

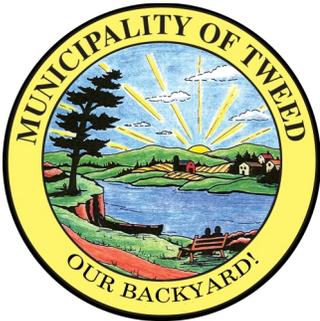
# Council Communiqué

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Let's Stay Connected!



Dog tags help us find our way home!

## Community Development - One Year In!

The year 2015 will be another exciting time for the Municipality of Tweed.

In 2014 we received a grant from the Community Futures Development Corporation in the amount of \$15,000 to develop and promote 'Our Backyard'.

An enhanced marketing push for new tourism developments will be witnessed this year.

Highlighted initiatives include:

- \* Creation of a Municipality of Tweed Map
- \* Formulating Paddling Guides focusing on the Skootamatta and Moira Rivers
- \* Promoting Geocaching
- \* Filming with Fish TV (2 shows to be aired this spring and fall)
- \* Producing 'Our Backyard' promotional videos and
- \* Huge presence on social media (presently 5,200 Facebook likes and 1,000 Twitter followers).

The year 2014 saw the Municipality of Tweed

develop and host two separate signature events focusing on the 'shoulder seasons' of spring and fall which included:

1. The first annual Stoco Lake Black Crappie Fishing Tournament in April, 2014 drawing in anglers from far and wide; and
2. The first Feast From Farms event in September, 2014 celebrating and promoting our local food producers.



Both events brought visitors from out of town and will continue to draw tourists and expand each year.

This year's Black Crappie Tournament will be held on May 16, 2015 and registrations are already coming in.



A focus on expanding existing partnerships and creating new ones that focus on promoting tourism is a priority for the Municipality of Tweed. Present partnerships include the Tweed and Area Chamber of Commerce, Hastings County, Land O'Lakes Tourist Association, Bay of Quinte Tourism, Ontario Highlands Tourism, in addition to our event organizers, volunteers and businesses.

We encourage you to visit [www.tweed.ca](http://www.tweed.ca) for up-to-date event and promotion information any time of the year as well as following us on our **Facebook** page.

Join the push to help make Tweed the destination of choice in 2015!

## Purchase Your Dog Tag By March 31st

Municipality of Tweed By-Law No. 2014-07 requires that every owner of a dog register and licence their dog each year.

Tags are \$15.00 per dog until March 31st. The price increases to \$45.00 per dog on April 1st.

Dog tags are available in the Municipal Office at 255 Metcalf Street, Tweed.

The by-law does include a fine for not having a current dog tag affixed.

The by-law permits up to three (3) dogs at any one residence. A kennel licence is required for more than three dogs. Kennel licences are not permitted in the Village or Hamlets, or on any Rural Residential zoned properties.

The Animal Control Officer issues all kennel licences and can be reached at 613-478-3547.

The Tweed Animal Shelter is located at 139 Allore Road, Tweed.

A copy of By-Law No. 2014-07 is available at the Municipal Office or on the **By-Laws** page at [www.tweed.ca](http://www.tweed.ca).

## **Install Smoke Alarms and Carbon Monoxide Alarms**

### **It's The Law!**

**Every home in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas.**

**Landlords must ensure their rental properties comply with the law.**

**Tenants are urged to contact their landlord immediately if they do not have the required number of smoke alarms. It is against the law for tenants to remove the batteries or tamper with the alarm in any way.**

**Failure to comply with the Fire Code smoke alarm requirements could result in a ticket for \$235 or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals or \$100,000 for corporations.**

**On October 15, 2014 Ontario's Fire Code was updated requiring carbon monoxide alarms to be installed near all sleeping areas in residential homes and in the service rooms, and adjacent sleeping areas in multi-residential units.**

**Carbon monoxide alarms can be hardwired, battery-operated or plugged into the wall.**

**This change to the Ontario Fire Code is another step to keep families and homes in Ontario safe and to combat the silent killer.**

**If any of your alarms are more than 10 years old, replace them.**  
**All alarms wear out!**

**For further information contact the Fire Chief at 613-478-2535.**

## **Central Hastings Public Transit**

The Central Hastings Public Transit System is an initiative of the Central Hastings Support Network to provide a means for the general public of Central Hastings to travel within the local area in order to gain and maintain employment, further their education, obtain health care, attend to personal business, and expand their social networks.

The **Phase 1 Route** travels through the municipalities of Central Hastings, Marmora and Lake and Stirling-Rawdon into the City of Belleville.

The **Phase 2 Route** passes through Madoc Township and the Municipality of Tweed into the City of Belleville.

Depending where you are travelling from, different fares are available for Adults, Students, Seniors, Children 6 to 11, and Children 5 and under .

Monthly Passes are also available. The rates for Monthly Passes are the same for Adults, Seniors and Students.

Complete route and fare information is available from the

Central Hastings Support Network office in Madoc at 613-473-5255 or from their website at [www.chsninc.ca](http://www.chsninc.ca).

You will also find information on the **Transit Service** page of [www.tweed.ca](http://www.tweed.ca).

**CHSN**inc.ca



## **When Is The Waste Site Open?**



That is the most-asked question in the Municipal Office.

The Waste Disposal Site is located at 831 Marlbank Road in Stoco beside the Public Works Garage.

From May 1st to September 30th the Waste Site is open as follows:  
Tuesday - 9 am to 5 pm  
Wednesday - 1 pm to 8 pm  
Saturday - 9 am to 5 pm.

From October 1st to April 30th the Waste Site is open as follows:  
Tuesday - 9 am to 5 pm  
Wednesday - 1 pm to 5 pm  
Saturday - 9 am to 5 pm.

A weigh scale is in place at the Waste Site to determine the cost to dispose of various items.

The Recycling Depot at the entrance to the Waste Site has been designed to keep recyclable waste out of the Waste Site to lengthen its useful life span.



## **Are You Ready For An Emergency?**

Floods are the most frequent natural hazard in Canada and this past year has been especially harsh in Tweed with the seasonal melting coupled with heavy rain storms.

During a flood it is important to not walk through moving water that is more than six inches deep.

Keep children away from any flood water, and be aware yourself that flash flooding can occur.

The best option is to seek higher ground.

In order to prepare your home for possible flooding you can

put weather protection sealant around basement windows and the base of ground-level doors. You should also consider installing drainage which ensures that water moves away from your building. Never keep valuables in your basement, and ensure your family has a plan if flooding occurs.

Flooding in rural areas can affect the safety of drinking water from wells. Water should be tested on a regular basis, however, it should also be tested immediately following a flood and after a drought situation which is followed by heavy rains.

The Municipality's Emergency



Plan identifies the Municipal Building as the primary operations centre during an emergency, with the Tweed Fire Hall as the secondary centre.

### **Remember.....**

- 1.** Family members should make a plan to identify the hazards in your home.
- 2.** Create a 'ready to go kit' so your family is ready to evacuate without delay.
- 3.** Stay informed about what is going on around you and the surrounding area during any emergency.