the fire, keep it under control, and extinguish it before leaving the site.

JUNE'S FIRE SAFETY CONCERNS

§ Barbecues § Cottage fires § Forest fires

WHAT'S THE RISK IN JULY?

§ 9% of annual loss fires occur in July

§ Average of 32 injuries

§ Average of 4 fatalities

§ Top ignition sources: Cooking equipment Cigarettes
Electrical distribution equipment

Smoke alarm / CO alarm inspections will begin this spring and carry on randomly through the balance of the year; both of these alarms are now required by provincial law. You can be charged if you do not have smoke/CO2 alarms probably installed in your home.

NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

From Council Minutes of April and May 2018.

Council approves:

- an additional total of \$40,000.00 for Government Road and Kensington Point road preparation.
- the submission for the 2018 Intake of Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund Top-Up application funding for the Water & Sewer Infrastructure System upgrades.
- the engagement of auditing company KPMG Canada

to conduct a Service Delivery and Operational Review in accordance with the quote provided and that they be asked to price an infrastructure review considering the possibility of reducing the township operational footprint from two sites to one

- the donation of \$300.00 to the CASS 2018 Grade 12 Graduation Ceremonies and \$50.00 to the Grade 8 Graduation Ceremonies.
- the bid of STEM Engineering for the 2018 Bridge In-

FOR RECREATION INFORMATION OR IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA TO SHARE

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