

Township of La Vallee

Newsletter

Landfill Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

CLOSED ON ALL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Website: lavallee.ca

Telephone: (807)486-3452

January 28, 2020

Interim Tax Billing

Interim tax bills have been mailed out and are due on Friday, February 28th, 2020. Please be advised that tax payments can be made on-line through CIBC if you bank at CIBC. We also accept post-dated cheques and e-transfers. If you are paying in cash please have as close to the correct amount of the billing as possible. We don't always have a lot of change on hand.

Equipment Operator

On behalf of the Township of La Vallee we would like to welcome Neil MacDonald who has been hired as an Equipment Operator.

Landfill Attendant

On behalf of the Township of La Vallee we would like to welcome back Harold Kellar who has been hired as our part-time Landfill Attendant.

Thank-You/Farewell

The Township of La Vallee would like to thank Ken McCormick for his years of service with the Municipality and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Snow Removal

Please be advised that when we receive heavy snowfall, all municipal roads are plowed first and driveways are done the next day. If you are on the "on-call" list and require your driveway to be plowed, it is **important** that you call the first day of snowfall to advise that you would like your driveway plowed. If you wait and call after the equipment has been out doing driveways an additional fee will be required to have the equipment go out again. Our roads department will not plow driveways on the weekends. Also your driveway will not be plowed if any individual or animal (dog) is outside when they come and try to plow. This is for safety reasons.

Please do not leave snow or bumps on any municipal roadway when plowing your driveway. This is a hazard and you will be billed if a mess is left on the roadway and the roads department has to clean it up.

Website

We now have a new "Forms" tab on our website. Should you wish to request to be a delegation at a Council Meeting or want to request a Snowplow Waiver to sign, you can now access the forms from our website.

Dogs Running at Large

Please be advised that it is your responsibility to keep your pets under control and ensure that they are contained and not running at large. We receive numerous complaints every year about dogs running at large and bothering others and if our By-Law officers have to deal with an issue the owner of the dog(s) will be responsible for all costs involved in the resolution of the complaint.

Landfill

There are specific areas designated for wood, tires, metal and electronics at our landfill. There are also bins for aluminum and metal cans. Please sort your garbage accordingly. If you're not sure where to put your garbage just ask the attendant. Keeping our landfill organized will not only benefit the township but our future generations as well. Also all trailer loads of materials must be sorted. If not you will be charged a fee to dump the unsorted material.

Reminder

The Fire Department would like to remind the community to perform smoke and CO2 alarm checks every month. It is good practice to change the batteries when you change your clocks and when the low battery warning beeps. Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home. Smoke and CO2 alarms should be located near sleeping areas. Review your escape plan with your family.

Failure to comply with the Ontario Fire Code smoke and carbon monoxide alarm requirements could result in a ticket up to \$360.00 or a fine up to \$50,000.00 for individuals and \$100,000.00 for corporations may be imposed by the court upon conviction of an offence.

Words from the Chief Building Official

Are you adding a second unit to your house? A second unit is a self-contained dwelling unit with a private kitchen, bathroom facilities and sleeping areas. It is sometimes referred to as an apartment, room for rent or a suite. It can be located in your house, on your property, above a laneway garage or in a coach house.

There are things you need to consider as you decide whether to add or build a second unit. Before you decide, it is important that you first speak with your Chief Building Official. They can tell you whether or not you can add a second unit on your property and answer any questions that you have related to local zoning, the Building Code and other By-Laws.

It is important to meet planning and Building Code requirements. Doing so will help ensure that your house and second units are legal, safe and healthy places to live.

Senior of the Year Nominations

Every year the Township of La Vallee nominates a local individual as "Senior of the Year." We are asking the residents of the Township to nominate someone who *you* think should receive this award. The "Senior of the Year" has to be a resident of our Township, be 65 or older and someone who has made our community a better place to live through volunteering their time etc. Send us your nomination with a brief description as to why you chose this person and a bit about how they have made our community a better place. Nominations have to be received at our municipal office no later than Friday, March 27th, 2020.