

# Newsletter

March 2018

Larder Lake Township

## \*\*\*\*\*Easter Holiday Office Hours\*\*\*\*\*

**The Township Office will be closed**

Good Friday, March 30, 2018

and

Easter Monday, April 2, 2018

Regular hours will resume Tuesday, April 3, 2018

## \*\*\*\*\*2018 Property Tax Discount\*\*\*\*\*

The Township of Larder Lake is pleased to announce to all property owners the approval of a Discount to anyone who wishes to **prepay their 2018 Property Taxes**. The discounts are as follows:

<b>January 2018</b>	<b>3.0 %</b>
<b>February 2018</b>	<b>2.0 %</b>
<b>March 2018</b>	<b>1.0 %</b>

## \*\*\*\*\*Public Notice\*\*\*\*\*

### **Revision of Call Out Services for Sewer Backups and Frozen Services**

The Township of Larder Lake has recently amended its response procedures for sewer backups and frozen water service lines. As most water and sewer service problems originate on privately owned property, these should be addressed by private contractors, not the Municipality.

The Municipality will be directing property owners with sewer backups and/or frozen waterlines to contact a private contractor to address their problem.

## \*\*\*\*\*Reminder Notice\*\*\*\*\*

**A REMINDER TO ALL RESIDENTS; IF YOU HAVE EVER EXPERIENCED PROBLEMS WITH FROZEN WATER PIPES, PLEASE BE SURE TO LEAVE A TAP RUNNING CONSTANTLY IN YOUR HOME THROUGHOUT THE WINTER MONTHS.**

## \*\*\*\*\*Winter Parking on Streets\*\*\*\*\*

**Please be advised that from November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, residents are asked not to park on the streets from 12:00 midnight to 8:30 a.m.** All vehicles are to be parked inside the Township pole lines and the owner's property. Should we be required to do plowing at these hours, we will have your vehicles towed away at the owner's expense. The Township also wishes to advise residents that during daytime hours when the Works Department is snow plowing the streets, any vehicle parked on the street interfering with the snow plowing, and the flow of traffic, will also be towed at the owner's expense. We would greatly appreciate your cooperation by not parking on the street when there is a snow storm.

## \*\*\*\*\*Winter Snow Removal\*\*\*\*\*

The Township would like to remind all residents that it is an offence to put snow from your property onto town streets. Anyone caught putting snow on the streets will be charged with littering. It is suggested that you contact the local snow removal contractors to have your snow hauled away to avoid any obstructed view on corners and driveways. The Township of Larder Lake would appreciate everyone's cooperation in this matter.

**\*\*\*\*\*Winter Landfill Hours\*\*\*\*\***

Effective October 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018

**Thursday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Public Works will only pick up household garbage. All non-household garbage must be delivered to the landfill site. If after 24 hours the Public Works has to pick up non-household garbage, you will be invoiced to cover the cost. **Only during clean-up week will the Public Works deliver non-household garbage to the landfill site.**

**\*\*\*\*\*Recycling Dates\*\*\*\*\***

The Next Recycling Dates are as follows:

**Tuesday, March 6, 2018**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

**Tuesday, April 3, 2018**

Please help with ongoing fundraising for the Ski Hill by donating your empties. At any time, liquor/beer/wine bottles and cans can be donated directly at the Co-op or call 643-2141 for pick-up. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE "SKI HILL" NO LONGER ACCEPTS POP CAN DONATIONS.**

**\*\*\*\*\*2018 Dog & Cat Tags\*\*\*\*\***

2018 Dog & Cat Tags are available at the Township Office at a cost of \$20.00 per tag. The deadline for buying dog & cat tags is February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 after this date the tags will cost \$30.00. Pet owners should give this matter their immediate attention to avoid a fine and an increasing tag fee.

**\*\*\*\*\*Friends of Larder\*\*\*\*\***

If anyone is interested in volunteering at any future events, please contact our committee. This is a great way for high school students to earn their 40 hours of volunteer work.

Check us out on Facebook at the "Friends of Larder" page or e-mail us at [friendsoflarder@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoflarder@gmail.com). The Friends of Larder continues to thank Larder Lake for your support!

Friends of Larder Committee: Jason Georgeoff, Tom Armstrong, Carolyn Williams, Angie Carter, Pamela Emmell-Blackburn, Rene Fournier, Brenda Fournier, Sara Boisvert, Amber Cairns, Stefanie Aitchison and Samantha Sanderson.

**\*\*\*\*\*Larder Lake Fire Department\*\*\*\*\***



**\*\*\*\*\*Questions/Concerns\*\*\*\*\***

To assist the Municipal Council and Staff, we remind everyone that Councilors cannot make decisions outside of Council Chambers. All concerns and/or complaints must be reported to the Municipal Office where the Administrative Staff can assist in addressing the concern. If Staff cannot resolve the concern, please put in writing so the concern can be placed on the next Council Agenda for Council to review. Public Works complaints must be reported to the Administrative Office and recorded. If the concern cannot be resolved by the Administrative Staff, a work-order will be created and forwarded to the Works Department.

For **EMERGENCIES**, please contact **Public Works 705-643-6000**

For animal control issues, please contact: **Bruce Green 705-643-6040**

For civil issues, please contact: **Ontario Provincial Police 1-888-310-1122**

**\*\*\*\*\*Larder Lake Public Library\*\*\*\*\***

**MARCH BREAK ACTIVITIES**

**Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - ANIMAL BINGO** – Children ages 12 and under are invited to join us for an afternoon of Animal Bingo from 2:00 – 3:00. Games start at 2:00 sharp! Prizes will be awarded!

**Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - POPCORN & MOVIE NIGHT** - Children ages 12 and under are invited to come for popcorn and a movie 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> - E-RESOURCES FOR ADULTS** - Everyone is invited to join us for an introduction to our new E-Resources starting at 1:30.

**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> - E-RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN** – Everyone is invited to join us for an introduction to our new children’s E-Rresources starting at 1:30

**Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – POPCORN & MOVIE NIGHT** - Children ages 12 and under are invited to come for popcorn and a movie 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> - COMPUTER HELP FOR ADULTS. 1:30 – 3:30**

As per Library Board policy, all children ages 7 and under must be accompanied by a caregiver at all times while in the Library.

**Adult Card Nights**

Adults are invited to come out to the Library and join in on a game of Quiddler on Tuesday evenings @ 6:00 p.m.

**Easter Craft Night**

The Easter Craft Night will be held on **Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018** at 6:30 p.m. sharp. Children ages 7 and under must be accompanied by a caregiver, as per Library Board policy.

**\*\*\*\*\*Tourism Committee\*\*\*\*\***

The Council of Larder Lake wishes to develop a Tourism Committee and is seeking interested individuals. The structure of the committee will include one (1) Municipal Council Representative and a minimum of four (4) residents. The purpose of the Tourism Committee will be to promote and encourage local tourism efforts within the Town of Larder Lake.

We ask that interested individuals complete and submit an application for appointment. Applications are available online at [larderlake.ca](http://larderlake.ca) – Administration/Applications & Forms/Application to serve on committees. Applications are also available at the Municipal Office.

For additional information please contact the Municipal Office at (705) 643-2158 or via email at [info@larderlake.ca](mailto:info@larderlake.ca)

**\*\*\*\*\*Recreation Committee\*\*\*\*\***

The Council of Larder Lake wishes to develop a Recreation Committee and is seeking interested individuals. The structure of the committee will include one (1) Municipal Council Representative and a minimum of four (4) residents. The purpose of the Recreation Committee will be to enhance the quality of life for children/youth within the Town of Larder Lake by providing recreational and social programs. We ask that interested individuals complete and submit an application for appointment. Applications are available online at [larderlake.ca](http://larderlake.ca) – Administration/Applications & Forms/Application to serve on committees. Applications are also available at the Municipal Office. For additional information please contact the Municipal Office at (705) 643-2158 or via email at [info@larderlake.ca](mailto:info@larderlake.ca)

**\*\*\*\*\*New Larder Lake Facebook Page\*\*\*\*\***

The Township of Larder Lake is happy to announce that we are officially on Facebook! Our Facebook page serves to inform the public of any news, events etc. Please like and follow our page at Larder Lake Township ☺

**\*\*\*\*\*New Skating Rink\*\*\*\*\***

The new skating rink is now open for public use and is located at the rear of the municipal complex with access from Sixth Avenue. There are no organized or scheduled programs, although hockey nets, lighting and shovels are on site, so feel free to go for a skate at your convenience. Please use at your own risk as the facility is unsupervised.

**\*\*\*\*\*19<sup>th</sup> Annual Ice Fishing Derby\*\*\*\*\***

**Come on out and join us** for a great day of family fishing and fun at the Larder Lake Fish Derby's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Derby Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**ENTRY FEE: ADULTS \$25.00 EA.**

FISH from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. "**Live**" Weigh in" is at the Legion on 31 Market St.

**Children's Derby age 12 and under Category.**

Entry fee \$2.00

Cash prizes and trophies to be given out. Sponsored by: TECK INSURANCE BROKERS LTD

**Prizes to be given out starting at 4:00 p.m. at the Larder Lake Municipal Complex.**

There will be food and refreshments available. Tickets are available at True Centre Muffler, Cheminis Lodge, Larder Sports and Marine, Larder Lake Co-op Store and the Muddy Moose Restaurant.

Come on out for a great day on the lake!

**\*\*\*\*\*Larder Lake Sports Committee\*\*\*\*\***

Activity times scheduled for March 2018 are as follows:

Monday, March 19 - between 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. ages 7 and up

Monday, March 26 - between 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. ages 7 and up

Thursday, March 29 - between 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. ages 7 and up

All individuals who attend are reminded to bring indoor shoes with none marking soles. If you wish to volunteer and assist, please contact James Marcotte at 705-643-2272 or 705-568-7848 for information.

## \*\*\*\*\*Summer Student Employment\*\*\*\*\*

In preparation for Summer Student Employment, the Township of Larder Lake will be accepting resumes for the following positions:

- Public Works
- Tourist Centre Attendant
- Beach Attendant
- Youth Activity Coordinator
- Office Administration Position



Please drop off your resumes at the Larder Lake Municipal Complex, email to [info@larderlake.ca](mailto:info@larderlake.ca), or fax 705-643-2311. Only those selected will be contacted.

The deadline for Public Works Laborers and Office Administrative Clerk applications are March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018. All other applications are due by May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

The Township of Larder Lake is committed to employment equity and encourages applications from women, Aboriginal people, persons with disabilities and visible minorities.

The Township of Larder Lake is committed to an inclusive, barrier-free selection process. If contacted regarding this competition, please advise the interview coordinator of disability related accommodation measures you may require during our selection process. Information received regarding disability related accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

## \*\*\*\*\*Temporary Employment Opportunity\*\*\*\*\*

The Township of Larder Lake will be accepting resumes for the position of Youth Activity Coordinator. The full-time job will involve planning and implementing the Township's youth centre program from June 25, 2018 to August 31, 2018. Standard first aid CPR/AED along with a related post-secondary education and experience working with youth would be considered assets. The deadline to apply is May 25, 2018.

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## \*\*\*\*\*Canada Day Festivities\*\*\*\*\*

The Township of Larder Lake is seeking persons or groups to organize and run this year's Canada Day festivities. We had an excellent turn out last year and we are looking forward to hosting it again this year with your assistance. We need volunteers like you to make our community rich with programs for all ages. If you would like to be part of this success please contact the Township office at 643-2158 or email [info@larderlake.ca](mailto:info@larderlake.ca)

**\*\*\*\*\*Larder Lake Ski Hill\*\*\*\*\***

The Ski Hill will be open for extended hours during the March Break, conditions permitting. Holiday rates will be \$5.00 for children aged 5 and under and \$10.00 for everyone else. Hours will be as follows;

Saturday, March 10: CLOSED (for the Larder Lake Ice Fishing Derby)

Sunday, March 11: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monday, March 12: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 14: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 15: 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 16: 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 17: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 18: 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

For up-to-date information on closures and business hours, please refer to the Ski Hill Facebook page or call Tracey at 705-643-2141. Hope to see you at the hill!!

**\*\*\*\*\*Uncertain Future of our Community Church\*\*\*\*\***

Our Lady of the Lake Parish has been an integral part of Larder Lake for the past 90 years. It is the only remaining church still present and active in our community, offering a number of services to its residents and their families.

However, our church is now facing critical times; due to a precarious financial situation, its future is uncertain. Many former parishioners are no longer with us: some have deceased, others have moved away, while still others, for various reasons, have stopped being involved. Consequently, our numbers have greatly diminished over the years, leaving us at this time with an average attendance of 10 (most of them elderly) on Sundays.

The financial burden (not to mention the workload) has become extremely heavy for our very small congregation. And yet, the church continues (and hopes to be able to continue) to be present and to offer its services, not only for the benefit of regular churchgoers but also the community at large. Baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals and a number of other celebrations are regularly held at our church, in addition to Sunday worship, for the benefit of the whole community. Also, activities organized by the regional health services agency (Centre de santé communautaire du Timiskaming) are currently offered in space provided by the church (rectory).

Various fundraising events (bazaars, yard sales, community dinners, meat pie sales) have been organized successfully over the years, with wonderful support from the residents of the community of Larder Lake and surroundings. These activities have helped with the shortfall in our finances associated with the dwindling number of parishioners who contribute to our operating budget through their offerings. Unfortunately, these efforts are no longer sufficient to meet all the costs associated with keeping the church going, such as maintenance, heating, hydro, insurance and so on. We are therefore appealing to each member of our community to consider lending some assistance of any kind to ensure the survival of our community church. Financial contributions of any amount would be greatly appreciated and these can be designated to a specific purpose (for example, heating), if one so chooses. Cheques can be written to "Our Lady of the Lake Parish" and sent to: P.O.Box 340, Larder Lake, ON, P0K 1L0. Other ways of helping are: regular maintenance (snow shoveling, grass cutting, small repairs, cleaning, painting), office work, participation on finance committee or pastoral committee, or other. If you wish to offer your services, or have any question in this regard, please do not hesitate to call the church at 705 643-2489, or contact directly our pastor, Fr. Stéphane Kazadi Sanga at 705 567-3063.

Thank you for your support over the years. And thank you so much for your consideration in this important matter. May God bless you!

"Together we can make our community better"

**Joint Finance and Pastoral Committee – Our Lady of the Lake Church**