

NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

December 18, 2019 Council Meeting was cancelled as per minutes of November 20, 2019. **Copies of all Council Meeting minutes are available from the office or access them on line at www.johnsontownship.ca/business/minutes/**

Next Scheduled Meetings: Committee of the Whole, Tuesday, January 14, 2020; Regular Council Meeting, Wednesday, January 15, 2020, 5:30pm, Council Chambers

MESSAGE FROM THE CLERK

This past October, Mayor and Council considered and adopted a new Procedural Bylaw. Every municipality and certain local boards must pass a procedural by-law to govern the calling, place and proceedings of their meetings and meetings of certain committees. The content of the procedure by-law is generally up to the council or the local board. The requirement is set out under the Municipal Act, Section 238(2).

Most Procedural bylaws, including the Township of Johnson, allow for the setting out of various Committees, including **Committee of the Whole** which can also be called Committee of the Whole Council.

Committee of the Whole meetings are intended to be a less formal forum for discussing issues affecting the Township. Effective January 14, 2020, Mayor and Council have chosen to use the Committee of the Whole system. Meetings will generally take place on the third Tuesday of each month and will be comprised of the Mayor and the four (4) Councillors. Staff will attend to speak to their reports, and to answer any questions that Council may have on any matter. A quorum for the Committee of the Whole shall be the same as for Regular Council meetings.

You may ask: **What is the difference between a Committee of the Whole Meeting and a Council Meeting?** The Committee of the Whole does not have the authority to initiate an action (limited to asking for information or giving direction to the Clerk). Instead, it reviews and gathers information on behalf of Council, relative to a particular topic(s). Once the Committee of the Whole has received the information it requires, then a recommendation may be referred to Council for consideration. All Committee of the Whole and other Committee recommendations are forwarded to Council at its Regular Council meetings at which time Council decides whether or not it will adopt the recommendations; thus the difference. The recommendations are adopted either through Resolution or Bylaw. Public attendance is encouraged at Committee of the Whole meetings. It is also an appropriate forum for public delegations to appear because the committee structure allows for less formal discussion and questions. If you have any questions about the Committee of the Whole or the Procedural Bylaw you can call Chris Wray, Clerk at 705-782-6601 (ext 201) or cwray@johnsontownship.ca

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

REMINDER: NO TRANSFERRING SNOW ACROSS A TOWNSHIP ROAD FROM YOUR DRIVEWAY!!



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

Township of Johnson

AlgomaTrad & Johnson Township Recreation Present "SHOULD AULD ACQUAINTANCE BE FORGOT..."

A TRADITIONAL ROBBIE BURNS SUPPER

Friday, January 24, 2020

Township of Johnson Community Hall

Tickets \$30.00 (\$15 student)

available at:

Johnson Township Office, Cheryl's Café, McClelland's Hardware and Feed, Island Market and online at algomatrad.ca

MORE INFO CALL: 705 782 4311 or 782 6601, ext 1-205

The evening program will include:

- A Traditional Burns Supper
- The Address to the Haggis
- The Playing of the Great Highland Bagpipe and Fiddle
- Highland Dancing and Scottish Country Dance
- Songs and Poetry by Scotland's Most Famous Poet and Traditional Scottish Music provided by AlgomaTrad Musicians



Featuring Singer and Multi-Instrumentalist Duncan Cameron

Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 211
will provide Bar Service.

Proceeds after expenses donated to the AlgomaTrad Nicholas Missere Bursary Fund and Johnson Recreation Programs

Doors open at 6:00 - Dinner at 6:30pm
Advance Tickets Only

Reminder:
Winter "No Parking" Rules
Parking of vehicles on township roads is NOT ALLOWED between midnight and 8am, under By-law 2010-641, through to midnight on March 31, 2020. Persons who disobey this by-law will receive a \$25 fine and may have their vehicle towed. Even when there is no snow the by-law is in effect.

Landfill Site Hours
Winter Hours are:
Wednesdays - Noon-5pm
Saturdays - 9am-5pm

Johnson Township Community Hall is available for bookings. Call **705-782-6723** for availability. **The Gordon Lake Hall** is also available to rent for family gatherings, birthday parties, showers, etc. Call or text 705-989-5612 or 705-971 3167 to book. For more information please go to johnsontownship.ca/facility-booking

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JOHNSON TOWNSHIP RECREATION

SUCCESSFUL DECEMBER EVENTS

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - it was a wonderful turnout for the Children's Christmas party, brought to you by Recreation and the Desbarats Women's Institute. Everyone enjoyed the carol singing lead by **Julie Schryer** on the piano. **Alexis Lesnick** helped at the craft table. **Julie** took photos of the children with Santa - they will be distributed to the Central Algoma Elementary School. Cookies and snacks were provided by members of the Recreation Committee and the larger community. Big thanks to **Marlee Hopkins, Anne McHale, and Laura Maki** who pitched in to make it all happen, and to **Councilor Jason Kern**, who played a major role (wink, wink and a Ho Ho Ho)!!

UPCOMING & ONGOING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

YMCA SENIORS EXERCISE SESSION—FREE - The YMCA and Johnson Recreation are providing a 1-hour Senior's Exercise Program at the JTCC Hall on Tuesdays at 11:30am starting January 07, 2020. Cheryl's Café will provide a healthy Senior's Luncheon Deal directly after each session! Please call to register for the program 705 782 6601 ext 1205 or just show up! The Program is supported by the Government of Ontario.

NEW SENIOR DROP-IN COMPUTER PROGRAM—FREE

SIX Wednesdays, from Feb. 05 to March 11, 10am. Johnson Township Recreation and the Adult Learning Centre are providing a cell phone and/or tablet information drop-in session at the JTCC Hall. Instructor Krista Kerr will be there to help with issues or problems or just to give you

an update. First hour will be a group lesson (changing settings, taking good photos, organizing photos, google search strategies, email and internet safety, etc). Second hour will be Q&A (reduce your frustration and increase your confidence by learning some trouble-shooting skills for your device!)

WINTER ACTIVITY FESTIVAL - Sunday, February 09 at the JTCC. Bum slides, SnoGolf, 2x4 ski races, outdoor and in-arena activities, draws for participation! Watch for posters or visit us on Facebook. This event will also feature a local genealogy display by Remembering Our Roots, an offshoot of Remember When Algoma.

PUBLIC SKATING - every Friday night, 6:30pm to 7:30pm. Cost: \$3/\$6 families.

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP ORGANIZATION MEETINGS AND EVENTS

- **DESBARATS WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING** - Every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Call Marlee 705 782 4236 for more info.
- **GORDON LAKE SOCIAL CLUB CARDS AND CROKINOLE** - first Friday of every month, 7:30pm, lunch included! Next date: **FEBRUARY 07**.
- **50+ CLUB IS UP AND RUNNING** - every Wednesday afternoon, 1pm to 3pm at the JTCC Hall

LOCAL EVENTS

- **FRAUD PRESENTATION—Monday, January 25, 6:30—7:30pm, Bruce Mines Hall.** All welcome to this presentation by the Serious Fraud Office, including members of the OPP, Attorney General office and more.. Learn about fraud awareness and how not to be a victim of fraud.

FOR RECREATION INFORMATION OR IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA TO SHARE
CALL PAT @ 705 782 6601 ext 1-205 OR EMAIL pogorman@johnsontownship.ca

JOHNSON TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT



WHAT'S THE RISK?

Cooking fires account for **22%** of all home fires.

Cooking **left unattended** is the cause of **52%** of all cooking fires.

Stovetop fires account for **71%** of all cooking fires.

The average dollar loss per cooking fire is over **\$27,000**.

Cooking is the #2 cause of fatal fires in the home.

Statistics for Ontario between 2010-2014. Provided by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management

Office of the Fire Marshal & Emergency Management
www.ontario.ca/firemarshal

How do I prevent a cooking fire?

- ❖ Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- ❖ Keep anything that burns — cooking utensils, dishcloths, paper towels and pot holders — a safe distance from the stove.
- ❖ Loose-fitting clothes can come into contact with stove burners and catch fire. Wear tight sleeves or roll them up when cooking.

FIRE INJURIES and DEATHS

- ❖ 32% of all home fire injuries occur in cooking fires.
- ❖ 14% of all cooking fires result in an injury or death.
- ❖ 11% of all home fire fatalities are caused by cooking

BEAT THE SILENT KILLER

Carbon Monoxide Safety Checklist

- Dryer • Barbecue • Stove • Portable Fuel-Fired Heaters
- Get an annual inspection for all your fuel-burning appliances.
- Visit COSafety.ca to find a registered fuel contractor near you.
- Check that outside furnace vents are not blocked.
- Never use a portable fuel-burning appliance or de-

vice in an enclosed space.

- If your home has a fuel-burning appliance or attached garage, install a carbon monoxide alarm adjacent to each sleeping area.
- If your condo/apartment building has a garage, carbon monoxide alarms must be installed adjacent to each sleeping area of all condo/apartment units above, below and beside the garage.

For added protection, install a carbon monoxide alarm on every storey of the home according to manufacturer's instructions.