



Township of Johnson

Message from the Clerk's Desk – March 2/20

Did You Know the Township Can Issue Donation Receipts?

Its true! The Township of Johnson can issue tax donation receipts for donations to the Township of Johnson.

Under the Income Tax Act of Canada, the Township is a qualified donee and can issue official donation receipts for income tax purposes. However, before issuing an official donation receipt, the Township must determine whether it has received a gift for the purposes of the Income Tax Act and the eligible amount of the gift.

Such donations can be either cash or non-cash items. The donating of a non-cash item requires a brief description of the gift received by the Township, the name and address of the appraiser (if the gift was appraised), and a statement on the fair market value at the time the gift was made.

The use of this authority granted under the Income Tax Act, is not prevalent in the municipal sector but should be. It is a great way for any municipality to enhance

items such as recreational and cultural programming or to otherwise provide for the needs of the community.

Curling Rock update:

At the Committee of the Whole on February 27, 2020 members discussed the stewardship of the curling rocks that have been in the possession of the Township for a number of years.

Recently, Council agreed to lend the rocks to a local resident for a program in Echo Bay. This action was supported by a written agreement to protect the rocks from damage, theft or misuse. In continuing their discussion on this issue, members were willing to consider an "evergreen" or annual renewal agreement between the Township of Johnson and the Echo Bay Curling Club. The agreement would continue to be subject to the protection of the rocks and would contain a clause wherein the rocks could be recalled by the Township at any time.

The matter will be voted on at the next Council Meeting.- **Chris Wray**

NEWS FROM COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Notes from the February 19 & 27 Meeting Minutes: Council resolves :

- ◆ that the Township will transition the Blue Box program to full producer responsibility as of December 31, 2025
- ◆ To investing in the Canada Infrastructure Program: Green Infrastructure Stream, that was submitted on January 22, 2020, for the revitalization of the sewage lagoons; and that this project be reflected in the 2020 Capital Budget with the Township required to fund \$112,014 (26.67%) should the application be approved.

Council approves:

- ◆ the premium for municipal insurance for 2020 at \$67,201 and a further \$4,150 for Cyber Insurance
- ◆ The nomination of Chris Wray, Clerk to participate on the Kensington Conservancy BioBlitz Committee

Committee of the Whole Public Meeting, Monday, February 24: a Public Meeting was held by Council on

this date at the JTCC Hall. Power Point presentations were given by Mayor Mersereau and Clerk Wray. Copies of the presentations are available on the township Website johnsontownship.ca>Planning>Reports, Plans & Policies>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, then click on the links to open the presentations.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Committee of the Whole: Tuesday, March 17, 5:30pm.
Regular Council Meeting, Wednesday, Johnson Township Council Chambers March 18, 5:30pm,



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

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Township of Johnson Recreation Committee Presents:



JOHNSON TOWNSHIP/CU-JO MEMORIAL FAMILY HOCKEY TOURNAMENT MARCH 13-14, DESBARATS



- **2 Divisions:** Competitive and **FAMILY RECREATIONAL**
- **FAMILY RECREATIONAL** will play under an "Inclusive Play" Policy* in the Spirit of Fun and Friendly Competition. Players should be 6 years old and up and teams should be made up of a variety of ages and genders.
 - \$425/Team (Competitive players should be 14yrs or older)
- 3-games guaranteed; Round Robin structure; all games at Johnson Township Community Centre Arena
 - **JTCC Hall will be open** during Tournament and for after-Tournament Festivities
 - **Bar Service** will be provided **Friday night 7PM to Midnight and Saturday 1PM to 1AM** by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 211
 - **Cheryl's Cafe** will be open during the tournament
- Proceeds to support the Johnson Township Recreation Volunteer Scholarship for graduating CASS student.

Registering Teams should contact Pat at 782 6601, ext 1-205

johnsontownship.ca or on Facebook @ "Johnson Township Recreation"



*"Inclusive Play" Policy – In the Spirit of Fun and Friendly Competition, that teams will allow younger and inexperienced hockey players the ability to make a play, pass, or skate several steps without interference. There will be no expectation that these players will be given free access to the goal or to scoring. Attempts should be made by teams to match player skills and ages in their line changes. Pre-game discussion between teams is encouraged.

We are now taking team registrations for the **Family Hockey Tournament** which is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 13 and 14.

Note the Recreational Division is now a FAMILY RECREATIONAL Division to encourage families with all-age, all-gender hockey players to come and take part! FAMILY RECREATIONAL will play under an "Inclusive Play" Policy in the Spirit of

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A THEME FOR COMMUNITY NIGHT 2020 - CALL 705 782 6601 x1205 IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS!

INFORMATION FOR THESE EVENTS AND MORE CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 2 OR AT JOHNSONTOWNSHIP.CA

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MARCH BREAK FREE SKATES - All free skate times are 50 minutes

Monday, March 16, **6pm**; Tuesday, March 17 & Thursday, March 19, **3pm**
Wednesday, March 18, **6pm**, followed by **Free Family Shiny, 7pm**
Friday evening public skating, **6:30-7:20pm**. \$3/person or \$6/family.

THIS DOCUMENT AND ANY PUBLIC DOCUMENT IS AVAILABLE IN ACCESSIBLE FORMAT.

WINTER LANDFILL HOURS—until April 1

Wednesdays - **NOON to 5PM**
(changes to Noon to 7pm on April 1)

Saturdays - **9AM to 5PM**

IMPORTANT:

Hamlet residents are asked to ensure water meters are accessible for readings at the end of the month.

Thank you!

Half-loading is Coming! Limit 5 tons/axle

Half Loading will begin around mid-March

Check the Website for updates

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RECREATION

- ◆ **FREE YMCA 55+ EXERCISE SESSION**—runs to the end of March, Tuesday’s 11:30am. Never too late! Program is supported by the Government of Ontario through the Sault YMCA.
- ◆ **DROP-IN PHONE/TABLET PROGRAM**— continues until the end of March. **No class on March 18.**
- ◆ **BASEBALL AND SOCCER REGISTRATION FORMS** - will be available in schools March 18, after the March Break. They will be due by **Friday, April 6. Late registrations will be charged an additional \$5.**
- ◆ **RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 31, 6:30pm, COUNCIL CHAMBERS** - All welcome. Meeting will include reports on previous programs and events and initial planning for Community Night and Summer programs.
- ◆ **OUTDOOR SHOW, MAY 03-** The St. Joseph Island Hunters and Anglers Association in collaboration with the Johnson Township Recreation Committee will be hosting a Gun and Outdoor Show, on Sunday, May 03 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Johnson Township Community Centre in Desbarats. This show is focused on products and services for outdoor activities

related primarily to hunting, fishing, ATV's, trailers, boats and conservation organizations. Beside indoor and outdoor vendors, there will be seminars, food and interactive archery available throughout the day. Anyone interested in having tables, booths or an outdoor space at this show can contact Jane Perry at **705-206-6454 by phone or text.**

- ◆ **EVERYTHING COUNTRY “FUR AND FEATHER” SALE** - Save the date - Sunday, **MAY 24**
- ◆ **GORDON LAKE HALL CARD PARTY** - Fridays, **March 6 & April 3, 7:30-10pm.** Card parties held on the first Friday of every month with last Party ending in May.
- ◆ **DESBARATS WOMEN’S INSTITUTE MEETING** - Every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Call Marlee at **705-782-4236** for more info.
- ◆ **50+ CLUB** meets every Wednesday from 1-3pm at the JTCC Hall.

The Recreation Coordinator and Committee would like to take this opportunity to offer their sincerest condolences to Dianne Adamson on the loss of her husband of 52 years, Bob Adamson. Dianne and her entire family have been a committed Recreation volunteers for many, many years.

- **Johnson Township Community Hall** is available for bookings. Call **705-782-6723** for availability. Rental agreements are available at the arena or the township office or online. **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. to book. More info at: johnsontownship.ca/facility-booking

- **Ice Rentals** – Non Prime Time (Monday to Friday 7am-4pm, Sunday 7am-10pm) - \$106.00/hr. Prime Time (Monday to Friday 4-10pm, Saturday 7am-10pm) 126.00/hr (contract), \$133.00/hr (no contract). Prices include GST. Call **705-782-6723** or visit johnsontownship.ca/facility-booking for more info. **NOTE:** The Ice Surface at the Arena is slated to close for the season on March 30.

LOCAL AREA EVENTS

Central Algoma Seedy Saturday - Saturday, March 14, 10am-3pm at CASS.

- ◆ Seed swap - Seed sales - H4 Presentations - Vendors & Exhibitors - Kids’ activities - Greenhouse tour *Soil lab *and more - Great day for the whole family. Admission by donation. Nutritious lunches available. Contact: seedysat@gmail.com; 705 782-0732; find us on Facebook

51st Annual Maple Syrup Festival - Saturday & Sunday, April 4-5, 11-12 from 8am-3pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 374. All you can eat pancakes, sausages, and St. Joseph Island maple syrup. Local crafts, maple candy and maple syrup for sale. Local sugar bushes open for tours. Adults \$9.50, Seniors \$8.50, 10 & Under \$5.00. For more information call 705-246-2494.

The Fire Department would like to remind everyone to **PLEASE clear the area around your 911 Emergency Number** and make sure your sign is in a state of good repair to be seen by Emergency Responders...that’s the little green sign at the end of your driveway that tells us where you live. In a Fire Emergency, a matter of seconds can mean a lot for saving lives and property.

Clocks will spring forward one hour at 2am on March 8 and the **Fire Department** recommends that residents install new batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when they change their clocks.

For more information call the **Johnson Township Fire Department** at **705-782-6802.**

EVERY SECOND COUNTS! PLAN 2 WAYS OUT!

If a fire occurred in your home tonight would your family get out safely?

A fast, pre-planned escape is critical to survival. There are **no second chances** in a fire.

Follow these simple steps:

- Test your smoke alarms—every month!** (Image: hand testing a smoke alarm)
- Discuss with everyone in your home how each person will get out in a fire. Practice your plan!** (Image: floor plan diagram)
- Know two ways out of each room, if possible.** (Image: person in a room with exit paths)
- Determine who’s going to help young children, older adults, people with disabilities or anyone else who needs help escaping.** (Image: family group)
- Have a meeting place outside your home.** (Image: tree and street lamp)
- Call 9-1-1 or your emergency number from outside the home.** (Image: hand holding a smartphone dialing 911)
- GET OUT, STAY OUT! Never re-enter a burning building!** (Image: family looking at a burning building)
- EVERY SECOND COUNTS! Fire and smoke can travel so quickly that despite their best efforts, firefighters may not be able to rescue you or your family if a fire occurs in your home. You need to be out of your home when the firefighters arrive!** (Image: fire truck at a burning house)

For more information, contact your local fire department.

VULNERABLE PERSONS REGISTRY

The Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR) is a free, voluntary and confidential service aimed at improving the safety of residents living at home who would be at greater risk during emergencies.

The VPR improves safety by providing key information to emergency response teams in order to help them be more aware when addressing large scale emergencies.

Go to their website at www.sooopr.com/About and find out more information or register. To register on the website, click on the menu tab in the upper left corner of your screen, then click on REGISTER. You can also register through the **Township of Johnson Office**, where you can pick up a VPR package, fill out the forms, and return them to the address supplied. A contact phone number for a VPR coordinator is also available in the package.