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An update on what's new in your Municipality

SUMMER 2020 NEWSLETTER

A Message from Mayor Robinson:

To say 2020 has been an unusual year in McDougall would be an understatement. COVID-19 has forced us to make some very difficult decisions to safeguard our residents and staff. McDougall Council wanted to find the right balance between safety and efficient operations of the Municipality including moving council meetings to a virtual format with recordings posted on our website for public viewing.

Even with all the precautions that had to be taken, the accomplishments have been many. Nobel Beach was expanded with an enlarged parking area and the beach upgraded. Our road improvement program continues again this year, and already Big Sound Road has been repayed. New building construction and new lot developments are set to surpass previous years. This points to the optimism and confidence in McDougall as a desirable place to live.

There have been some changes made to safeguard the community; The George Hunt Boat Launch has been restricted to McDougall residents only, and our popular swim program had to be suspended this year. The Municipal office has reopened to the public with restrictions in place, and COVID-19 safety protocols have been instituted throughout the municipality in all other departments as well.

On behalf of McDougall Council, I thank our hardworking staff and our understanding residents for working together to make the best of these difficult times. These efforts have ensured that McDougall is fully operational yet as safe as possible.



Dale Robinson, Mayor

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MUNICIPAL OFFICE

TRANSFER STATION

Mon/Tues/Sat: 8am-4pm Wed/Thurs: Closed Friday: 8am-8pm Sunday: 12pm-8pm Ph. (705) 746-1419

LANDFILL SITE Thanksgiving – April 30th Mon. - Fri: 8am-4pm 1st Sat of each month: 9am-1pm Sun: Closed

May 1st -Thanksgiving Mon. - Fri: 8am-4pm Sat: 9am-1pm Sun: Closed Ph. (705) 746-7170

ASSESSMENT INQUIRIES Questions about your assessment? Call MPAC

1-877-487-5448

BUILDING PERMITS Available at the **Municipal Office** or online. Ph. (705) 342-5252

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BUILDING REQUIREMENTS

Please keep in mind that there are several small construction projects that do require a permit through the Building Department. Some examples are:

- Decks (anything over 108 sq. ft., or smaller if attached to another building)
- Docks (any dock over 108 sq. ft.)
- Sheds (any shed over 108 sq. ft.)
- Renovations (dependent on scale of project)

Please also note that even if your small project does not require a permit, it must still conform to the current zoning bylaw provisions for the zoning on your lot (setbacks, lot coverage, etc.).

Permits for small projects are relatively inexpensive and keep the development on your property legal, giving you piece of mind for today and the future.

MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS DURING COVID-19

The Municipality of McDougall continues to work closely with the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit, West Parry Sound Area Municipalities, and community partners to monitor the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and respond appropriately.

We continue to follow the guidance of our local experts in Public Health. The situation is evolving and we are taking steps to help protect the health of our community.

Municipal operations have resumed, additional safety measures are in place including physical distancing, sanitation products and protective barriers. We encourage you to follow these protocols to help protect yourselves & others against the possible transmission of COVID-19.

Physical Distancing is the best way to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, please keep at least 2 metres apart while at McDougall facilities. Where physical distancing isn't possible, face coverings are to be worn.

For more information on Municipal operations, and COVID-19 safety measures please visit the McDougall website at <u>www.mcdougall.ca</u> or call the municipal office 705-342-5252

GREEN MUNICIPAL 2020 PERMITS.

You must have a 2020 sticker fixed to the front left side of the windshield, or in the case of a hanging tag, displayed on the rear view mirror or dash of your vehicle to access our transfer station, landfill site, George Hunt Boat Launch and parking area, and for use of overnight parking areas at certain municipal water access points.

In the case of long term rentals it is the landlord's (property owner) responsibility to give the tenant the stickers attached to that property.

Replacement stickers will be available for a fee of \$25.00, along with proof of residency/ ownership.

ROTARY COVID-19 GROCERY SHOPPING PROGRAM IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SOBEYS AND MCDOUGALL FIRE

The McDougall Fire Department has been assisting the Rotary Club of Parry Sound and Sobeys every Friday with making grocery deliveries to members of the community. This program aims to support vulnerable citizens, those in self-isolation, or people otherwise unable to complete their own shopping due to COVID-19. For more information on the Groceries Program please visit <u>www.portal.clubrunner.ca/217/Stories/grocery-delivery</u> or if you would like to volunteer please email <u>rotaryclubofparrysound@gmail.com</u>.



GEORGE HUNT BOAT LAUNCH

Please note that the George Hunt Boat Launch located at the end of George Hunt Memorial Drive is for McDougall Residents only. A municipal permit must be displayed at all times, not just for over night parking.

IN OFFICE AND ONLINE PAYMENT METHODS

Please be advised that the Municipality will no longer be accepting in office credit card payments. We will continue to accept debit, cash & cheque payments at the municipal office. Alternatively, cheques can be sent by mail or placed in the drop box located beside the front entrance to the Municipal Office. Please, do not mail or leave cash in the drop box.

Online payment can be made for property tax and utility bills either through your financial institution, or by credit card at <u>www.paysimply.ca</u>. Please note that your property tax account number is your 19 digit roll number found on your tax bill (beginning with the numbers 4931, do not include the decimal), and your utility bill account number is provided on your utility bill.

Building, landfill, and other municipal payments will only be accepted in office by cheque, cash or debit.

For more information on your payment options please call the Municipal Office at 705-342-5252