

Hedley Improvement District May 2022 News Letter

From the Fire Department

To start, there are currently 10 active members. Thus, the department is seeking new people to become part of the crew. This is a great opportunity to meet some residents, learn new skills, and be a positive part of a respected organization. There is also a small monetary benefit as well, after probation. Still, this is mostly Volunteer.

Also, the Department and the HID is in search of at least 3 or more community volunteers to become **Certified First Responders**. This is a **week-long** course, so a commitment is required. The classes will take place in another town/city and the HID/FD will fund it on the understanding that the people trained, are expected to be **on-call 24/7**. Therefore, the qualified personnel **MUST** be ready to assist in any medical situation with the aid of the Fire Department. If you are interested please contact the HID office or Fire Department for more information.

Moreover, the threat of town/forest fires is upon us. At present, despite the rain and cold temperature, the ground is already dry, and the fire department is only able to do so much. Thus, the residents **MUST** be responsible in mitigating this **REAL** Peril. Please remember your FD is **VOLUNTEER** and if your home is ablaze, they only have the resources to save your neighbor's property. Hence, we need a group effort to **PREVENT** any such events, so we ask the citizens of the town to think carefully about the use of fires outside the **Fire Permit Provisions**. **PLEASE GET A FREE FIRE PERMIT FROM THE HID OFFICE FOR YOUR PROPERTY**. In addition, there is garbage/recycling/and yard waste pick-up on Fridays. With that, the Keremeos dump is free for recycling and \$5.00 or a little more for garbage.

In Other News

There are 2 positions available at the HID. The first is for a maintenance person/cleaner for the HID/FD Office – Hours and Renumeration – TBD

The second is for a painter for the HID/FD – Building – LABOUR ONLY – Please call, come in, email, or mail a quote. Thank you.

Also, just so there is no sticker shock, there will be a nominal increase in the Parcel Tax for November 1st, 2022, but this is yearly. The money is used to sustain and UPGRADE the existing water system. Please remember that this put upon every property owner with water access regardless of his/her use – be it for consumption, bathing, or lawn care. This Tax covers the WATER SYSTEM – the reservoir, piping structure and infrastructure, pumps, and hydrants. This can be paid by CASH, Cheque, Debit, E-transfer – hid825@telus.net, Certified Cheque in person, on-line, or mail. In addition, you can pre-pay or pay a little at a time depending on what you can afford. An official notice will be sent out in September after the by-law has been passed.

With that announcement, there are **TWO** Trustee Positions open. The first is for a 3-year-term and the other is also 3 years, with 2 remaining. You must own property (Spouses included) in Hedley, be a Canadian citizen, be at least 19-years-old or older, and a registered voter. Thus, if you want to help make a difference in your community and have a **SAY** in what Projects or Needs you believe the town requires: **STEP UP!!** Be part of the solution! Take a Positive and Active Role. As we all know, complaining about something in person or worse on-line is not helpful or effective. If you don't like something do something to change it! That said, an official notice for the AGM will be sent out and it will include nomination forms. You can also stand up at the meeting itself.

At the moment, we do not have an exact date and time for the meeting.

From the Water Department

CARO – Arsenic Report – The level was 0.00704 which is well below the Canadian Health Standards of 0.010. – See board outside office or talk to Terry Leonard.

Events

- A) This weekend is a trunk sale on Saturday from 9-2 at Wanderer's Rest.
- B) There is a Garage Sale at Riverside RV Park – 9-4
- C) On May 28 from 10-12 – Hedley Centre – The RDOS is supplying a Wood-Chipper to people who have Pre-registered to get rid of any 12" or under tree branches. The email to get on the list is HedleyBlvdBoost@gmail.com. BBQ from 12-1 – Come by & say Hi to your neighbours. Help Hedley stay Beautiful.

Thank you from the HID staff, FD, and Trustees. Happy Spring!! May 2022