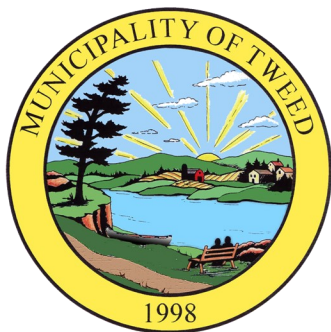


Council Communiqué



JOINT FIRE SERVICES



The Municipality of Tweed and the Township of Stirling-Rawdon have partnered to provide shared administration fire services.

Pictured from left to right are Derrick Little, Fire Chief for the Municipalities of Tweed and Stirling-Rawdon, Robert Robinson, Deputy Fire Chief for the Municipality of Tweed, and Sean Porter, Fire Prevention Officer for the Municipalities of Tweed and Stirling-Rawdon.

The new position of Fire Prevention Officer includes administrative services, building inspections, community fire prevention promotion and general public education initiatives.

The Fire Department is currently working extensively on fire safety plans throughout both Stirling-Rawdon and Tweed.

The Municipality would like to remind residents to be prepared for emergencies by assembling an emergency survival kit.

More information about building a kit can be found at :
www.ontario.ca/beprepared

From The Mayor's Desk

This year the Municipality of Tweed will be undertaking several projects and initiatives with the objective of the betterment of our community.

One particular initiative is our new partnership with the Township of Stirling-Rawdon for shared administrative fire services.

This agreement consists of a shared Fire Chief and Fire Prevention Officer and will oversee the administrative operations of each fire department including provincially regulated requirements and firefighter training.

The joint partnership for fire services is a foundation for additional joint services to be established throughout Hastings County in the years to come.

We are working within the confines of grant opportunities for large capital projects, and in 2016 the Municipality was fortunate to receive a grant to asphalt Crookston Road from the village to the municipal boundary.



On behalf of Council I would like to thank department staff for their hard work on our 2016 municipal budget. I would also like to thank our residents, visitors, cottagers, and anonymous donors who helped support our community in 2015 with raising funds to build the Emily Trudeau Splash Pad.

We are looking forward to another busy summer this year and we encourage all residents, cottagers, and visitors to explore "Our Backyard", visit our hamlets, and explore the many businesses throughout the Municipality of Tweed.

NEW Municipal Burning Permits

Do I need a Burning Permit?

Yes, By-Law No. 2016-17 requires all open air burning to be subject to a Burning Permit.

How long is the Burning Permit valid?

January 1st-December 31st, and the cost is \$10.00 for the year.

Will I be fined if I do not obtain an open air Burning Permit?

Yes, Schedule "D" of By-Law No. 2016-17 outlines the set fines for open air burning without a permit.

Must I call the Fire Department when burning brush?

Yes, any large daytime burn should be called in to the Fire Department. You should also call when the fire has been extinguished.

Must I call the Fire Department to have a campfire?

No, however you must obtain a permit. The permit provides information you need to know regarding rules and regulations for open air burning.

How large can my campfire be?

The open air burning device must not be larger than 26 inches in diameter. You must also keep something to extinguish the fire close by, and never leave the fire unattended.

Can I burn in a burn barrel?

Yes, as long as the burn barrel has a steel spark arrester screen on top to contain the flames and sparks. Burn barrels are not permitted in the Village of Tweed or in the hamlets.

Can I burn when a burn ban is in place?

No, burning permits are suspended during a burn ban.

Can I burn garbage?

No, including any plastics or toxins. Burning of any nature that imposes on neighbouring properties is not permitted.

Can I obtain a permit to burn within the Village of Tweed?

Yes, for a small campfire that is contained within a CSA approved burning device. The fire must be in compliance with the regulations in By-Law No. 2016-17.

Tax Receipts

The Municipality of Tweed issues income tax receipts for donations that are made to municipal projects.

A donation to the Erin Palmateer Community Pool or the Emily Trudeau Splash Pad helps to ensure the sustainability of these memorial assets over time.

Please make your donation by cash, cheque or debit at the Municipal Office or mail a cheque to the address below.

Thank you for your continued support.

Please, Do Not Litter

The Municipality of Tweed would like to remind residents and visitors to do their part to keep our community clean by disposing of, or recycling, all waste in the appropriate public bins throughout the community.



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2016 Municipal Budget

The 2016 Municipal Budget was approved in March with total revenues estimated to be \$8,065,540, while the operating cost is \$6,171,494, with a total capital cost of \$3,161,845. To balance the budget \$1,267,799 will be transferred from reserves. **Residential tax rates are:**

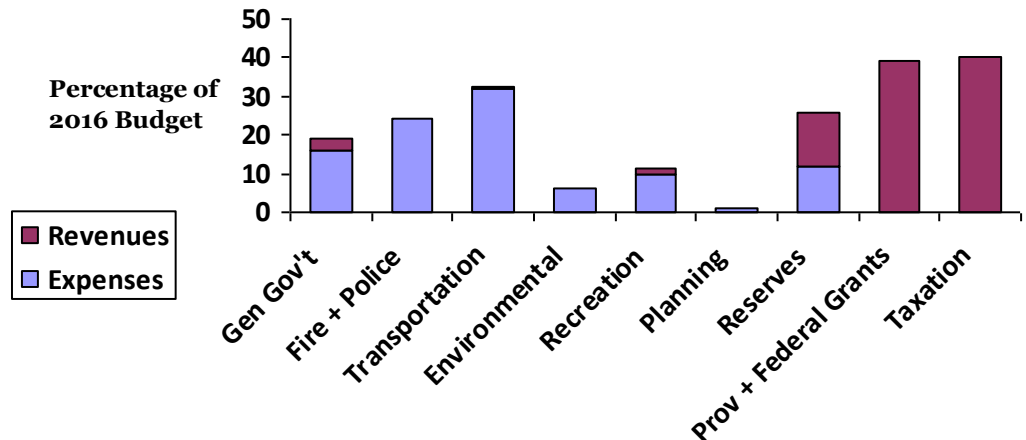
Municipal	0.00658740	58%
County	0.00281589	25%
Province	0.00188000	17%
Total	0.01128329	100%

- The overall assessment increase set by MPAC is 4% over 2015.
- The 2016 municipal tax rate decreased by 1.5% over 2015 and the total tax rate decreased by 1.4%.

The 2016 minimum water rate has been established at \$82.80 for 1 unit for a 3 month period and the minimum sewer rate has been established at \$91.30. A minimum water and sewer bill per quarter is \$174.10. The minimum water & sewer difference over 2015 is \$8.29 per quarter.

The cost per cubic meter for water used over the minimum of 36 cubic meters is \$1.1766 and the cost per cubic meter for sewer is \$1.2927.

One of the major challenges for 2016 was a jump in the cost of our policing service, which increased \$118,751 over 2015 to a total cost of \$1,085,000 this year.



2016 Capital Projects

- Roads Resurfaced: Quin-Mo-Lac Road with tar & chip, repair surface of Black Creek Bridge, asphalt Crookston Road, Marble Arts Centre parking area, and Municipal Office parking lot.
- Arena: Boiler system fans (3), penalty box enhancements, gas-fired hot water heater, fridge for canteen, buckboards.
- Public Works: Equipment including sidewalk plow, retro-reflectivity signs, 1/2 ton truck, and re-shingling one sand dome.
- Fire: Equipment including jaws of life, bunker gear, air packs, and tanker truck.
- Parks: Recycling bins for recreation areas, bike corrals, adult fitness area, poop/scoop dispensers, painting fire hydrants, underground infrastructure locates, ball diamond enhancements, YMCA capital requests, and Tweed Kiwanis Pavilion enhancements.
- Waste Sites: Monitoring wells at municipal waste sites as required by the Ministry of the Environment.