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Village of Point Edward

December 2021

Depositing Snow on Roadways Not Permitted

Residents are reminded that pushing or blowing snow and/or ice onto or across public roadways creates an unsafe situation for drivers and is not permitted.

Under Section 181 of the Highway Traffic Act, "No person shall deposit snow or ice on a roadway without permission in writing to do so from the Ministry or the Road Authority responsible for the maintenance of the road." Failure to comply may result in OPP action.

2022 WATER RATES MEETING

There will be a public meeting held via Zoom at **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11**, to discuss 2022 Water Rates. The meeting will be streamed on Facebook, but if you wish to participate as a speaker, please contact CAO Jim Burns at 519-337-3021 or by email: jburns@villageofpointedward.com.

Overnight Parking Ban in Effect

The seasonal overnight parking ban came into effect on Dec. 1, 2021. Street parking is not permitted from 2-5 a.m.

2022 Dog Tags

Dog tags are required for all dogs over the age of six months. A rabies certificate and proof of neuter or spay, if applicable, must be presented at the time of tag purchase. New tags are required by Jan. 31, 2022, and the purchase price increases after this date. The 2022 tags are available at the Municipal Office (135 Kendall St.), and fees are payable by cash, cheque, or debit.



DOG TAG FEES	Before Jan. 31, 2022	After Jan. 31, 2022
First neutered/spayed dog	\$30.00	\$35.00
Additional neutered or spayed dog	\$40.00	\$45.00
First male or female dog (not neutered/spayed)	\$35.00	\$40.00
Additional male or female dog (not neutered/spayed)	\$45.00	\$50.00



On behalf of the staff and Council of the Village of Point Edward, I would like to extend our gratitude and congratulations to two valued employees who are retiring at the end of December. Joe Graham is retiring from the Public Works Department after 30 years of service, and Bill Brush is retiring from the Water/Wastewater Department after nearly six years of service. Thank you for your dedication to the Village of Point Edward, and congratulations on your retirement!

-Mayor Bev Hand

IMPORTANT DATES

FRIDAY, DEC. 24:
Christmas Eve
Municipal Office Closed at Noon

SATURDAY, DEC. 25:
MERRY Christmas

MONDAY, DEC. 27:
Municipal Office Closed in Lieu of Christmas Day

TUESDAY, DEC. 28:
Municipal Office Closed in Lieu of Boxing Day

FRIDAY, DEC. 31:
New Year's Eve
Municipal Office Closed at Noon

HAPPY new year 2022
SUNDAY, JAN. 1:
New Year's Day

MONDAY, JAN. 3:
Municipal Office Closed in Lieu of New Year's Day

MONDAY, JAN. 31:
Dog Tags Due

MONDAY, FEB. 21:
Family Day
Municipal Office Closed

TUESDAY, MARCH 1:
Tax Payment Due (1 of 3)



December 2021

Point Edward Fire & Rescue is wishing for a fire-free holiday season this year! ***But we need you to make this come true!***

While fire can happen anywhere, at anytime, it most often strikes when we let our guard down—when we're distracted by the hustle and bustle of the holidays, by our cellphones, by the kids, or by the doorbell. All it takes is for a pot to be left on the stove, or a candle left burning unattended, and a family's holiday celebrations can turn to tragedy. **Enjoy a fire safe holiday season by following these tips:**

- Always stay in the kitchen when something is cooking on the stove.
- Drink responsibly. Attempting to cook or smoke while under the influence of alcohol is too often a contributing factor in fatal fires.
- Make sure smokers extinguish cigarettes in large, deep ashtrays, not in plant pots, which may contain peat moss or shredded bark that can easily ignite. Ashes should be emptied in a metal container—not the garbage can—and put outside.
- Place lit candles away from anything that can burn and out of the reach of children and pets where they can't be knocked over. Remember to snuff out candles before leaving the room or going to bed. Consider using battery-operated or electric flameless candles.
- Check all sets of decorative lights and discard any sets that are damaged.
- If you have a real Christmas tree in your home, make sure it is kept in water at all times to prevent it from drying out and becoming a fire hazard.
- Develop and practice a home escape plan so that everyone in your home knows what to do if the smoke or carbon monoxide (CO) alarms sound. Know the difference in sound that a smoke alarm makes versus what a CO alarm sounds like.
- Extension cords should be used only as a temporary connection. Make sure cords never go under rugs, as this can cause damage to the cord and cause a fire.
- If you are using space heaters to help take the chill off, remember to keep them at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn, such as curtains, upholstery, or holiday decorations.

It's the law:

CO alarms are required outside of all sleeping areas in all homes in Ontario.



ontario.ca/firemarshal



Ensure all fuel-burning appliances and vents in your home are inspected annually. Find a registered contractor at COsafety.ca



Install and regularly test carbon monoxide alarms

Smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms are the law in Ontario. If you need information or clarification, please contact us at the Fire Hall at **519-337-9911**.

Age matters when it comes to your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms! Check the manufacturer's date on the back or side of your alarms. Smoke alarms need to be replaced every 10 years or if they don't respond when tested. Carbon monoxide alarms typically have a life expectancy of 7-10 years, but verify the expiration date marked by the manufacturer.

Don't forget to test your alarms monthly, and change the batteries in all your alarms at least once a year.

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Santa's First Responders Toy Drive the most successful yet! The overwhelming generosity of the community resulted in a record number of toys collected for children in the care of Bluewater Health and St. Clair Child & Youth Services over the holidays. A special thanks to Trayce Shaw, who organized this year's toy drive!

