

Dear Residents of Charlton and Dack,

As we end our first year of a new term of Council I would like to give you an update on a very busy year. We have had a great year for building with 17 new building permits including five new homes. I would like to welcome all our new families as we do our best to represent all our interests with the Province and with local boards.

Enclosed you will find your interim tax bill for 2016. We continue to see decreasing funding from the Province and increased downloading of costs. For example, our OPP costs have increased to \$82,500- almost \$300 per household and this has a tremendous impact to our budget with no increase in service levels. Council has started to work on the 2016 budget and is discussing many options to help keep costs in check. For instance, we have told the Englehart Public Library that we will not be accepting any increase to our \$40 per household rate and have reduced our contribution to the Englehart and Area Historical Museum. We have also reduced waste site hours during the winter months and have reviewed the feasibility of our parks and recreation facilities. These facilities are a great asset but also come at a great cost. The discussion has centered on St. Stephen's Park which does not receive a large amount of visitors and as such Council is contemplating its sale. The municipality would save on maintenance costs and would collect taxes annually. Please see the notice on the other side of this newsletter as Council is looking for comments regarding this proposal.

The municipality continues to struggle with taxes owing. This puts pressure on the other ratepayers who have to make up this shortfall. To encourage payment we have expanded our payment options to include Interac and a preauthorized payment program (either monthly or on the billing dates the payment is automatically taken from your account) and I encourage you to look at these options. The Municipality has

also decided to spread out the number of installments to give more time for payment. Therefore there will still be two bills per year but each bill will now contain two installments. As such you can continue paying the full bill at the end of March and August or you may choose to split the bill in four with due dates of March, May, August, and October.

In 2015 the Municipality saw a large number of road projects. These included the paving of Main Street and part of Palmateer, re-gravelling Palmateer Road and re-gravelling Sprucegrove Road. We also invested in paying off three equipment loans and invested in the purchase of two new needed pieces of equipment - a grader and backhoe. Council is reviewing road projects based on need for 2016 but it is expected that there will be fewer projects than 2015 due to less government funding. We are happy to report that we have received funding to digitize the information from our three municipal cemeteries and to update our GIS system.

After a thorough review of our water system we have renewed our agreement with the Ontario Clean Water Agency for five years. This was the most cost effective option and allows amendments if an agreement is entered into with the Town of Englehart for water services. This unfortunately follows an unsuccessful attempt to get funding for the waterlines in Clarksville but the Municipality will continue to explore its options for funding.

Finally, we will be expanding the number of free tipping fee days with one in the spring and now one in the fall. Take advantage of the free tipping fees available at the landfill site May 21st and September 3rd. As always if you have any questions or concerns please contact the office or write a letter and it will be addressed at Council.

**Best Regards,
Merrill Bond, Reeve**

On behalf of the Council for the Municipality of Charlton and Dack

NEW Payment Methods

Only two tax bills will be mailed out but now they will have two due dates each.

March 31st & May 31st
(March Bill includes March 31st & May 31st)

August 31st & October 31st
(August Bill includes August 31st & Oct 31st)

Payment options for property taxes:

- In person/online at CIBC and Northern Credit Union
- Municipal Office/mail by Cheque, Cash, Money Order or **Interac**.
- **Preauthorized Payment Monthly or on the Billing Dates**

**to enrol just fill out a form at the office*

Overdue Accounts

Interest is applied at 1.25% on overdue accounts. If you are behind on your tax payments, please visit the municipal office to set up a tax repayment plan to avoid default.

By-law Officer

Some of the fines in effect:

Short Form Wording	Fine
Deposit snow on highway	\$40
Fail to keep grass or lawn below 30 cm in height (Urban only)	\$125
Fail to keep land free from inoperative vehicle, boat, trailer	\$125
Fail to keep land in a tidy manner	\$125
Fail to license dog	\$40
Fail to remove dog excrement	\$40
Obstruct an Officer	\$365
Obstructing highway	\$40
Park a vehicle within 9 metres of an intersection	\$40
Park between 11pm to 7am, November 1 st to April 1 st	\$40
Park in designated disabled space	\$300
Park within intersection	\$40
Permit dog to be kept within 1 metre of boundary	\$40
Permit dog to run at large	\$40



Interim 2016

Council

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Hours

Municipal Office:

Monday to Friday- 8:30am to 4:30pm

Heritage Centre:

Tuesdays: Local Artists 10:00am to 2:00pm

Waste Site:

Tuesday- noon to 4:00pm (May to Nov only)

Friday- 8:00am to noon

Saturday- 8:00am to 4:00pm

Englehart Museum:

Thursday to Sunday- 10:00am to 4:00pm

Open May 1st to November 3rd

Englehart Public Library:

Tuesday	Noon to 5:00pm
Wednesday	Noon to 9:00pm
Thursday	Noon to 5:00pm
Friday	10:00am to 1:00pm
Saturday	10:00am to 3:00pm

Recycling

The Municipality of Charlton and Dack will now be accepting a greater number of items for recycling at the waste site. We are now able to accept glass, plastic bags, a greater variety of plastics and Styrofoam.

Acceptable Recyclable Materials:

- Aluminum and Steel Cans, Foil Plates, etc.
- Cardboard including boxes, tubes, egg cartons etc.
- Clear and Coloured Glass
- Electronics
- Household Paper, newspaper, Magazines, Catalogues, Books, etc.
- Milk and Juice Containers
- Plastic Bags
- Plastics #1-7
- Styrofoam Food Containers and Packaging
- Tires
- Scrap Metal

Unacceptable Recyclable Materials:

- Appliances
- Diapers
- Facial and Toilet Tissue
- Food Scraps
- Liquids
- Toys
- Used Paper Plates

Contact Numbers

For Emergencies	CALL 911
Non-Emergencies	
AMBULANCE-----	705-544-7777
POLICE-----	888-310-1122
FIRE DEPARTMENT-----	705-544-2105
HEALTH UNIT-----	705-544-2221
ENGLEHART CLINIC-----	705-544-2321
ENGLEHART HOSPITAL-----	705-544-2301
SEPTIC SYSTEM INSPECTOR-	705-544-8698

Things to Note:

1. Please help our emergency responders by ensuring that your 911 signs and house numbers are clearly visible at all times.
2. Remember in our cemeteries that all wire flowers must be in a spiked vase.
3. Fire season is April 1 to October 31 each year. During this time should you wish to conduct open air burning, you require a permit. Permits are available for free at the Municipal Office.
4. Early bird boat slips are available for a discounted rate before May 15th...get yours today!
5. Charlton & Dack belongs to the Veterinarian Service Committee (VSC). Livestock Owners are eligible for mileage discounts and other benefits. For more information please call 705-789-2062 or ask your veterinarian.
6. **Clean Up Day – Free tipping fees at the Municipal landfill site on Saturday May 21st, 2016 and Saturday September 3rd, 2016.**

Planning a Wedding?

The Municipality of Charlton and Dack can help you complete your marriage licence and help prepare and perform your wedding ceremony. Book today to save your day!

Emergency Management

BE PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

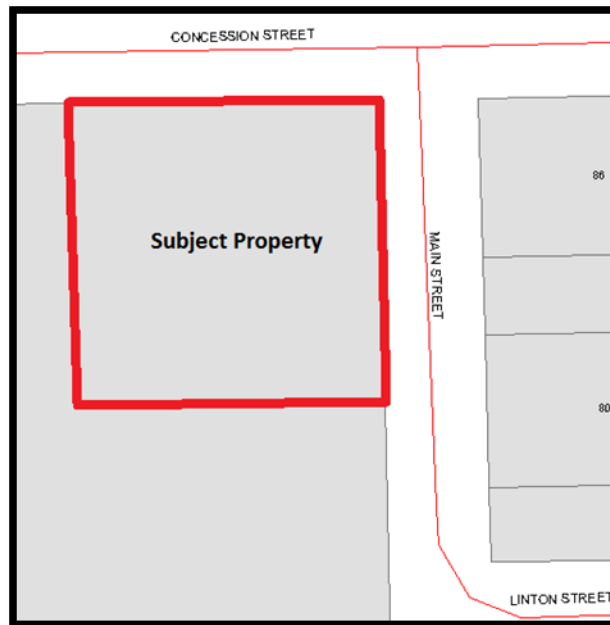
Make sure you have your 72 hour kit.

In the event of an emergency, notification will be broadcast on all local radio stations including 101.5, 103.1 and 104.5 FM.

St. Stephen's Park

Please take notice that the Council for the Municipality of Charlton and Dack is considering declaring the property known as St. Stephen's Park (DACK CON 4 PT LOT 11 PCL 3590NND) as surplus to the needs of the municipality.

Council is looking for any comments toward this proposal until Friday March 18th 2016.



Please submit any comments in writing to:
Municipality of Charlton and Dack
287237 Sprucegrove Road,
Englehart, ON P0J1H0
dack@ntl.sympatico.ca

Donations Made in 2015:

- 16th Annual Rotary Club BBQ Roast Beef Dinner (Boat Slip Donated)
- Hospital Recruitment and Retention
- Fireworks Celebration
- Royal Canadian Legion (Poppy Fund)
- Englehart and Area Museum – (Post Card Exhibition)

Recent Resolutions of Council

Supported:

- Approve Temiskaming Shores as a member of the Building Association.
- Call on DTSSAB to freeze wages for 2 years for budget relief.
- Call on MCSCS to reconsider the new OPP Billing Model to ensure its equitable.
- Call on MOEE to expand access to natural gas services.
- Call on MOHLTC to consider roundtrips of 100km eligible for health travel grants.
- Call on MTO to expedite its reclassification of winter highway classes.
- Call on OMAFRA to implement a minimum allocation for Drainage Superintendent costs.
- Call on Province to review allowing a tax rebate during collective bargaining.
- Call on Province to review two tiered approach to policing.
- Call on the MNR to reintroduce the spring bear hunt across Ontario.
- Call on the Province to begin the process of four laning Highway 11.
- Call on the Province to halt the sale of Hydro One and halt rate increases.
- Call on the Province to require aggregate proponents to demonstrate need.
- Declare April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day.
- Declare June 7th to June 13th as Horticultural Week.
- Declare Oct 19 to 25 as Reduction Week.
- Endorse a national discussion on a Basic Income Guarantee for all Canadians.
- Retain technical assistance on power dam taxes in conjunction with Wawa.
- Support the dissolution of MPAC in favour of local assessment bodies.
- Support the Regional Economic Development Project with the KDCDC.

Unsupported:

- Call on MOE to make incinerators illegal.
- Call on Province to review provincial funding based on political stripe.
- Request to have an Electric Vehicle Charger installed in our area.