Township of East Garafraxa

2025 Interim

Newsletter







2025 Interim Tax Due Dates February 27, 2025 & May 29, 2025

Your 2025 interim property tax bill is enclosed. The Interim Tax Bill is based on 50% of your previous year's annualized taxes, not your current year assessment as set by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

2025 Fire Permits

Residents must obtain a new fire permit for 2025. Permits are free and available electronically, by mail, or in person at the Township office. Permits are valid only with a Municipal signature and number. By applying, you accept responsibility for the fire'. For more info, visit the Township website.



Council Term 2022-2026



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Road Occupancy Permits



Residents are reminded that if they or their contractors plan to carry out any excavation, landscaping, driveway upgrades (including paving and laying stones), installation of curbs, pedestals, fence posts, shrubs, plants, and/or rocks within 6 meters of the edge of the road, they will require a Road Occupancy Permit. Please review your property survey and obtain your permit before beginning any work.

Township-wide Official Plan Update in 2025

The Township will begin updating its Official Plan in 2025 to align with new Provincial Policies and County of Dufferin plans.

A Municipal Official Plan is 'a long-term document that guides land use, growth, and development within the Township, outlining policies

We look forward to your input to help shape the Township's planning and development over the next 20 years.



Regular & Special Council Meetings Schedule for 2025



The 2025 Council Meeting schedule can be found on the Township website on the Council page and in the Council Calendar under the corresponding Council meeting date.

A Special Council Meeting was held on January 29, 2025, at 4:30 p.m. for the presentation of the 2025 Draft Budget. Visit the Township website for details on the anticipated 2025 Budget schedule. When feasible, Council Meetings will be held in a "hybrid" format, offering both in-person and remote/virtual attendance options. The meeting format will be indicated on each Council Meeting agenda.

Stay informed about Council Meetings and agendas by subscribing to the Council Calendar.

Dog Tags

You are required to license each dog you own in accordance with By-Law 2-95, as amended. Dog license application forms are available on the Township website, and new dog tags can be purchased at the Township office. 2025 licensing invoices will be generated and mailed based on Township records. Replacement dog tags can also be purchased at the Township office.



Running at large is prohibited within the Township. For canine control matters, please contact AgapiK9 at 519-942-1508.

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 Resistrictions

Reduced load restrictions for the Township roads are in effect from March I 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.

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.

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