



FALL 2025 NEWSLETTER

TAX BILL DUE DATES

Your tax bill payments are due on **September 29** and **October 31**. Cash, debit, current-dated cheques and online banking are all available options for paying your outstanding balance.

GO PAPERLESS!

Want to get your bills directly to your inbox? Sign up for e-billing to view bills online or get them sent to you via email - visit our website to get started.

KEY UPDATES

- Watch for construction at the three way stop in Barry's Bay - lane widening at the intersection of Highways 60 and 62 (Opeongo Line and Bay Street) will take place from August 25 to September 12. The intersection will be closed from September 8 to September 12.
- Looking to enjoy a campfire this fall? Check the fire status before you burn - visit our website or social media pages for the most up-to-date information.
- A new website is coming! Stay tuned for the launch of our refreshed website in early October. With information targeted to the needs of our residents and easy-to-use forms, we look forward to hearing what you think!
- Are you on the list? The next municipal election will take place on Monday, October 26, 2026, and we're already getting ready. You can do your part by confirming you're on the list to receive important information as a registered voter. Visit registertovoteon.ca to confirm, update, or add your name and home address, search or add a property, remove yourself from the register, and more.
- The Township is currently undertaking a review of its Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 2006-26. Planning consultants are working to present a draft at public meetings to be scheduled in early fall. Stay tuned for updates on our website, social media platforms, and municipal corner newspaper page.
- The Township is excited to announce we are the recipients of an Ontario Trillium Capital Grant for 2025-26! This grant will see the rehabilitation of the Combermere Community Centre's outdoor rink, including a new ice pad, boards, and multisport lines on the surface. Construction will begin in 2026.
- Looking to get a shipping container on your property? By-Law 2024-44 addresses the use of shipping or sea containers as storage units. Minimum property sizes and depth/width apply in all zones, and in residential zones a maximum of one storage container is permitted. Commercial, rural, or industrial zones may have more than one dependent on lot size. Storage containers are buildings and require building permits under the Ontario Building Code.

COUNCIL UPDATES & CALENDAR

Council meetings typically take place on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, with exceptions around holidays and during the month of July. Council meetings are open to the public and you can watch live or catch up on past meetings on Youtube, as well as access meeting agendas and minutes on our website. Our next meetings are:

- Council in Committee: Wednesday September 3 @ 10am
- Regular Council: Tuesday September 16 @ 10am
- Council in Committee: Tuesday October 7 @ 10am
- Regular Council: Tuesday October 21 @ 10am
- Council in Committee: Tuesday November 4 @ 10am
- Regular Council: Tuesday November 18 @ 10am

TAX BILL CHANGES: OPP SERVICE BILLING UPDATES

During a Regular Meeting of Council in the spring of 2025, the decision was made to remove the Ontario Provincial Police Services Billing from the General Tax Budget and apply the cost of the police services equally to every property in the Township of Madawaska Valley as its own separate Levy.

The OPP Services Billing is calculated by the Province of Ontario based on household counts, population counts and call for service, and the Council and Staff have no control of the expenses related to policing. Therefore, it was decided that the fees for this service should be applied to the property tax bill as its own levy. The 2025 cost of \$916,105.00 for police services will be shared amongst every property at a rate of \$211.91. This levy will fluctuate year over year based on annual billings received by the province and as property counts increase and/or decrease.

The annual tax rate has been adjusted to reflect the removal of the \$916,105 police services. You will see this shared levy appear on your Final Tax Bill as "OPP".

DID YOU KNOW? Of the taxes billed to Township of Madawaska Valley residents, 49.9% stays within the Municipality, 36.5% is sent to the County of Renfrew, and 13.6% is sent to school boards.

BLUE BOX TRANSITION UPDATE

Blue Box recycling changes are coming to ratepayers in the municipality as of January 1, 2026, as the Province has mandated producers of recyclable materials to be responsible for managing the packaging they produce with their products. The Township is working closely with Circular Materials Ontario to determine how best to serve ratepayers with the new program changes. As more information is available, it will be shared to ensure residents and businesses remain informed about what the new program will look like and how to participate. In the meantime, you can learn more at circularmaterials.ca.

NUISANCE BEAVERS

When beaver dams on private property break, they can result in significant damage property, including yours and neighbouring properties. It is your responsibility to ensure beavers on your property are managed properly and their activities will not result in damage to neighbouring private and public land.

Beavers can be humanely killed or trapped by an agent should they be damaging or at risk of damaging property. The Township keeps a list of licensed trappers - reach out to dclerk@madawaskavalley.ca to access the list, or add your name if you are a licensed and insured trapper. The Township is responsible for managing nuisance beavers impacting Township property, including roadways. To report a nuisance beaver impacting a roadway, contact the Operations Department.

TOWNSHIP OFFICE INFO

OFFICE HOURS

85 Bay Street, Barry's Bay
Monday: 9am - 4pm
Tuesday-Friday: 8am - 4pm

CONTACT INFO

info@madawaskavalley.ca
613-756-2747
madawaskavalley.ca

UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES

Monday September 1 - Labour Day
Tuesday September 30 - Truth & Reconciliation Day
Monday October 13 - Thanksgiving
Tuesday November 11 - Remembrance Day

WASTE SITE HOURS

BARK LAKE

21956 Highway 60, Barry's Bay
Accepts all waste (no hazardous waste)
Monday: 7:30am-1pm
Holiday Monday: 7:30am-4:30pm
Tuesday: 7:30am-12pm
Wednesday: CLOSED
Thursday: 12-4:30pm
Friday: CLOSED
Saturday: 7:30-4:30pm
Sunday: 3-6pm (May-September only)

WILNO TRANSFER SITE

17961 Highway 60, Wilno
Transfer site only - no bulky waste
Saturday 7am-4pm

COMBERMERE TRANSFER SITE

242 Old Barry's Bay Rd, Combermere
Transfer site only - no bulky waste
May 1 - September 30:
Holiday Monday: 9am-9pm
Wednesday: 1-6pm
Saturday: 9am-6pm
Sunday: 1-9pm
October 1 - April 30:
Holiday Monday: 7:30am-4:30pm
Saturday: 8am-4:30pm
Sunday: 11am-4:30pm