

Summer/Fall Newsletter 2020

COVID-19 Pandemic Updates:

Township Council and Staff have implemented practices and measures to limit the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus. The Township's Emergency Management Control Group continues to monitor the situation both locally and provincially to ensure that our Residents, Council and Staff remain safe.

During the Covid-19 Pandemic, Council will continue to host virtual meetings by way of a Zoom platform. Residents are still able to listen to or participate in Council meetings by registering as a delegation with the Clerk's Department. Council agendas are posted on our website and you will find the Zoom link to Council meetings at the top of each agenda cover sheet. Should you wish to make a delegation to Council, the delegation request form can be found on our website at www.chatsworth.ca.

Our Administration Office currently remains closed to the public. However, staff are still working with no interruption to services. We anticipate re-opening in mid-July on an appointment only basis, once we have made some modifications to our reception area. Washrooms will not be available to the public during this time.

Our recreation facilities remain closed during the COVID-19 Pandemic. This includes our arenas, community halls and playgrounds. A public announcement will be made once we are able to re-open.

Tax Due Dates:

Next Instalment: July 24, 2020

Final Instalment: October 23, 2020

Note that due to COVID-19, Council has authorized waiving penalty and interest until September 30th. We appreciate your payments by the due dates, but if you are unable to meet these, there will not be any additional charges applied to past due amounts until October 1, 2020.

Payment Information: Payments may be made via pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank, internet or telephone banking, by mail or in person by cheque, cash or debit. After regular hours (8am-4pm) or during closures, a secure mail drop box is located at the Municipal Administration Office. When making payment through telephone/Internet banking, please allow three (3) business days for payment to be received by the municipal office.

If you would like information regarding the assessment value of your property or to compare your property to others in your area, you can register and log into MPAC using the property Roll Number and Access Key located on your Property Assessment Notice. For more information, please visit www.aboutmyproperty.ca.

2020 Budget

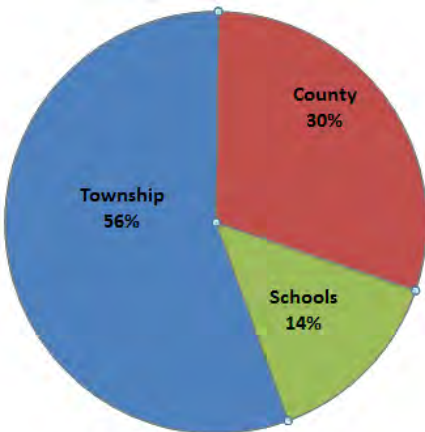
The Township of Chatsworth passed the 2020 budget on April 1, 2020. The net budget (that is expenses minus non-tax revenues) is what the Municipality needs to raise through taxation to provide all the Township services. This amount is combined with the County and Education board rates and divided over all the property value assessments.

Total expenditures to run the Township for 2020 were estimated at \$11,809,680 and the net taxation dollars required was estimated at \$5,887,154. This includes contributions to reserves and funds to be spent on capital projects for 2020.

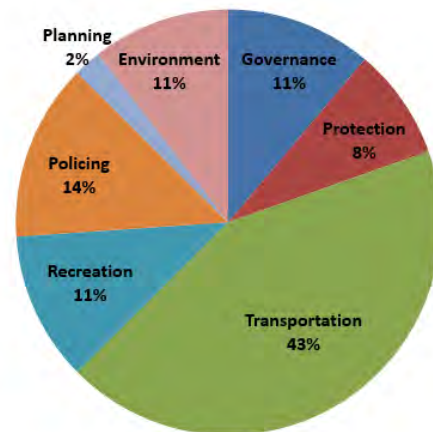
To learn more about this, visit our website, or contact Treasurer, Karmen Krueger, CPA, CA at kkrueger@chatsworth.ca or 519-794-3232 x122

Where Your Tax Dollars Go:

Based on Residential Tax Rates:



Operating Budget By Department:



Tax Arrears Certificates can now be registered after two years. If your taxes are more than two years in arrears, please contact us to make payment arrangements to avoid any potential tax sale proceedings.

2020 Budget Highlights

A total of \$2,867,570.00 in capital projects has been approved by Council.

Public Works Construction:

- Continuation of Concession 8 Reconstruction
- Elder Lane Bridge Replacement
- 30 Sideroad Culvert Replacement and Paving
- Concession 4 Culvert Replacement
- Sideroad 5 and Sideroad 10 Paving

Public Works Equipment and Vehicles:

- Backhoe
- 1 Ton Truck
- ½ Ton Truck
- Water Tank for Tandem Trucks

Administration Office (deferred from 2019)

Replacement of Flooring
Replacement of Computers/Server

Economic Development (deferred from 2019)

Gateway Signs
Main Street Furniture

Multi-Purpose Community Hub Facility

Please consider how you can financially support the construction of our new facility, either through one-time donations, monthly or annual pledges or perhaps sponsorship of a specific room in the new facility. Our fundraising committee will be ramping up their campaign once the threat of COVID-19 is over.

Building Department

Our Chief Building Official Karl Schipprack, Deputy CBO Mary Schofield and Inspector Jordan Cook are available to assist you.

Our new Online Building Permitting Program is up and running at www.chatsworth.ca. You can apply for and see the status of your application, anywhere, at any time and receive copies of inspections automatically.

Burn Permits

Don't be caught without a burn permit. Permits are required for fires over 1 metre X 1 metre. Look for the Burn Application Form found on our website or by contacting the Township Office or Fire Department.

Dumping of Garbage Prohibited

On January 15, 2020 Council passed by-law 2020-06 to prohibit the throwing, placing or depositing of refuse or debris on highways, private property and public property without authority from the owner or occupant. The set fine for illegal dumping is \$500.00.

2020 Household Hazardous Waste Days

The City of Owen Sound will continue to offer the use of their Household Hazardous Waste Program to all residents in the Township of Chatsworth. Household Hazardous Waste will be accepted on the following days from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 1900-20th Street East, Owen Sound:

July 11 – may be postponed due to COVID-19. Please watch for media updates.
Augusts 15
September 12
October 3
October 24

Contact Us:

Township of Chatsworth Administration Centre
 Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm
 316837 Highway 6, RR1
 Chatsworth, ON N0H 1G0
 Phone: 519-794-3232

Council Contacts

Mayor Scott Mackey	scott.mackey@grey.ca
Deputy Mayor Brian Gamble	bgamble@chatsworth.ca
Councillor Shawn Greig	sgreig@chatsworth.ca
Councillor Diana Rae	drae@chatsworth.ca
Councillor Elizabeth Thompson	ethompson@chatsworth.ca

Phone Extensions by Department:

CAO/Clerk's Office	Ext. 124
Deputy Clerk/Planning/Water Coordinator	Ext. 134
Treasurer	Ext. 122
Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector	Ext. 125
Accounts Payable/Receivable	Ext. 123
Chief Building Official	Ext. 127
Planner	Ext. 129
Building/Recreation/Roads Admin. Asst.	Ext. 128
Operations Manager	Ext. 126
Municipal Law Enforcement	Ext. 811
Animal Control	Ext. 810
Garbage, Recycling	Ext. 121
Fire (Non-Emergency)	Ext. 829
After Hours Emergency Contacts:	
Roads	Ext. 827
Water	Ext. 826

Facility Contacts

Facility	Facility Phone No.	Booking Contact
Keady Community Centre	519-934-2241	519-794-3232 Ext. 128
Desboro Community Centre	519-794-3202	519-794-3232 Ext. 128
Chatsworth Ball Diamond	-	519-794-3232 Ext. 128
Williamsford Community Centre	519-794-3712	Facility Booking: 519-794-4608 (Celeste Eickholdt) Curling: 519-377-7830 (Carol Clark)
Walters Falls Hall	-	519-794-3030

For notices, news, events and information check us out at

www.chatsworth.ca or  Find us on Facebook at Township of Chatsworth