

Township of East Garafraxa

2023 Interim

Newsletter



12th Line Bridge, East Garafraxa

2023 Tax Due Dates

February 16, 2023

May 18, 2023

Tax payments can be made at the Township office by cash, cheque or debit. Cheque payments can be placed in the secured dropbox outside the administration doors or sent by mail. Payments can also be made via telephone or online banking through most financial institutions. For details on adding the Township as a payee for telephone/online banking please visit the Township website.



2023 Fire Permits



Residents are required to obtain a new fire permit for the year 2023. Fire permits are available at no charge and can be obtained electronically via email/fax, by regular mail, or in-person at the Township office. Please see the Township website for further information.

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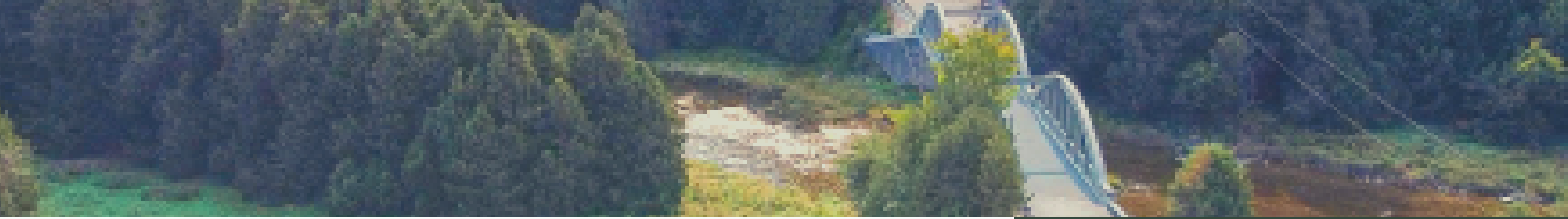
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Recreation & Library

Recreation facilities are available at the Grand Valley & District Community Centre and the Township reimburses non-resident fees for programs run by other municipalities. 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. Please contact our office for further details.

Animal Control / Dog Tags

You are required to license each dog you own pursuant to By-Law 2-95, as amended, dog license application forms can be found on the Township website and new dog tags can be purchased at the Township office. 2023 licensing invoices will be generated and mailed based on Township records. Replacement dog tags can be purchased at the Township office. Running at large is prohibited in the Township. For canine control matters please contact AgapiK9 (formerly Olympus) at 519-942-1508.



Fire Safety

Always make sure there are working smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms where you are staying and that you and your family know your fire escape plan. It is the homeowner's responsibility to install and maintain smoke alarms on every storey of their home and outside sleeping areas. CO alarms are required to be installed in accordance with applicable legislation. For information and tips on how to protect your home, loved ones and property from the impacts of fire visit the Ministry website at the following link <https://www.ontario.ca/page/fire-safety-home> or contact your local fire department.

Development / Planning

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. Please see the Township website for a copy of the 2023 pamphlet and further information.



Mandatory Pre-Consultation

Pursuant to By-Law 35-202, and the Township Official Plan, no development application submitted to the Township, shall be deemed complete or accepted for processing, until at least one pre-application consultation meeting has occurred. Please see the Township website for further information.

Committee of Adjustment

Committee of Adjustment was established as of January 1, 2023, in accordance with section 44 of the Planning Act, to hear and decide all applications for minor variances to the provisions of the Township's Zoning By-Law submitted under section 45 of the Planning Act. Please see the Township website for further information.



Winter Parking

Under the provisions of the Highway Traffic Act, no person shall park or leave standing any vehicle, whether attended or unattended upon any such roadway in such a manner as to interfere with snow removal operations. Any vehicle obstructing snow removal operations will be referred to the Dufferin OPP and shall be removed at the owner's expense.

Snow Removal

Pushing snow across the roadway and depositing it on the road allowance is prohibited and every person who contravenes these provisions of the Highway Traffic Act is guilty of an offence and liable, upon conviction, to a fine. You cannot leave ridges of snow across the road as they become frozen and are a hazard to drivers.

Half Load Restrictions

Reduced load restrictions for the Township roads are in effect from March 1 to May 15th each year. These dates may be varied due to weather and road conditions. Permits are required to moved excess loads during Half Load season. Please contact the office for further information.

Entrance Permits/ Road Occupancy

Entrance permits are required from the Township for installation of any driveway off a Township road, contact the office for more information. For a County Road, please contact County of Dufferin 519-941-2816 or www.dufferincounty.ca. Residents are responsible for maintenance and repairs of their driveway/entrance, including the portion located on road allowance.

Source Water Protection

Signs are erected in some areas within the Township, which are regulated by the Source Protection Plans of the Grand River Source Protection area and some of the Credit Valley Source Protection Area. Significant threats have been identified in those areas. For more information please contact the Township or visit the following website links: <https://www.sourcewater.ca/en/index.aspx> or <http://www.ctcswp.ca/>

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