

# TOWNSHIP OF EAST GARAFRAXA

## 2020 FINAL NEWSLETTER

### Township Contact Information

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#### Administration Office

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CAO/Clerk-Treasurer – Susan M. Stone  
Director of Public Works – David Menary  
Director of Planning – Christine Gervais

#### Office Hours

Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

**Due to COVID-19, the offices remain closed to the public until further notice. Check the Township website for further updates.**

#### Council 2018-2022

Mayor Guy Gardhouse (519) 855-4832

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#### MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM

The Marsville water system is monitored by Dufferin Water Co., in the event that the water system stops working an alarm is sent to the contact person at the company, who will work as quickly as possible to restore any water outages.

**Dufferin Water Co: Joe Miedema, 519-942-5695**

#### COVID-19 INFORMATION

The Township of East Garafraxa is proactively taking measures to limit the spread of COVID-19. While the Township Administration Office, Public Works Yard and Marsville Community Hall remain closed to the public, our staff are working together to utilize technology to continue to meet the public's needs while ensuring everyone's health is a priority. Working remotely does present some challenges. We ask you for your patience while we work through this turbulent time. Currently, all Township Council meetings are being held electronically. Please visit the calendar on our website for meeting dates and information on joining electronically.

We are encouraging everyone to take advantage of digital processes. Staff will be checking emails and voicemails regularly, however a delay in response could occur. If you do not reach a staff member by phone, please leave a voicemail and someone will get back to you.

**The Township will be waiving penalties on any late payment of 2020 property taxes and 2020 Marsville water system invoices incurred effective April 1, 2020 until the day being one month after the date of termination of the declared emergency by the Mayor of East Garafraxa, or until further notice by Council. Please visit the Township website for future updates.**

**For future updates regarding COVID-19 and Township services please visit the Township's COVID-19 Information page or follow the Township on social media.**

Residents are reminded of the role they play by practicing social distancing and staying home when possible.

**Please visit the following link regarding water quality when reopening buildings:**

<https://wdgpublichealth.ca/your-health/covid-19-information-workplaces-and-living-spaces/water-quality-reopening-buildings>

Stay Healthy!

#### TAXATION INFORMATION

Tax payments may be mailed or dropped off at the Township dropbox. Secure drop boxes are available in Marsville and at the Municipal office location for after hour use. (No cash please). You may also make your payments via telephone (through your bank) or online banking services provided by most financial institutions. Search "East Garafraxa – Township of" as the vendor and quote your full 19 digit roll number (2201-000-00X-XXXXX-0000) as your account number. **Please allow 3-4 business days for your payment to be processed in order to avoid late charges.**

Should you have questions regarding your property assessment, please contact MPAC directly at [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca) or 1-866-296-6722. Due to the emergency declared by the Ontario government in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the deadlines to file certain RfRs for the 2019 and 2020 property tax years have been extended. Please visit MPAC website for more information.

## FIRE SAFETY INFORMATION

Fire permits are required, at no charge, for all burning within the Township. Fires are to be in accordance with Fire By-law 7-2009 as amended. Permit forms are available on [www.eastgarafraxa.ca](http://www.eastgarafraxa.ca). Working smoke alarms are required on each level of your home and CO detectors installed adjacent to all sleeping areas. With today's weather patterns often leaving us without power, please take care when using alternative lighting, cooking and heating sources. For more information contact your local fire department or go online to [www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca](http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca).

**\* CHECK THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FIRE BANS \***

***Please be advised that all Dufferin County Fire Services will be transferring emergency dispatching from Orangeville Police Service (OPS) to Tillsonburg Fire Dispatching Services, as of Monday, July 27, 2020 at 8 a.m. If your home or business is monitored by an alarm company, please notify them of the change in the emergency dispatch phone number to 519-842-3229. For alarm testing, please call 519-842-2481. If you have questions, contact your local fire service administration.***

## SOURCE WATER PROTECTION

Source Water Protection is a provincial program to protect municipal drinking water sources (water found in lakes, rivers and underground) from contamination and overuse.

Signs have been erected in some areas within the Township, which are regulated by the Source Protection Plans from the CTC Source Protection Region and Lake Erie Source Protection Region. For more information on Source Water Protection please contact the Township or visit the following website links;

CTC Source Protection Region

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

Lake Erie Source Protection Region

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

Township of East Garafraxa

[www.eastgarafraxa.ca/en/resident-services/source-water-protection.aspx](http://www.eastgarafraxa.ca/en/resident-services/source-water-protection.aspx)

## PLANNING INFORMATION

Township approval is required for all development. The Township Official Plan and Zoning By-law can be found on the Township website along with various planning applications. Development Charges are imposed under By-law 32-2019 and are indexed annually. The Township **Official Plan review** is ongoing. Check the website and local newspapers for further information.

For more information about the County of Dufferin Official Plan go to <https://www.dufferincounty.ca/services/planning-development>.

Any importation/exportation of fill requires a Township approval and/or Conservation Authority permit prior to any alteration. Township fill applications must be requested in writing for approval by Council in accordance with Site Alteration By-Law 14-2015 as amended (available on Township website). Information to be provided shall include: reasons to place or remove fill; number of loads and depth of fill to be placed or removed; a site plan and cross section showing the location and measurements; a soil analysis report demonstrating that the soil is clean and suitable for the area and where the soil is coming from or going to; and proposed haul route. Additional information may be required. For more details please contact the Township office.

## GRAND RIVER WATERSHED

Rural Water Quality Program is providing financial assistance to improve and protect water quality on farms in the Upper Grand River Watershed. Financial assistance may be available to qualified landowners to share the cost of selected best management practices that improve and protect ground and surface water quality. Grant availability varies by County. For more information contact Grand River Conservation Authority at (519) 621-2761. [www.grandriver.ca](http://www.grandriver.ca)

## RECREATION INFORMATION

Recreation activities are available at the Grand Valley & District Community Centre which is supported by the Township. If you wish to use other recreation facilities, out of town user fees are reimbursed to a maximum as determined by Council, upon presentation of your receipt. **Some recreation activities may be cancelled due to COVID-19, please contact the Community Centre's directly for more information.**

## LIBRARY SERVICES

Library Services are available at Grand Valley Public Library free of charge. Residents may join the Orangeville Library and registration will be reimbursed directly to the Town of Orangeville at a rate as authorized by Council. Residents who wish to use another library will be reimbursed the user fee (one per household annually) to a maximum as determined by Council, upon presentation of your receipt. **Please check with the respective libraries for more information and any changes to services due to COVID-19.**

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

Garbage, recycling, green bin, yard waste, bulky items or white goods collection questions should be directed to the County of Dufferin Waste Services Dept. by phone at (519) 941-2816 ext. 2620 or email at [dufferinwaste@dufferincounty.ca](mailto:dufferinwaste@dufferincounty.ca) or on Facebook @DufferinWaste.

## 2020 DOG TAGS

You are required to license each dog you own or house, pursuant to By-law 2-95 and to notify the Township if your dog is not registered. For canine control please contact Olympus Dog Training and Security at (519) 942-1508. Dogs running at large are prohibited in the Township.

## ROADS DEPARTMENT

Entrance permits are required for installation of any driveway off any roadway. Contact the office for more information.

## TREE PROGRAM 2021

At this time, the Grand River Conservation Authority (GRCA) expects to resume their tree planting program for the Spring of 2021. For more information and tree order form, please visit the East Garafraxa website at [www.eastgarafraxa.ca](http://www.eastgarafraxa.ca)