

Greetings Fellow Residents

Well 2025 is going to be a very interesting year for many Central Huron residents as Clinton celebrates its 150th anniversary of its incorporation as a town. The celebrations will take place July 4th to 6th. Be sure to keep checking the Central Huron website and social media for updates as the plans become finalized. One of the more interesting things I did this year was to leaf through the Guest Book that we placed at Balls Bridge. It is truly amazing to see where all the visitors to the bridge came from including Europe and Australia and of course across Canada and the U.S. Although the guest book has been removed for the winter it will be back next spring so stop by and add your signature and at the same time enjoy the peace and serenity of our beautiful Maitland River valley. Also, this year we have produced a die of the Central Huron logo for use in benches. If you are a proud Central Huron resident and would like such a bench for your home contact the office or place one in a public location with a plaque to honour a loved one. Just another way to "show pride in your municipality, it is a great place to live!"

Jim Ginn Mayor of Central Huron

Central Huron 2022-2026 Municipal Council

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Council Meetings

All Central Huron Council Meetings will be held using a hybrid method of in-person at the Town Hall – Council Chambers (23 Albert Street, Clinton, ON) and by using the Zoom Web-Conferencing platform.

Members of the public wanting to observe a Council meeting can attend either in person or can obtain the public Zoom link from the face of the Agenda, published to the website on the Friday prior to the scheduled meeting.

If you would like to speak at a meeting, you must register in advance by contacting the Clerk at <u>clerk@centralhuron.com</u>. Council meetings are held on the first and third Monday of each month, beginning at 5:00 pm. To view the full 2025 meeting schedule, as well as the current agendas The Municipality of Central Huron 23 Albert Street P.O. Box 400 Clinton, ON NOM 1L0 Ph: 519-482-3997 Fax: 519-482-9183 info@centralhuron.com

and minutes of previous meetings, please visit our website www.centralhuron.ca/agendasandminutes

Message from the Fire Chief

We are excited to introduce our **Free Home Fire Safety Assessment program**, designed to help our community members identify and address potential fire hazards in their homes. Our team is here to provide guidance and practical solutions to keep you and your loved ones safe. Remember, **"Don't be safety blinded – be safety minded."** Take advantage of this opportunity to make your home a safer place. Contact us today to schedule your assessment!



Will a Fire Truck Fit Down Your Driveway?

To enable firefighters and other emergency vehicles to locate and reach your home quickly it's important to establish a safe route with adequate driveway access.

Step 1: Position your address sign to be visible from the road from either direction.

Step 2: Make your home visible from the road, if possible, so firefighters can tell if it's safe to enter.

Step 3: Clear trees, branches, or brush from your driveway so it is at least 12 feet wide and that there is at least 13.5 feet of clearance to allow fire trucks access.

Step 4: Be sure your driveway surface is firmly packed and is able to support the weight of emergency vehicles even in the spring when the ground is soft.

Step 5: Check that your driveway is free of gates, fence posts or other obstructions that could restrict access.

Step 6: Create a space at the end of your driveway with adequate room for an emergency vehicle to turn around once it reaches your home.

Ensure your driveway has adequate height and width CLEARANCE from vegetation for large emergency vehicles.

Fire Chief Jeff Lipskie

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Public Works Department

The spring pick-up will be held during the last week in April and the first week in May. The fall pick-up will begin at the start of October to mid-November, weather permitting on Thursday's only. Leaves must be in brown paper bags. Brush must be tied in bundles no longer than 4 feet, and cannot weigh more than 50 pounds. For those who wish to take their own leaves and compost, the drop off site is at 40131 Hydro Line Road - just east of the Cemetery. Open 7 days a week Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:00pm, Sat, Sun 10:00am-4:00pm. ACCEPTABLE ONLY: Leaves, brush, grass kitchen compost. NOT clippings and ACCEPTABLE: plastics, plastic containers, metal, lumber, cement, tires, appliances and garbage. This is a free service that should not be abused.

Roadside Mowing

Roadside mowing will be contracted out. Anyone having small trees and shrubs should have them well marked as the Municipality will not be responsible for any damage.

Recycling and Garbage Bins on Roadways

Along with following proper instructions from Bluewater Recycling Association, to ensure proper snow removal from roadways, The Municipality of Central Huron is asking that your recycling and/or garbage bin be placed at the curb but within the opening of your driveway or on the municipal road allowance where possible and not on any roadways. This allows snow plow operators to properly clear snow from the roadways without any obstructions.

Utilities - Municipal Water & Sewer Services

Account Setup & General Inquiries 519-482-3997 ext. 1239 (Business Hours) Water & Sewer after hour's emergencies

519-441-8166

2025 Property Tax Installment Dates

Interim Billing (based on 50% of 2024 taxes) 1^{st} installment due March 31st, 2^{nd} installment due June 30th.

Methods of Tax Payment

Automatic Banking Machines, Telephone & Internet Payments, Payment at most Financial Institutions, Post Dated Cheques, Mail, Drop Box at Municipal Office, Pre-authorized Monthly Payments and Pre-Authorized Installment Payments are all accepted methods of payments. A new payment method of etransfer, credit card and Canada Post payments will be accepted through the Paysimply app only.

Please use your 19 digit roll number.

Each Roll number requires a separate payment. Do NOT pay multiple properties on one Roll number. For Utilities and other payments please record the full 10 digit account number. Each account requires a separate payment. Do not pay multiple accounts onto one account number.

Please refer to our current fee by-law 76-2019 on our website for new and updated fees such as statement fees etc.

The Municipality of Central Huron is pleased to offer electronic billing (e-billing) to customers. Property tax, water, animal licensing, and other bills can now be received through e-billing. Customers interested in registering for e-billing can do so online by visiting: www.centralhuron.ca/ebilling

Hall Rentals

Auburn Memorial Hall Contact: Patti Cooke @519-526-7425 Londesborough Community Hall Contact: Hensall Co-Op @519-523-9606 <u>Kinburn Hall:</u> Contact: Carl and Mary Merner @519-482-7143 Please contact Reception @ 519-482-3997 ext. 1221 for the following hall rentals: Central Huron Community Complex - Libro

<u>Central Huron Community Complex – Libro</u> <u>Community Hall</u> <u>Town Hall Auditorium</u> <u>Holmesville Community Centre</u> <u>Central Huron YMCA @ 519-482-3655</u>

2025 Dog Tags

As of January 2023, Central Huron moved to a lifetime dog tag program. Invoices will be sent to owners annually for a renewal license fee. All Dogs in the Municipality must be licensed as per our Animal Control By-Law.

The tag must be worn on your dog at all times. A dog tag is the best form of identification for your dog as it will help with returning lost dogs to their owners. If your dog is picked up without a dog license you may be subject to additional fees. Invoices for dog license fees have been mailed out and the amount on the invoice is due no later than March 31st, 2025.

A late payment charge of \$20 will go on your account for each dog as of April 1, 2025. If you no longer have your dog please return your tag to the Municipal office. Invoices cannot be reversed until the tag is returned.

| Per Dog Tag | \$25.00 |
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| Staffordshire Terrier/Pit Bull | \$205.00 |
| Kennel License | \$150.00 |
| Replacement Tag | \$10.00 |
| Late penalty | \$20.00 per dog |

Going Digital

Central Huron has implemented Cloudpermit, an online software, for By-Law Enforcement and Complaints as well as Planning and Building Applications. More information is available on our website: www.centralhuron.com

Summer Minor Sports Registrations

Please contact the local groups for further information. Link can be found at;

https://www.centralhuron.ca/en/recreation-andevents/sports-groups.aspx

What's Happening in Central Huron!

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