

**MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER 2010
TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
KERNS TWP.**



**A Community
Pulling Together**

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Office hours: Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Council meetings:

- Kerns Township Council Chambers
- 1st Tuesday of every month
- 8:00 p.m.
- meetings are open to the public

Reeve: Terry Phillips

Councillors: Stephen Aitchison Mark Lenover
Carter Seymour Terry Willard

PERFORMANCE MEASURES:

Please view our Performance Measures scoreboard on our web site at www.kerns.ca

AUDIT 2009

You will be able to view our Audit for 2009 on our web site at www.kerns.ca as soon as we receive it from our auditors.

ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS! ELECTIONS!

Persons wishing to seek elected municipal or local board office should read the relevant legislation and regulations for qualifications required for the office, e.g. the Municipal Act, 2001, the Education Act, and the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.

It is the responsibility of the candidate to determine whether he or she is qualified to be elected to an office.

Key Dates :

Nomination and campaign period begins : January 4, 2010
Nomination day (last day to be nominated) : September 10, 2010
Election day : October 25, 2010
Council term begins : December 1st, 2010

The term of office is for four (4) years for municipal council and school board trustees.



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

Council would like to recognize some outstanding citizens in the Township of Kerns that worked very hard and also made special donations to upgrade and beautify our Cemetery. Thank you to Huguette & Brian Pedersen who initiated the project, Jim Runnalls, Carter Seymour and Kevin Runnalls, our caretaker. We are proud of each and everyone of you for going beyond the call of duty! Thank you!

911 Service and Identification Numbers: The 911 service for emergency situations is available within the township. Your identification numbers are located on the blue sign by the road (6 digit numbers). Learn your identification number by heart and use it as much as possible on all your correspondence, along with your road name. ***Have your identification number and road name near your phone, in case of emergency.**

You are responsible for the sign with your identification numbers : make sure it is always visible all year round ... your life could depend on it.

Consent Granting Authority

Information on severance application must be directed to the Municipal Office.

Tile Drainage Debentures

Tile loans continue to be available at a 6% interest rate for a ten-year term. The maximum amount of loan available to an individual farmer in one year remains at \$50,000. Application forms are available at the municipal office.

Dog By-law 685:

Dogs are not allowed to run at large. Be a good neighbour and remember that you are responsible for your dog's actions and damages caused by your dog.

MUNICIPAL LANDFILL SITE
Hudson Township, Twin Lakes Road C#1

SUMMER HOURS: April 1st to October 31st

Monday - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WINTER HOURS: November 1st to March 31st

Wednesday - 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 pm.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Council has negotiated a new agreement with the Township of Hudson to share their landfill site. It is in the best interest of every one to manage our dump effectively. Please use the recyclable containers to dispose your recycling.

NEW INFORMATION: Since January 2010, the township has joined the Ontario Tire Stewardship Program. This means that we now take tires of all sizes at the Hudson Landfill site at no charge. There is a special area at the dump to drop your tires and the dump supervisor will direct you to it. The tires are picked-up periodically as the pile increases. For this program to be beneficial to the township, **ABSOLUTELY NO RIMS ON THE TIRES WILL BE ALLOWED.**

Garbage pick-up may be arranged for a fee, every Friday. Please call William Walker, Dump supervisor at 648-8644 (leave message).

WHY RECYCLE?

Recycling is very important for many reasons. Often we promote recycling as a way to keep waste out of landfill sites. Recycling reduces pollution and saves energy that would have been expended making products from “virgin” or unrecycled raw materials. Recycling helps the environment by slowing down the rate at which we have to bury garbage in landfill sites. Recycling helps by reducing our need to consume fresh natural resources to make new products. As a result, we save these resources for use for future generations. Most importantly, recycling saves energy and pollution. This could help slow down global climate change.

Thank you to everyone who is recycling. The recycling bins are at the Landfill Site. Please find included the revised and updated “**Recuperator’s Perfect Guide**” which includes the list of recycling items and the information on how to help you with the recycling process. **POST IT** where you can easily refer to it!

RECYCLE IT JUST MAKES SENSE!

COMPOST – SAVE SPACE AT THE LANDFILL SITE

Composting is easy. You don’t need any special knowledge or equipment, and it takes only a little extra effort to collect your wastes

and establish an active compost pile. Once you've got it going, it just takes care of itself.

For detailed information on composting, you can check the Internet under "compost"; you will find everything you need to know!

Building permits:

Building permits are required for the following:

- new buildings / prefabricated structures / additions / renovations where structural changes are made / heating systems (wood stove, etc) / chimneys / ventilation systems / plumbing / demolitions / patio decks

*You must obtain a building permit **before** you start any kind of construction. You must fill in an application for a building permit available at your municipal office or available to print off our web site at www.kerns.ca. Once completed, return the application with a \$50.00 deposit to the municipal office. The form will then be forwarded to our Chief Building Inspector. Mr. Clayton Seymour was hired to issue the building permits, do the inspections on site and answer questions relating to a construction project. For more information, you may reach him or leave a message at 563-2375.

Fees for any building permits are payable at the municipal office when receiving your building permit. The fee schedule for building permits is also available on our web site www.kerns.ca.

BY-LAW NO. 2004-10:

On May 4, 2004, Kerns Township council passed By-law No. 2004-10, "Being a By-law to regulate the use of All Terrain Vehicles" within the township. **You can use a four-wheeler to travel on municipal roads, providing you have a valid driver's licence, liability insurance and wear a helmet.** The Ontario Provincial Police have a copy of the By-law for their information and enforcement. For more information or details on the By-law, you can call or visit the municipal office during regular business hours.

Off-Road vehicles **MUST** have the specific equipment (e.g., working head lights, working tail lights, working brakes, reflectors, low-pressure bearing tires). Width and weight restrictions appropriate to type of vehicle.

ROADS DEPARTMENT

Guy Godmaire, Roads Superintendent
Garage phone: 563-2848 or 647-6322

Bales of hay and straw:

It is very important not to stockpile the bales of hay and straw too close to the road. These stockpiles are safety issues due to the reduced visibility and snow accumulation during the winter months. The Township is asking its residents to call the roads superintendent **before** piling any bales next to the road.

Replacement of culverts:

If you need to have any repairs done to a culvert, or are interested in making an entrance way to your property, please contact the office **before** starting any of the work.

The Township would like to thank everyone for their ongoing cooperation, patience and goodwill.

Our objective is to always try to work together with our rate payers. Thank you for working with us!!!

KERNS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Kerns Volunteer Fire Department is always looking for individuals interested in joining the fire department. If you are interested, please call Fire Chief, Mark Lenover. The Fire Department meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month at 8:00 p.m. at the Kerns Fire Hall.

Smoke Alarms : It's the Law!

Under the Ontario Fire Code, every home in Ontario is required to have working smoke alarms on every level of your home. Homeowners must ensure that smoke alarms are installed between sleeping and living areas. They are also required to maintain the smoke alarms in working order.

In rental accommodation, the obligation to install and maintain smoke alarms in operating condition falls to the landlord. Landlords must also provide smoke alarm maintenance information to the occupant of each unit.

It is an offence for any person to disable a smoke alarm. This requirement applies equally to homeowners, landlords and tenants.

Failure to comply with the Ontario Fire Code smoke alarm requirements could result in a ticket of \$235 or a fine of up to \$50,000 for individuals or \$100,000 for corporations..

Fire Permits:

Please be advised that since April 1st, 2009, all Kerns residents who plan on starting a fire to burn in an incinerator, brush piles, grass (yard), windrows, field/crops and fireworks have to get a **“FIRE PERMIT”**.

Fire permits are now mandatory between April 1st to October 31st. Permits are free of charge and may be obtained at the Municipal Office at 903303 Hanbury Rd. during regular office hours. A fire permit is not required for heating or cooking (campfire).

YOU MUST FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS ON YOUR FIRE PERMITS : DO NOT BURN DURING THE DAY!!!

If you don't follow the terms and conditions of your permit, you could be charged by the MNR and upon conviction, shall be subject to a fine of up to \$1,000.00 exclusive of costs. You must phone the Fire Dispatch Office at 647-6360 **before** starting to burn.

****** If there is a fire restriction or fire ban by MNR and/or Fire Department, no burning is permitted , no permits will be issued and all permits previously issued before the fire ban will be cancelled.***

Fire tip: The burning of windrows is to be done after October 31st.

**PLASTIC AND PLASTIC BAGS ARE
NOT ALLOWED TO BE BURNED**

NOTE: If a fire gets out of control on your property and MNR has to intervene, whether you have a fire permit or not, you are responsible for your fire and the cost of MNR assistance will be charged to the owner.

Carbon Monoxide

What is it? How can I eliminate sources of CO in my Home? Carbon Monoxide Detectors? Where Do I Put a CO Detector? These and other questions on Carbon Monoxide can be found on the “pink” sheets included with this newsletter, for your information.

Need information on emergency situations, emergency preparedness guide, emergency survival kit or any other emergency subject, please look up *Emergency Management Ontario* site at www.emergencymanagementontario.ca.

To get information on different security features, you can visit The Office of the Fire Marshal web site at: www.ofm.gov.on.ca.

FIRE ESCAPE PLAN

The Kerns Volunteer Fire Department encourages all residents to develop a home fire escape plan today ... It could save your life tonight! You will find enclosed a “salmon” sheet insert about FIRE ESCAPE PLAN.

YOUTH BASEBALL

Summer 2010 is going to be another successful summer for slo-pitch baseball in Kerns Township. There are a lot of kids registered in T-ball, the 8-10 age group, the 11-13 age group and the 14-17 age group. T-Ball plays on Monday night, 8-10 on Tuesdays, 11-13 on Wednesdays and the 14-17 on Thursdays and all home games are at the Milberta Ball Park at 7:00 p.m. The coach for T-ball and 8-10 age group is Rachel Neill, the coach for 11-13 age group is Kim Jibb and the coach for the 14-17 age group is Mark Wilson. The kids will be playing 10 regular season games and will end the season with a tournament in Dymond in mid-August.

KERNS TOWNSHIP RECREATION COMMITTEE
RINK UPGRADE PROJECT

Please find enclosed herewith a letter from the Kerns Township Recreation Committee about a “Rink Upgrade Project” along with a Donation Form sheet. Please read it carefully and if you wish to make a donation, please use the self-addressed envelope to return your generous gift.

KERNS HALL - RENTAL

The newly renovated Kerns Hall is available for use to the members of the community for a fee of \$30.00 per day/night. To make reservations, please call the Township Office at 647-5439. Thanks to Marjorie and Chris for keeping our hall sparkling clean!

DEFIBRILLATOR

The District of Timiskaming Social Services Administration Board’s Emergency Medical Services (DTEMS) in partner with the Ontario Heart and Stroke Foundation has worked under a provincial program to place Public Access Defibrillators in public buildings.

The Township of Kerns has been a recipient of such an equipment and it has been installed at the Kerns Hall.

This equipment, called an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) will help a victim in a cardiac arrest situation.

This machine can monitor heart rhythms. It can tell if the heart has stopped beating effectively. If required, the machine can then deliver an electric shock to the heart. Most of the time, this shock will restart the heart.

AEDs save lives

About 40,000 Canadians experience cardiac arrest every year. That’s one cardiac arrest every 12 minutes. Defibrillation improves survival rates by up to 30% if delivered in the first few minutes. With each passing minute, the probability of survival declines by 7 to 10%. Making defibrillators easily accessible has the potential to save thousands of lives.

Get trained

Only people who have been trained to use an AED and who are authorized to use the machine can do so. In the hands of someone who

is trained, it is very effective in saving the lives of those experiencing cardiac arrest. The Heart and Stroke Foundation is working diligently to ensure widespread access to AEDs in homes and workplaces, and in public areas such as airports, airplanes, and casinos. The Foundation is also urging anyone in close contact with those at high-risk of cardiac arrest – family members, police, firefighters, flight attendants and security guards – to become trained in the use of AEDs.

GROUPS AND SERVICES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Milberta Community Women: To improve community living. Meeting every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30p.m., except July and August. Contact Betty Jibb at 563-2859 or Chris Brazeau at 647-7711.

Youth Group (associated with Thornloe Crossroads Baptist Church): A christian based group of parents who organize activities for children from grade 5 and up. For more information, please contact Jennifer and Carter Seymour at 563-2469 or Diane and Martin Jarvis at 647-7642. The group meets every Friday night from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Kerns Lioness Club: Fund raising to help the local members of the community. The Club meets every 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30p.m. at the Kerns Hall (except July and August).

Kerns Kountry Klub - Seniors: Different activities such as bazaar and tea, Christmas dinner, luncheons for funerals, etc. Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month, from October to April at 12:00 p.m. starting with a pot luck lunch. From May to October, the Club meets at 7:30 p.m.

The Township of Kerns would like to thank the Kerns Lions Club for all their fund raising through the years to help residents in need within the community, and outlying areas. THANK YOU!!!

Special Annoucement:

Fishing anyone??? The Ontario Family Fishing Weekend has now become a **nine-day event to run from Saturday, July 3rd through Sunday, July 11, 2010, as a licence-free fishing week.** Enjoy!!

AN INVITATION FROM THE HUDSON LIBRARY

It's called Hudson Library, but it's open to everyone in Hudson, Kerns, Harley, Dymond and beyond. We've had a few people drop in recently who were surprised to learn this. If you like to read and you haven't been into see us yet, please come in! You will be impressed. We have over 3700 catalogued books and videos on our shelves. There is something there for everyone. We have picture books for children, stories for older kids, lots of adult fiction, biographies and a growing collection of non-fiction.

In addition to our regular collection, we get regular rotation of adult and children's books and videos from the New Liskeard Library. And we also have a computer equipped with high-speed Internet available for public use.

Most of our books and videos have been donated but that doesn't mean they are all old. We get many donations of recently published books in pristine condition. Since opening our doors in April of 2006, we've had over 2500 visitors and have leant out over 2700 items and have over 200 library members. Not bad for a little county library, eh? Come on in! You are sure to find something by your favourite author. And check out our magazine table - all magazines are free for the taking!

This year, thanks to the receipt of special funding, we will be enhancing the children's section and making it way more fun for the small fry to check out what's there for them. We will also be expanding our fiction section with better shelving to maximize space.

So drop in soon to the Hudson Library, located at Hudson Hall. Our hours are Monday and Wednesday from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm and Saturdays from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Hope to see you soon. You can also check our website at www.hudsonlibrary.ca/

Looking for information on **BEARS**, please visit the Ministry of Natural Resources web site at www.bears.mnr.gov.on.ca or call at 1-866-514-2327.

If you have livestock killed by bears, you must contact Daniel Tasse, your OMAFRA representative at 647-2085.

DEAD STOCK DISPOSAL

In Ontario, OMAFRA regulates the disposal of dead farm animals through the *Dead Animal Disposal Act*.

Under the Act, farmers have 3 legal options for disposing of their dead stock:

1. Through a licenced dead stock collector.
2. Burial of the carcass under 2 feet of soil away from watercourses.
3. Composting of certain carcasses (small), under 2 feet of organic dry matter, in a properly designed composter.

Under the Act, livestock must dispose of their dead stock within 48 hours of death. Proper disposal is especially important to prevent the spread of disease, and to prevent environmental contamination.

Where burial is used, it must be conducted in an environmentally responsible way to prevent contamination of surface and soil water as well as being deep enough to prevent predators and rodents from

excavating the carcass. Composting must be conducted properly to prevent odour, to prevent leaching of product into the soil or surface water and to provide a complete breakdown of the animal. If composting, sawdust is one of the best medium to fix with mortalities @ 1 kg sawdust per 1 kg of mortalities. Two fact sheets are available from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food to help producers with dead stock disposal:

1. Proper Burial Techniques for Small Farm Animals and Poultry Mortalities under 25 kg
2. On-farm Composting of Livestock and Poultry Mortalities

To obtain these forms, visit the Ministry of Agriculture's web site at: www.omafra.gov.on.ca

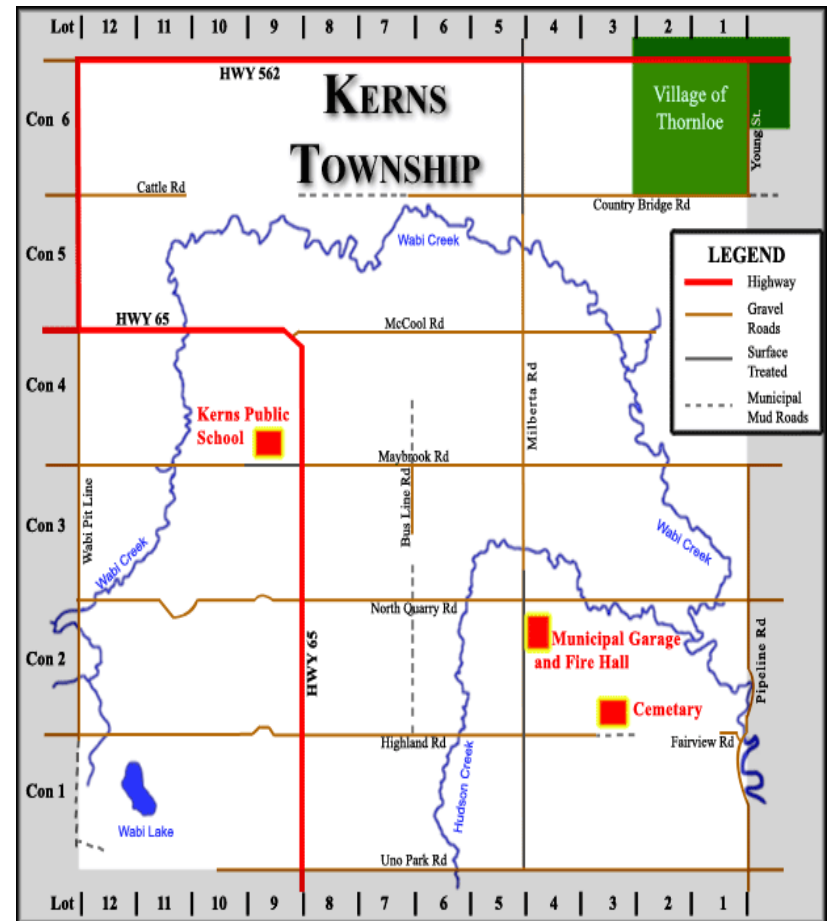
FUNDING

The Township of Kerns was approved for the following fundings for 2009:

- Rural Investment Initiative Fund \$117,400.00
- Infrastructure Stimulus Fund \$120,400.00
- Federal Gas Tax Fund \$ 23,400.00

All of the above funds went to different projects within the township and will be completed in 2010.

HERE IS A MAP OF THE TOWNSHIP OF KERNS
FOR YOUR INFORMATION.



All the Concession Roads and the Road Names are indicated on the map for easier referral.