



# Huron-Kinloss Newsletter Winter/Spring 2024

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## Updates

### **RZone Policy**

Huron-Kinloss has adopted the RZone – Respect and Responsibility Policy, By-Law 2023-115. The purpose of the RZone policy is to establish guidelines to enforce proper steps to be taken by Staff, volunteers, user groups and members of the public to address inappropriate behaviour or violence in Township owned facilities and properties. Visit [huronkinloss.com/RZone](http://huronkinloss.com/RZone) to learn more.

### **2023-2033 Strategic Plan**

Thank you for participating in the development of the 2023-2033 Strategic Plan: Blueprint for our Future. The updated plan is now available online at [huronkinloss.com/plans](http://huronkinloss.com/plans). We are dedicated to achieving our collective vision to be "a unified, engaged and caring community that cultivates opportunities and embraces our rural lifestyle".

### **Golf Car Pilot Project 2024 Registration Open**

Golf Cars must be registered in the Pilot Project and have a Registration Sticker and a current Validation Sticker to participate and to drive a Golf Car within the Township. Golf Cars are permitted on roads from April 1st to November 30th each year. Current permit holders will be issued a renewal invoice in the mail in early 2024. Visit [huronkinloss.com/Golf-Car-Pilot-Project](http://huronkinloss.com/Golf-Car-Pilot-Project) for regulations, requirements, and registration.

### **Secrets of the Back 40**

Huron-Kinloss is full of hidden gems! Be sure to check out our custom itineraries and new cycling routes. Explore your own backyard or show off our beautiful area to visiting family and friends at [secretsofthebackforty.com](http://secretsofthebackforty.com).

### **Point Clark Lighthouse**

This summer, include a trip to the newly revitalized Point Clark Lighthouse Museum and book a tour up the Lighthouse tower, open daily in July and August. Learn more at [secretsofthebackforty.com/point-clark-lighthouse/](http://secretsofthebackforty.com/point-clark-lighthouse/).

### **EIES Program**

The Early Investment in Education and Skills (EIES) Program is funded by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) to support education and skills training for residents of Huron-Kinloss. Residents can apply for financial support for continuing education, workplace training, youth enrichment, and more. For program details, contact Mike Bartlett at 519-395-3735 or [mbartlett@huronkinloss.com](mailto:mbartlett@huronkinloss.com).

## Events

### **Huron-Kinloss Job & Career Development Fair**

Stay tuned for the second annual Job & Career Development Fair at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre in the fall of 2024. Last year's event was a resounding success with 18 exhibitors and over 130 attendees.

### **Ripley Winter Carnival**

The Ripley Winter Carnival will take place on February 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Don't miss the pancake breakfast, hockey skills competition, ice painting, costume skate, and more. Visit [huronkinloss.com/RipleyWinterCarnival](http://huronkinloss.com/RipleyWinterCarnival) for full schedule!

## By-Laws / Permits

### **Fire Permits**

Fire permit renewal invoices will be mailed out in the early part of 2024. Any permits not paid for by the due date will be cancelled. Fire permits are required for Open Air Burning and beach fires. You must report all Open Air Burning to our toll free 24/7 Open Air Burning reporting number at 1-800-511-9911. If you have any questions related to the Open Air Burning By-law or Fire Permits please contact Shane Watson, Fire Chief, at [swatson@huronkinloss.com](mailto:swatson@huronkinloss.com).

### **Winter Parking By-Law**

Residents are reminded that the Traffic and Parking By-Law 99-20 as amended states that parking is not allowed on any street within the Township between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1st to April 30th.

### **Dog Tags**

All dogs in Huron-Kinloss must be registered with the Township, and tags must be attached to their collars. 2023 dog owners or new owners can purchase a tag for \$15 until February 29, 2024. Late renewals or registrants cost \$25 beginning March 01, 2024. Failing to purchase a tag incurs a \$100 fine; replacement tags cost \$10. Fill out the Dog Tag Cancellation form online if a tag is no longer needed. Tags can be purchased online by visiting [huronkinloss.com/Dogs](http://huronkinloss.com/Dogs). Tags can also be purchased in person at Country Depot in Kincardine, Hodgin's Home Hardware in Lucknow, or the Township office in Ripley.

### **Noise Exemption**

Persons having functions where loud noise will occur after 11:00 p.m. need to apply for an exemption to the Noise By-Law 2005-101 by submitting a letter to the Clerk's Department at least 6 weeks prior to the event. Fireworks are only permitted for Canada Day or Victoria Day celebrations and will need an exemption to be detonated at any other time.

### **Dogs Must Be Leashed**

Dogs on public property, including the beach, must be on a leash not exceeding 1.8 meters. The person holding the leash must maintain full control. Dogs can be taken off leash at the designated dog park next to the Point Clark Community Centre at 344 Lake Range Dr, Point Clark.

## Public Works

### **Garbage Collection**

All garbage bags must be sealed, not weigh more than 18kg (40lbs), and have a Huron-Kinloss bag tag sticker. The price of bag tags will be increasing from \$2.50 to \$3.00 as of April 1, 2024. Bag tags are available to purchase at the Township office and various local retailers. The 2024 collection schedule for garbage and recyclables is available online at [www.brucerecycling.com](http://www.brucerecycling.com).

The County of Bruce will be hosting several Household Hazardous Waste Days in 2024. Watch local papers or our website for the 2024 dates and details.

### **Landfill and Yard Waste Sites**

Huron Landfill Site – 2087 Concession 6 East

Open Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed: Fri. March 29 and Sat. March 30, 2024 for Easter.

Did you know that Huron Landfill now recycles the following:

- Bale wrap, silage bags, bunker cover, baler twine (must be in Cleanfarm bags available at the landfill)
- Electronics & batteries (no car batteries)
- Expanded polystyrene (dense Styrofoam that is found in appliance and electronics packaging, NOT insulation or food packaging)
- Household recyclables, tires
- Mattresses and box springs for a fee
- Scrap steel and appliances (freon must be removed and CFC tagged)

Fees apply for other items disposed of at the landfill. Fees will be increasing as of April 1, 2024. As per the Huron Landfill site Certificate of Approval and Waste Management By-Law 2011-09, the Township is only able to accept materials from Township sources. Proof is required when disposing of items at the landfill site.

Kinloss Landfill Site – 690 Kairshea Ave  
Open Saturdays beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Yard Waste Depots**

2083 Concession 6 E – Just east of Huron Landfill  
907 Havelock St Lucknow – Just south of soccer fields

Open seasonally from mid-April to mid-November, weather dependent. These depots will be open to the public 24/7 during this time frame. Yard Waste Depots will accept leaves, grass, brush, and small branches (under 6"). No logs or stumps!

**Water Management**

Our Water System Operators require at least 48 hours' notice to turn water valves off/on. Please call the Township office if this service is required. Flushing occurs in the spring and fall and is an ongoing part of water system management. The Township highly recommends that all residents install back flow preventers on all outside taps.

The Huron-Kinloss water systems supply naturally occurring hard water. If you plan on using a water softener, please see our website for the hardness level in your area to set your softener correctly. Huron-Kinloss water systems indicate the presence of Sodium Chloride, Fluoride, and Barium (in Whitechurch). These are naturally occurring materials but can present health risks to some individuals. For more information see our website or contact Grey Bruce Public Health. Water sample results can be viewed at [huronkinloss.com/Water](http://huronkinloss.com/Water).

**Report a Problem**

If you have a problem to report such as a streetlight out, pothole, tree trimming or removal, snow removal issues, dogs at large, etc. please let us know. You may report these issues at any time through our website by clicking Report a Problem at the top right of each webpage, or download the Huron-Kinloss Connects mobile app.

**Taxes**

Property taxes are due on the first business day of March, June, September, and December. Late payments are subject to a penalty of 1.25 % per month.

**Payment Options:**

- Payments are accepted at most financial institutions, and include online banking, telephone banking and in-person payments.
- Payments are accepted at the Township office.  
\*Drop box - cheques only please.
- By Mail, P.O. Box 130, Ripley, ON N0G 2R0

- Pre-Authorized Payments: Due Date or Monthly Forms can be found at [www.huronkinloss.com](http://www.huronkinloss.com).

**Property Tax Bills "Go Paperless"**

The Township of Huron-Kinloss offers electronic delivery of property tax bills. By choosing this option, you will not receive a paper copy of your bill. To learn more please visit us online.

**Huron-Kinloss Sports & Recreation**

**Winter & Spring Fitness**

A variety of fitness classes for all ages and abilities are available in Lucknow, Ripley, and Point Clark. Please contact [recreation@huronkinloss.com](mailto:recreation@huronkinloss.com) for details. Indoor Pickleball continues through April at the Lucknow Community Centre, contact [lucrec@hurontel.on.ca](mailto:lucrec@hurontel.on.ca). Outdoor Pickleball in Point Clark begins in May.

**Ripley & Lucknow Summer Sports Registration**

Ripley Minor Baseball and Soccer registration runs until March 31, 2024. Information and forms can be found online at [huronkinloss.com/recreation](http://huronkinloss.com/recreation). Lucknow Minor Baseball and Soccer registration runs until March 15, 2024. Forms can be completed at [www.lucknowrec.ca](http://www.lucknowrec.ca).

**Ripley & Lucknow Summer Camps**

Ripley Wolf Cub Adventure Camp registration opens in February for 5 weeks of summer camp for ages 5-10. Each week will incorporate sports, crafts, adventure and more! Register at [huronkinloss.com/summer-camps](http://huronkinloss.com/summer-camps).

Lucknow Summer Sports Camp runs for 8 weeks in July & August. Registration and information can be found at [lucknowrecreation.com](http://lucknowrecreation.com).

**Lucknow Swimming Lessons**

Swimming lessons will be offered during July & August at the Lucknow Outdoor Pool. Registration and information can be found at [lucknowrecreation.com](http://lucknowrecreation.com).

**Connect With Us**

**Huron-Kinloss Phone Directory**

Municipal Office	519-395-3735
Toll-Free Municipal Office	844-395-3735
By-Law Enforcement	519-395-3844
Huron Landfill	519-395-3500
Ripley-Huron Community Centre	519-395-2909
Lucknow Arena	519-528-3002
Point Clark Lighthouse	519-395-2494
Point Clark Community Centre	519-395-3676
Ripley Library	519-395-5919
Lucknow Library	519-528-3011
Water Inquiries	519-524-6583
Public Works After Hours	1-866-299-5199
Open Air Burning Notification	1-800-511-9911

The Township uses a variety of tools to communicate with residents: local newspapers, posters, and semi-annual tax newsletters such as this are part of our toolkit. For information anytime, you can visit us online.

**For the Council Agenda calendar** visit [events.huron-kinloss.com/meetings](http://events.huron-kinloss.com/meetings).

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**For the Community Events calendar** visit [events.huron-kinloss.com/calendar](http://events.huron-kinloss.com/calendar).

**To engage with Township** projects, visit [haveyoursayhk.ca](http://haveyoursayhk.ca).