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## FIRE CHIEF RON HASKINS RETIRES AFTER 41 YEARS OF SERVICE



After 41 years with the Township of Montague, Ron Haskins has retired from his position of Fire Chief, effective July 4, 2016. Ron started with the Township of Montague as a member of the recreation committee in 1975. When the Montague Fire Department was formed in 1976, Ron became the Deputy Fire Chief. Ten years later, he was promoted to Fire Chief, a position he has held for thirty years.

Although he has officially handed the reins over to his successor, Miles Greer, Ron will remain with the Township in an advisory role through to November, in order to ensure a smooth transition.

The council, staff and firefighters at the Township of Montague are grateful to Ron for his dedicated service to this community and wish him the very best for his retirement.

### WELCOME : A New Fire Chief for Montague Township

The Township of Montague is pleased to announce that Deputy Fire Chief Miles Greer has been promoted to the position of Fire Chief with the Montague Fire Department. Miles assumed his new role on July 4 of this year and is a natural fit for the job. As an active and reliable volunteer of the 25-member service, Miles has progressively worked and trained his way up the ladder (pun intended), starting as a firefighter in 1995, to Captain in 2005, then Deputy Fire Chief in January 2015.

Miles is looking forward to continuing his commitment to the community in his new capacity as Fire Chief. He's pleased to be working with a strong team of dedicated firefighters who work hard to respond to the needs of residents and to keep the community safe.

\*\*Note for current fire permit holders: Please be advised that the email address for fire notification at the bottom of your permit should be changed to [mgreer@township.montague.on.ca](mailto:mgreer@township.montague.on.ca). Thank you.



### RURAL RAMBLE 2016

The Montague Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Montague Rural Ramble, in support of Muscular Dystrophy Canada, on August 27, 2016. The firefighters extend an invitation to you, your family and friends to attend this community festival, which will begin at noon, rain or shine, at the Township Municipal grounds, 6547 Roger Stevens Drive.

This year's event will include a demolition derby, lots of raffle prizes, a charity BBQ with refreshments, a beer garden and lots of activities for children. The day will wrap-up with an evening concert by AMBUSH who take to the stage at 7 p.m.

The admission charge to the grounds, (\$15 in advance, \$20 at the door), includes admittance to the demolition derby and evening concert. Children under 12 are free. Tickets can be purchased at the Township Office or from any Montague firefighter.

For more information on the festival, please e-mail [cdbarr@ripnet.com](mailto:cdbarr@ripnet.com) or contact Craig Barr at 613-283-8266.



### RACE THE RUNWAY!

AUGUST 13, 2016

RUSS BEACH SMITHS FALLS—  
MONTAGUE AIRPORT

- 80 high-performance cars running radar-clocked half-mile runs
- More than 100 cars on static display
- Runway ride-along for spectators
- All proceeds given to charity
- Montague firefighters will be serving up their delicious beef-on-a-bun.
- General admission is just \$7 at the gate. Kids under 12 are free.

### ~ MONTAGUE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL PIT BARBEQUE ~



Saturday, September 10, 2016 @ Rosedale Centennial Hall

657 Rosedale Road South, Montague

Barbeque Beef & Pork Dinner Served between 5 and 7 p.m.

(For delivery orders, call 613-283-7478

by 4 p.m. Friday, September 9th)

The Montague Volunteer Fire Department is once again hosting its famous Pit Barbeque. This has been a major fundraiser for our department for several decades. Tickets will be on sale in advance at the Montague Township Office or from any Montague Volunteer Firefighter. Tickets will also be available at the door.

### \*2016 TAX BILLING\*

Tax bills may be paid at most chartered banks, by mail, by telephone/Internet banking or in person at the Township Office, located at 6547 Roger Stevens Drive. Payments can be made in person at the Township Office by cash, Interac or cheque - no credit cards. A drop box is located at the main door for those who cannot make it to the office during regular hours - please do not leave cash.

When paying your tax bill by Internet or telephone banking, you must use an eight-digit portion of your 19-digit roll number located at the top left-hand corner of your tax bill. Please use the following **EXAMPLE** to guide you: 0901 000 ( \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ) 0000 . All eight digits located in the brackets must be used in order to ensure your account will be properly credited.

**Unless paying in person, allow 3-5 business days for your payment to reach us.**

**FINAL TAX NOTICES:** PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU RETAIN YOUR 2016 FINAL TAX NOTICE FOR TAX PURPOSES, IF REQUIRED. SHOULD YOU REQUIRE A REPRINT OF THE TAX NOTICE, CHARGES WILL APPLY.

**Change of Address:** Montague Township mails all tax notices to the last known address provided by the property owner. It is the responsibility of the owner to provide the Township with any change to their mailing address.

**DOG LICENCES / KENNEL LICENCES:** PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU ATTEND AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE TO PAY FOR DOG LICENCES / KENNEL LICENCES. THESE LICENCES WILL NO LONGER BE ADDED TO TAX ACCOUNTS.

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### 2015 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

THE 2015 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTAGUE ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT [www.township.montague.on.ca](http://www.township.montague.on.ca)

# \*\*\*GARBAGE & RECYCLING SERVICES\*\*\*

## \*WASTE COLLECTION\*

Each residence in Montague is allotted 90 tags, which can be picked up at the Township Office any time during the calendar year. Additional tags may be purchased for \$1 per tag. Waste collection days are Wednesdays or Fridays, depending on your location. Place garbage roadside by 7 a.m.

## \*RECYCLING COLLECTION\*

Blue box collection takes place the same day as garbage pick-up. Blue boxes can be purchased at the Township Office for \$7.



**NOTE:** During the 2016 Christmas holidays, the Wednesday and Friday collection schedules will remain the same.

**WARNING:** Garbage cans and blue boxes should not be placed on the shoulder of the roads where they can be damaged, cause damage to the Township vehicles or, worse, injure drivers. Please ensure that your bins and bags are placed in your driveway, near your mailbox or on your property on collection day.

## \*HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DEPOT\*

The Township partners with other municipalities in Lanark County for a Household Hazardous Waste Depot. Household hazardous waste includes: paint, batteries, oil, cleaners, aerosol cans, anti-freeze, etc. There is also a paint exchange at the Depot. In addition, the Depot is now accepting fluorescent tubes (4 ft. max.) and CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs).

The Depot at Carleton Place is open Saturdays from May 21 - September 3, 8 to noon.

**Directions:** At the intersection of Hwy 15 and Hwy 7, turn right (going east on Hwy 7). Turn left at the first set of lights – McNeely Avenue. Turn left onto Patterson Crescent and follow the signs from there.

## \*LARGE ITEM DROP-OFF DAY\*

**When:** Saturday, October 15, 2016 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**Where:** Montague Township Municipal Backyard

**Acceptable Items:** white metals, furniture, scrap metal, propane tanks, air-conditioners, fridges etc.

**Please note:** Trash tags or equivalent monetary value is required as per By-Law 2258-95. There will be a \$50 cash charge for fridges, freezers, and air conditioners containing Freon.

**Brush:** Residents may drop off brush, less than 2" diameter, for chipping at the Township yard on this day only.

Visit the Township website ([www.township.montague.on.ca](http://www.township.montague.on.ca)) or call 613-283-7478.

## \*WINTER PARKING & SNOW REMOVAL NOTICE\*

During the period from November 15, 2016, to March 30, 2017, it is an offense to:

- Park any vehicle upon any highway or boulevard under the jurisdiction of the Township of Montague between the hours of midnight and 7 a.m.
- Park or stand a vehicle in such a manner as to impede the clearing of snow from Township roadways

Any vehicle parked in contravention of this Bylaw will be towed away at the owner's expense and the owner shall be subject, upon summary conviction, to a fine.

Pursuant to the *Highway Traffic Act*, it is an offense to:

- Plow or shovel snow from private driveways across or onto Township roadways

Homeowners will be charged for violation of this act

**Protect your mailbox.** Often, when a mailbox is damaged, it is because plowed snow accumulates in front of it, causing increasing weight and pressure against it over the course of the winter. It is your responsibility to keep the area around your mailbox clear of snow. The Township of Montague is not responsible for damage to mailboxes, newspaper boxes or parked vehicles that may interfere with the snow-plowing of Township roads.



## \*WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE\*

Montague Township has adopted the provincial Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways Reg.298/02 as the standard for year-round Township road maintenance. These benchmarks were adopted under the *Municipal Act* to standardize levels of service for various classes of roads throughout the province. They also specify reasonable response times to maintain or correct deficiencies on the roadways, depending upon their class. Provincial, county and municipal roads are classified differently within these standards based on posted or statutory speed limit and annual average daily traffic.

Winter maintenance activities and priorities are based on the roadway classification and the associated level of service, as well as legislated hours of work, manpower and the municipal budget.

**ILLEGAL ROADSIDE DUMPING** costs everyone! Tax dollars are unnecessarily being spent on cleaning up illegally dumped waste. If you see illegal roadside dumping taking place, please write down the vehicle licence plate number, vehicle description, location of the offence and contact the OPP @ 613-267-2626 or the Township's Bylaw Officer, Laura Lawson @ 613-812-5609. This is considered a criminal offence, and the perpetrator will be fined.

**SPECIAL NEEDS** - Anyone with special needs who would be affected by a lack of hydro, heat or water supply is asked to notify the Fire Department of your situation. Call Chief Miles Greer at 613-283-7478.

**WATER TESTING** - The Leeds, Grenville & Lanark Health Unit encourages property owners to have their water tested three times a year. Sample bottles can be picked up at the Township Office or the Health Unit (25 Johnston St. Smiths Falls) during regular business hours.



## \*MONTAGUE CENTENNIAL HALL RENTAL\*

Option 1 - Basic Hall Rental Fee without Bar

- Resident: \$150 + HST = \$169.50  
Non-resident: \$200 + HST = \$226
- \$200 security deposit

Option 2 - Hall Rental with Bar

- Resident: \$250 + HST = \$282.50  
Non-resident: \$300 + HST = \$339
- \$200 security deposit
- Renter acquires liquor permit
- Township gets proceeds from the bar
- Township provides the liquor/beer
- Bartender will contact renter to see what liquor/beer is needed
- Township supplies bartender, ice, glasses & mix

Capacity: 135-150 seated; 200 on the floor

Tables: 16 tables, each seat 8

Rental of kitchen utensils and dishes: \$100

Bar times are: 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. (5 hours); \$25/hr if required longer than 5 hours.

Please contact Jennifer at the Township office for more information or to book the hall.

# \*\*\*MUNICIPAL CONTACT\*\*\*

Phone: 613-283-7478

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