Huron-Kinloss Newsletter Summer/Fall 2026

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Updates

Municipal Election 2026
The next municipal election is Monday, October 26. For details on voting period and offices on the ballot, please see the election insert included with this newsletter. All residents are encouraged to ensure they are on the voters' list. Visit www.RegisterToVoteON.ca to check or update your information before August 12. After this date, changes must be made in person at the Township municipal office.

Open Air Burning By-Law Updates
The Township of Huron-Kinloss has updated the Open-Air Burning by-law and notification process. Open-Air Burning refers to larger outdoor disposal burns, such as clean brush or untreated wood on rural or agricultural properties.

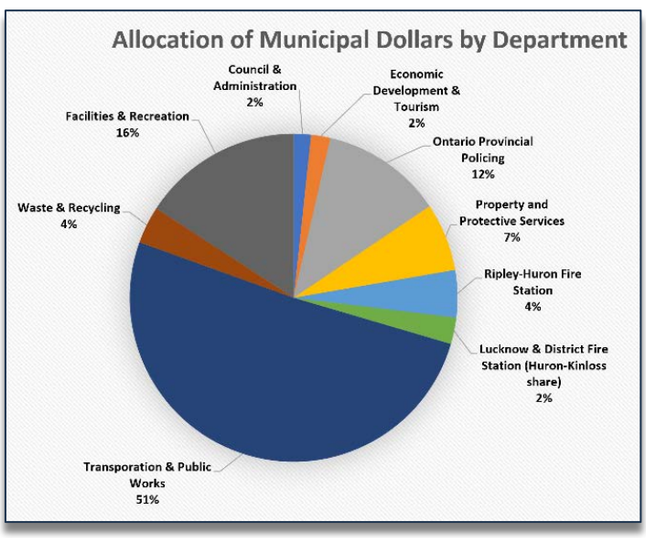
Residents with an approved Open Air Fire Permit no longer need to call Fire Dispatch or the Fire Chief before starting a burn. Your approved permit is your authorization to burn.

Approved open-air burns must display a "Controlled Burn in Progress" sign at the property entrance for the duration of the burn. Other requirements remain in effect, including burning only approved materials, maintaining required setbacks, checking weather conditions, and having equipment available to control the fire.

Small recreational fires, such as backyard campfires or chimineas, do not require a permit but must follow safety requirements. Beach fires on the Lake Huron shoreline require a permit. For more information or to apply for a permit, visit https://www.huronkinloss.com/live-here/fire-and-emergency-services/open-air-burning/ or contact Fire and Emergency Services at 519-395-3735.

2026 Budget

The Township of Huron-Kinloss Council approved the 2026 Budget on February 2, 2026. The 2026 budget contains $17.3 million in operating expenditures and $13.3 million in capital expenditures. After revenues and transfers from reserves are applied, the Township must levy $12,226,003; an increase of $746,968, or 6.51% over the 2025 levy. To raise these funds, the residential tax rate will be set at 0.00788320; a 4% increase over the 2025 tax rate.



Property Taxes
Property taxes are calculated by multiplying the assessed value of your property by the combined tax rates applicable to your property class. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) determines property assessment for all properties in Ontario. Information on how your property is assessed, including comparable properties, is available by visiting www.aboutmyproperty.ca

The increase to the municipal portion of the tax bill for 2026 is $30.32 for every $100,000 in assessment.
According to MPAC the average current market value of a residential single-family home in the Township of Huron-Kinloss is $272,000.

Combining the municipal, county and education taxes, the average* home paid a total of $3,907.92 in property tax for 2025. For 2026, that amount will increase by $143.96 to $4,051.88; an overall increase of 3.68%.

*Based on assessment data from MPAC, your assessment may be more or less than the average.

Payment Options
The due dates for the 2026 Final Property Tax Levy are September 1, 2026, and December 1, 2026.

Payment Options:

- **In Person** at the Township Office, 21 Queen St., Ripley (Mon–Fri, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.). Drop box is available for **cheques only**.
- **By Mail** to P.O. Box 130, 21 Queen St., Ripley, ON N0G 2R0.
- **Pre-Authorized Payments** (monthly or quarterly): Sign up or view terms of agreement at huronkinloss.com. Written notice required 10 business days before any banking changes.
- **Through Your Bank** via internet, telephone, teller, or ABM.
- **Online via PaySimply** using credit card, PayPal, or Interac e-Transfer. Details at huronkinloss.com.

Electronic Tax Bills
The Township offers electronic delivery of property tax bills. Visit www.huronkinloss.com/property-taxes to learn more and sign up to receive your property tax bills by e-mail.

Receipts or Reprints
Retain your Final Tax bill for income tax purposes. Previous year receipts and reprints of tax bills can be obtained for a fee as per the current Consolidated Rates & Fees By-law.

Water and Wastewater Fees
The Township collects user fees to meet the current and future needs of the water and wastewater systems. The annual water service rate for users of municipal water will increase by $30.00 to $530.00. The waterworks distribution rate will increase by $15.00 to $265.00. The rates for users of the Lucknow and Ripley sewer systems have increased by approx. 4.3% to $605.00 and $495.00, respectively.

By-Law

Dog Tag Registration, Renewal, and Cancellation
All dogs in the Township must be registered and wear a valid Huron-Kinloss dog tag as per the Animal Control By-law. Register a new dog, renew an existing tag, or report a dog that is no longer in your care using the online form at: www.huronkinloss.com/live-here/animal-services/

Reporting a dog that is no longer with you ensures you won't be invoiced for future dog tag renewals. If you prefer, you can also request a dog registration or dog tag cancellation form from the Township.

Public Beach Management
The entire lake shoreline within the Township is public and can be accessed through multiple public walkways. Residents and visitors are reminded to take all personal belongings and dispose of any waste before leaving. By leaving the shoreline as you found it, you help protect the environment, ensure everyone can enjoy these shared public spaces, and support a safe and welcoming waterfront for all. Beach regulations and policy can be found under the heading Environmental on the Township's website at https://www.huronkinloss.com/town-hall/by-laws/

Clerks

Accessibility
The Township of Huron-Kinloss is committed to providing excellent service for both the public and employees by delivering programs and services that are efficient, effective, responsive and accessible. If you have a comment or concern regarding accessibility please complete the online Customer Service Feedback Form. You can also provide feedback in person, or at klush@huronkinloss.com or at 519-395-3735.

Golf Car Pilot Project 2026 Season
Golf Cars must be registered in the Pilot Project and have a Registration Sticker and a current Validation Sticker to drive a Golf Car within the Township. Golf Cars are permitted on certain roads within the Township from April 1st to November 30th each year. The project is regulated by the Ministry of Transportation and subject to regulations under the Highway Traffic Act.

Public Works

Hazardous Waste Days
Huron-Kinloss residents can safely dispose of hazardous materials at any of Bruce County's Hazardous Waste Collection events. The next event is September 12, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 545 Ludgard St., Lucknow. Visit our website for event details and a list of accepted materials.

Blue Box Collection Changes
The Blue Box program changed in Ontario as of January 1, 2026, and many additional items can now be recycled. Recycling must be sorted into fibres and containers. The Blue Box curbside collection remains your primary service. A Residential Recycling Depot is available at the Huron Landfill for residents with curbside service who have extra household recycling to manage. The depot is intended for occasional or backup use as capacity is limited. This depot has received a temporary, 3-year approval. Visit our website for details.

Fall Leaf Disposal Options
Fall leaves can be reused at home or managed through Township services. Mulch leaves into your lawn to add nutrients, use them to insulate flower and vegetable gardens, or compost them for future use. If you would like to receive large quantities of leaves, please contact the Township to arrange.

The Township offers Yard Waste Depots open 24/7 in Ripley and Lucknow for bagged leaves, garden waste, brush, and branches under 6" until mid-November (weather permitting). Bagged Leaf Collection Service is also available in early November. Visit our website for details and collection dates.

Water Management
The Water Operating Authority, OCWA, requires 48 hours' notice to turn off seasonal water service at your home or cottage. Service appointments are preferred on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Please contact the Township Office to arrange.

Fall flushing is an ongoing part of water system maintenance. During this time, you may experience temporary low water pressure or discolouration. If this occurs, remove faucet filters and flush your home's water system for about 20 minutes to restore water quality.

Roads
Construction and improvements will continue throughout the fall, including:

- **Lucknow:** Elgin St. and Hayes St. will be lifted and repaved.
- **Lucknow & District Sports Complex:** Culvert replacements and paving are scheduled for August/September, ahead of the fall fair.
- **Point Clark:** Petum and Tuscarora paving.
- **Ripley:** Park St. reconstruction and Huron St. sidewalk work will continue, with completion expected by the end of October.
- **Rural Huron:** Culvert replacement on Sideroad 10 and bridge rehabilitation on Concession 12.
- **Rural Kinloss:** Guest Ave. structural road improvements in August/September.
- **Township-wide**: Additional paving projects will take place before winter.

Connect With Us

Huron-Kinloss Phone Directory

Municipal Office	519-395-3735
Toll-Free Municipal Office	844-395-3735
Huron Landfill	519-395-3500
Ripley-Huron Community Centre	519-395-2909
Lucknow & District Sports Complex	519-528-3002
Point Clark Lighthouse	519-395-2494
Point Clark Community Centre	519-395-3676
Ripley Library	519-395-5919
Lucknow Library	519-528-3011
Water Inquiries	519-395-3735
By-Law After Hours	1-866-299-5199
Public Works After Hours	1-866-299-5199
Open-Air Burning Complaints	1-833-757-7539
Election Questions	519-395-5150

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- Engage with Township projects

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