

## NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

### Notes from Council Minutes of July 24 and August 27

Council accepts or approves:

- The drafting of a policy concerning the collection of additional costs/fees for Land Use Planning services. Council believes these costs should be borne by the applicant and the Township is allowed by the Municipal Act to charge such fees.
- Preparation by staff of the necessary bylaws and other documentation to reduce the speed limit on Gordon Lake road, north of the Gordon Lake Hall, and the speed limit on Highway 17 through the hamlet of Desbarats
- A donation of \$500 to the Bruce Mines Agricultural Society fair and exhibition, recognizing that many township residents are either members of the Society or participants in the fair.

Council supports:

- the Township of Prince and other like-minded com-

munities to support the Rural Ontario Municipal Association in its efforts for a standalone, dedicated annual conference that would continue to bring benefits to all municipalities through a progressive, diversified and interesting agenda

Council directs:

- Mayor Mersereau to write to the Federal Immigration Minister to state the benefits of an Immigration Program in the Township. A Pilot Program for small northern communities is planned for Sault Ste. Marie, and Council believes that an extension of the program to Johnson Township would be a benefit in diversification and economic development.

**NOTE: Complete minutes are available upon request at the Township office**

**Next Scheduled Meeting:** Regular Council Meeting: Wednesday September 18, 2018, 5:30pm, Council Chambers, Township Office Annex.

### MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BLAINE MERSEREAU

Johnson Township holds Regular Council meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. These meetings generally start at 5:30pm and are held in the Council Chambers beside the main office. Occasionally Closed Meetings are held to discuss issues relating to personnel, legal matters, real estate acquisitions and/or training. There are two main purposes for Regular Meetings:

- to provide an open and transparent forum for the Mayor, Council and Staff to discuss municipal matters; and
- to provide taxpayers and other interested parties an opportunity to observe Council's discussions, the material being presented and any resulting resolutions.

In recent Council Meetings some members of the audience have been having separate discussions amongst themselves while the Council Meeting is underway. These separate discussions are distracting to Councilors and Staff and interfere with our ability to have an effective Council Meeting. While members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend Council Meetings we ask that the audience refrain from having separate conversations while the Meeting is Open. Disruptions or abuse from the audience will not be permitted.

Any questions or comments on the Council Meetings can be directed by email to the Mayor at [MayorMersereau@Johnsontownship.ca](mailto:MayorMersereau@Johnsontownship.ca) or the Mayor can be contacted by phone at (705) 782-6601 extension 1-204. Responses to questions will be provided in a Mayor's Letter to Taxpayers each month shortly after the monthly Council Meeting. In this way, we can ensure all taxpayers have the benefit of seeing the questions and Council's answers. Thank you – BLAINE



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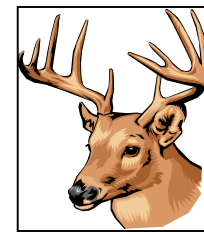
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#### Hours of Operation

Monday to Friday  
8:30am to 4:30pm  
Saturday and Sunday  
Closed

## Township of Johnson



### BIG BUCK REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Big Buck Registration is available at **McClelland's Hardware and Feed, 17E Trading Post, Cheryl's Café at the Arena, Busting Water Tackle, Perry's Gun Shop, or the Johnson Township Office or through Terry Barber or Cory Moore**  
**Registration Fee: \$35;** includes Big Buck All-u-can-eat Roast Chicken Supper and Awards Night; **Sunday, November 17, 5PM**  
**Extra Supper tickets available—\$15; \$12/seniors & students; \$5/12 and under**  
**[johnsontownship.ca](http://johnsontownship.ca) for more info!**

### ATV RUN - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- Registration 8:30am (longer route) or 10AM (shorter route)
- Johnson Township Community Centre -
- Finishes at app. 3pm with a BBQ.
- ENTRY: \$20/hand, \$3 extra card/hand, Winner takes 50%
- Mystery Prize Draw on Longer Route
- ROUTE GIVEN AT TIME OF REGISTRATION
- \$5 ATV Breakfast available at Cheryl's Café at the Arena



### Registration for Kid's Recreational Hockey and Adult Recreational Hockey League is COMING! Times and days TBA.

Kid's Rec registration will be available through Schools.  
Teams looking to join the Adult Hockey League should contact Pat at the Recreation Office. 782 6601 ext 1-205  
Keep updated by checking out [www.johnsontownship.ca](http://www.johnsontownship.ca)

### Notice: Residents on the Township of Johnson Water and Sewer System— After Hours emergency numbers to call if you have problems with:

- Water System—call P.U.C. (Sault) 705 759 6555
- Sewer System - Karhi Contracting—705 782 6863 or 705 541 8968

**Did you know?** A small drip from a faucet wastes as much as 75 L of water/day!

### GOOD FOOD BOX PROGRAM - Delivery and Order Dates

The Good Food Box Program costs \$20/month. Info/booking: 782 6601 x1-203

- Sign up by September 13th for pick up on the 19th.
- Sign up by October 16th for pick up on the 24th.
- Sign up by November 15h for pick up on the 21st.
- Sign up by December 6th for pick up on the 12th.

### 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.

### FINAL 2018 TAXES DUE

1ST INSTALLMENT:  
September 30th  
2ND INSTALLMENT:  
November 15th

### Johnson Water and Sewer Users

Please make sure the office **has your current contact info** in case of Water Advisories and please see the Notice in the marquis box at the bottom left for emergency numbers to call in case of you have a problem with your water or sewer systems.

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# JOHNSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION

## RECREATION EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

### Successful Summer Events

#### COMMUNITY NIGHT 2019

Hot weather and a fine turnout to the Johnson Township Community Night held July 14! We had lots of entries for the Cartoon Character-themed parade. The **Erling Lagerholm** Theme Prizes went to a group of **Diamond Lake Cottagers** (for the second year in a row!) and in second was the **Chris and Trisha Reid Family**. Honorary Parade Marshall and **Senior of the Year** was **Pat McKinnon** who rode with VIP **MP Carol Hughes**. Following the parade, the **Sault Ste Marie Pipe Band** played a concert beside the Pavilion. Inside the arena, **KiddieLand**, including a popular Bouncy Castle and games by of David Greer of Celebrate Your Day Your Way, and Cash Games got underway while old-time country group **Ezee Country** played. The new **Plinko** game seemed to attract a lot of attention. **AlgomaTrad** volunteers ran Crown and Anchor. **MPP Mike Mantha** kicked off the Dunking Booth, and got his Superman costume wet a few times.

The Food booths were popular as usual. Huge THANK YOU to: all who donated delicious pies; **Zahida Croskery**, our experienced booth coordinator and runner; the **Gordon Lake Social Club** who operate the ever-popular Pie Booth; **Ted Hicks and his family** and crew of volunteers who operated the Sausage Booth; the **Desbarats Women's Institute** who prepared the Beef on a Bun and **Cheryl Larrett** who cooked the Beef and operated the Fry and Beef Canteen; Recreation Committee members **Frieda Labelle, Melissa Corbett, Teri Winter and family, Hazel Fortier, Dianne Adamson, Jason Kern, Laura Maki, and Heather Kirby** whose help is invaluable in preparation as well as on the day; to the **Johnson Fire Department**, who put up no parking

signs, provided crowd control and put on a good show. It was great to see the **outstanding number of volunteers** to help with KiddieLand and we hope to see you all again next year!

Johnson Township Recreation and Council thanks **EVERYONE** who volunteered this year, because of all your efforts Community Night was another successful community event! Special thanks to our Summer Student, **Savanna Chaisson and Adam Robinson**, who put so much into the preparation and helped it run smoothly on the day. their wages are subsidized respectively by grants from the Summer Experience Program from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Recreation, and Health and from the Government of Canada Summer Jobs program

#### SUMMER SWIM PROGRAM-



The Swim Program was a success again this year, with 34 children from across the North Shore catching a bus for John Rhodes Pool in the Sault for 9 days, including 10 local children. This has become a wonderful example of inter-municipality cooperation, as no one township could afford to run this program on its own. Kudos to our Supervisors **Adam and Savanna** for doing a good job of taking care of our communities' children!

#### SOCCER PROGRAM WRAP-UP

About 70 area children represented Johnson Township in the North Shore Soccer League. Our Division 3 team won their division championship for another year and Our Division 1 and 2 teams had a lot of fun and improved as the season developed. Big thanks and congratulations to our volunteer coaches: Div. 3 -**Jason Kern**; Div. 2 - **Matti Koivisto, Karter Koivisto, Lee Koivisto**; Div. 1 - **Chantal and Kaitlyn Parker, Kiarra Finlayson, Mike and Carrie Guizetti**.

If you were part of this program, **please let your coach know that you appreciate their commitment!**

FOR RECREATION INFORMATION OR IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA TO SHARE

CONTACT PAT @ (705) 782-6601 EXT. 1-205 OR [pogorman@johnsontownship.ca](mailto:pogorman@johnsontownship.ca) OR

visit us on FACEBOOK at "Johnson Township Recreation"

# JOHNSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION CONT'D

## JOHNSON TOWNSHIP AWARDS LOCAL STUDENTS

CASS Graduation Johnson Township Achievement Awards went to **Cassidy Smith**, a township volunteer now in a Police Foundation and Law and Security Program, and to Grade 8 student **Ella Karhi**, who will be attending Grade 9 at CASS this year. Two Johnson Recreation Volunteer Awards, awarded every year to a graduating student or students who have displayed a commitment to volunteering during his or her High School career, were awarded to **Tyler Barber** and **Desiree Boulter**, who have volunteered for various community events including Community Night, Kids Christmas Party, Bruce Mines Fair, Desbarats United Church, and coaching and managing baseball. This award is funded by proceeds from the **Johnson Twp/Cu-Jo Memorial Family Hockey Tournament**.

### FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS & TIPS

Reminder: As we feel the chill in the air in the mornings - time to check heating equipment before we start them up for the season. Portable units used for keeping the hunting cabin warm are vulnerable for producing Carbon Monoxide.

#### Portable Fuel-Fired Heater Safety Tips

- Any portable fuel-fired heater should be equipped with a safety tip-over shut-off feature and bear the mark of an accredited testing agency.
- Only adults familiar with the operating and refueling procedures of the heater should be allowed to operate or refuel it.
- Before operating any portable fuel-fired heater read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Always maintain an adequate supply of fresh outside air when using fuel-fired portable heaters indoors. Follow manufacturer's directions to ensure proper ventilation.
- Heaters should never be left burning overnight or while sleeping.
- Refuel portable heaters outdoors, only after the unit has cooled. Only use approved fuel in the heater.
- Store fuel for the portable heater in the appropriate approved fuel container, outside the home.
- Keep portable heaters at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn, including curtains, wall coverings, upholstery, clothing and people.
- Keep all doorways and halls clear. In case of fire, a heater should not be blocking your escape.
- Place heaters in areas where they will not get bumped or knocked over.
- Prevent burns by keeping children away from portable heaters which can reach extremely high surface temperatures.
- Install working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas to alert you to a fire in your home. Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with your family.
- Install a carbon monoxide alarm to alert you to the presence of deadly carbon monoxide gas.

### PUBLIC WORKS NEWS

Surface treatment completed for the year, including Gordon Lake Rd. and the patch on Diamond Lake Rd. Government Rd. ripping complete for the year. Surface treatment scheduled for next summer, 2020.

### LOCAL EVENTS

#### JOHNSON FARMERS' MARKET - JTCC - FALL HOURS

Saturdays 10 a.m. until 2pm

**SYLVAN CIRCLE TOUR @ JTCC-** Saturday, September 15, 9:00am. - 5:00pm. [www.sylvancircle.ca](http://www.sylvancircle.ca)

**DESBARATS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING** - every second Tuesday of the month. Info: Marlee 782 4236

**50+ CLUB** - Wednesdays, 1pm. **Starts in October.**

**GORDON LAKE SOCIAL CLUB CARDS AND CROKINOLE PARTY** - First Friday of every month, starting October 4.

**POSSABILITY COMMUNITY HOMES** is looking for energetic, enthusiastic individuals who care about the well being of people with disabilities to join their **Board of Directors**. Interest and/or experience in Marketing, Fundraising, Finance or Maintenance would be an asset. Email [president@possability.org](mailto:president@possability.org)

**FEDERAL ELECTION - OCT. 21** - More info to come, but a heads-up that the October Federal Election Local Polling station will occur at the **Johnson Township Community Centre**.

**ALGOMATRAD FALL HERITAGE ARTS FESTIVAL, OCT. 3-6** - AlgomaTrad Centre, 1249 F&G Line, St. Joseph Island, and various halls around the island. Concerts, dances, and hands-on heritage workshops in Blacksmithing, Weaving, Felting, Textile arts, Wood Carving, Bookbinding, Music, and more. Children's concerts and programs too. Info: 782 4311 or

[www.algomatrad.ca](http://www.algomatrad.ca)