

The Corporation of the Township of Laird

Newsletter

DECEMBER 2014



Inaugural Meeting



The inaugural meeting and swearing-in of the new council for Laird Township was held on December 3, 2014. Pictured sitting is Mayor Dick Beitz of Government Road. Standing L – R, is Ed Lapish of Bar River Road East, Frank Turco of Finns' Bay Road North, Wayne Junor of Reids Road East and Todd Rydall of Neebish Road West.

Council Meetings



Council Meetings are scheduled for the first and third Wednesdays of each month, except for July, August and occasionally December. Changes in meeting times will be posted on the township website, lairdtownship.ca. Many other activities of council, including council minutes and by-laws are shown on its website.

Township Office Closure for the Holidays



The township office will be closed Monday December 22, 2014 to Sunday January 4, 2015 inclusive. Phone messages and drop box will be checked periodically.

Landfill Site



Landfill Site hours will remain with regular winter hours during the holiday season.

Wednesday evenings: 5 – 7 p.m.

Saturdays: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

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Road Safety



The Road Department and Council is asking residents not to push snow on, or across township roads. Ridges and lumps of frozen snow can create a hazardous situation for equipment and operators, as well as others traveling over the roads. *Section 181 of The Highway Traffic Act* states that no person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the road authority for the maintenance of the road. Please help us maintain a safe roadway by keeping surplus snow from driveways off the municipal roadways. You are also reminded that parking on the roadway during snow season is an offence, and your vehicle may be towed if found impeding snow removal.

High Speed Internet - More Data, Less Cost



Council would like to advise its residents that you may be eligible for high speed internet, with more data, at a lesser cost than those presently operating with a turbo hub from Bell. *This program is referred to as Bell Wireless Internet 5.* It is council's understanding that Bell was mandated to provide this service, and by calling 1-800-361-9119, extension 1202443 and speaking with Madine, the following packages should be available to you with a two year contract:

20GB for \$41.95 per month plus applicable taxes

40GB for \$51.95 per month plus applicable taxes

The purchase of a new hub for \$79 plus applicable taxes, and a two-year contract may also apply.

Should you have any questions or difficulties please call the municipal office at 705-248-2395 and staff will attempt to assist you. Please don't get discouraged. In some cases the process can take a great deal of persistence, patience and time.

Emergency Management



The **Community Emergency Management Committee** requests that you don't alter ditches or municipal road allowances, to lessen the possibility of creating a flooding situation. Over the last 14 months or so the municipality has experienced major flooding conditions, and would like to lessen any future problems. Any requests to alter ditches or road allowances must be dealt with, by a request in writing to Council. Should you have an emergency or feel that an area should be looked at, please contact the municipal office.

Nurse Practitioner Clinic



The newly opened **Nurse Practitioner Clinic** opened its doors in Echo Bay located at the Dinelle's mini-mall, December 2, 2014. They are offering ½ hour consultation appointments if someone would like to go in and talk about what services the Nurse Practitioner can actually offer. To set up an appointment call North Channel Nurse Practitioner Clinic in Thessalon at 705-842-9898.

Carbon Monoxide Detectors



Don't forget that carbon monoxide detectors are now mandatory in every habitable building. Get into the habit of changing batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors at a specific time each year. Some use the changing to or from day light savings time as the occasion to complete this task.