



November 2017

Water Bill information BULLETIN

Town of Wasaga Beach | 30 Lewis Street, Wasaga Beach, ON | (P) 705-429-3844 | (F) 705-429-6732

Enclosed is your water bill for the months of September and October 2017. If your water bill indicates a balance forward, it's important to note that interest has been calculated to the current billing date. Interest will be applied at 1.25% on the first day of each month thereafter. For your convenience, your water bill can be paid in the comfort of your home through online banking.

Please contact the Water Clerk at (705) 429-3844 ext. 2245 if you experience any of the following:

- If the property was **occupied** during this billing cycle but both the **Previous and Current Read are the same**.
- If the current bill reflects 'Flat Rate Residential' water/sewer rates.



INTRODUCING E-RECEIPTS

Now when you visit Town Hall to make a payment you can receive your receipt via email. Ask a Customer Service Representative for further details.

The town is also offering paperless water and tax bills.

Sign up for e-billing and receive your bills via e-mail. If you would like to sign up for this option please e-mail ebilling@wasagabeach.com and include the following:

- 1 The subject line should state the municipal property address, starting with the street name. For example, Main Street 123.
- 2 The body of the e-mail should state your name and phone number.
- 3 The e-mail must come from the e-mail address you want the bill sent to.

If you have questions, call us at 705-429-3844.

WATER TURN OFF – If you are a seasonal resident and wish to have your water turned off please contact the Public Works Department to schedule an appointment. Call 705-429-2540 ext. 2305 or e-mail h.kenney@wasagabeach.com.

Message from the Mayor

We are now well into fall and council is hard at work on the draft 2018 budget.

I am happy to tell you the tax rate increase is now around the three percent mark and council is working hard at getting that number down to around two percent.

The budget is the most important business that your council looks after each year as it formally identifies priorities for the next 12 months, as well as long-range plans.

While the budget is not yet finalized, there are some elements council is considering that I want to share with you.

The draft includes \$2.5-million to commence the design and engineering for the new arena, indoor recreation space, and library – elements that are proposed to make up the community hub in the new downtown.

Other investments that are a part of the budget at this point in the process include \$40,000 for a roads needs study, \$50,000 for streetlights, \$50,000 for traffic lights, \$6,000 for a non-fixed radar sign, \$200,000 for the Sunnidale Road water main replacement project, \$1-million for the Mapleside Drive servicing and road construction project, and \$687,000 for the 62nd and 63rd streets and Shore Lane storm water management project.

As well, I am excited to report that we are moving ahead with plans to launch an after-hours medical clinic. Recently, your council approved funding in the 2018 draft budget for the operation of an after-hours clinic on a one-year trial basis. The approval was granted prior to council formally adopting the annual budget in order to allow for the immediate recruitment of physicians and administrative staff at the clinic.

More about the budget will be available in the weeks ahead on our website at www.wasagabeach.com. And keep an eye on our website for more details about the after-hours clinic.

I also want to tell you about the County of Simcoe's affordable housing project in Wasaga Beach.

The \$30-million investment will result in a four-storey, 99-unit building on Zoo Park Road next year. This is badly needed in our town and I'm happy to report it's going to be a reality. Recently, the county hosted a public information meeting about the project. You can learn more about the initiative on the county website at www.simcoe.ca.



I want to take a moment now to thank our veterans for their service to Canada. Remembrance Day is one of the most important dates on our calendar and I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the sacrifice that so many made for this great country.

Because of its close proximity to CFB Borden, Wasaga Beach has always enjoyed a special relationship with the military and for that we are fortunate.

It's my distinct honour each year as mayor to place a wreath at our cenotaph in memory of those no longer with us. I want to thank the Royal Canadian Legion, Stayner Branch, for the tremendous job it does organizing our service.

As always, it's a great privilege to serve as your mayor and work on your behalf. Please feel free to contact me or any other member of council if there is any way we can help.

Wasaga Beach is truly one of the best places to live and I am so proud of the people who call our community home. So many individuals contribute to our town in such meaningful ways. On behalf of all members of council, I thank you for your good work.

Sincerely,

Brian Smith,
Mayor.



Follow us on social media

If you use Facebook and Twitter then please follow us for accurate information about the Town of Wasaga Beach. On Facebook, you can find our page by searching for "Town of Wasaga Beach," and on Twitter our handle is @WB_Media. We share information almost daily.



In print

Each week the Town of Wasaga Beach publishes information in The Sun newspaper. Please make a point of reviewing the town pages. You'll find information about meetings, tender notices, programs, and much more. The information changes weekly so please review each edition.



On the web

Our website can be found at www.wasagabeach.com. On the site you'll find all kinds of information, including agendas, how to reach members of council, news releases, contact details for departments, and schedules for town sanctioned community events. There's also a link to Rogers Television, where you can watch recorded council meetings. Check the site regularly to stay up-to-date on the town.



YouTube

Our Coordinated Committee meetings, and our Committee of the Whole meetings, are available for viewing on our YouTube channel. Search "Town of Wasaga Beach" to find the channel and the meeting you wish to watch.



Call us!

Need help with something related to the town? You can call us and one of our customer service representatives will direct you to the right department. Our friendly and knowledgeable staff can be reached by telephoning 705-429-3844.



Members of Wasaga Beach town council hosted a flag-raising ceremony on Oct. 12 for members of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery, 2nd Canadian Mechanized Brigade. The troops trained in town Oct. 11-15.

Water Billing Schedule:

Due Date:	Billing Period:
April 21, 2017	January – February 2017
June 21, 2017	March – April 2017
August 21, 2017	May – June 2017
October 21, 2017	July – August 2017
December 21, 2017	September – October 2017
February 21, 2018	November – December 2017

* Please note where the set due dates noted fall on a holiday or weekend the payment due date is defined as the next business day.

Wasaga Beach Events 2017



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Saturday, Nov. 25

The Bright Lights, Santa Claus Parade runs from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. The parade starts at Dunkerron Avenue and ends at the RecPlex on Mosley Street. Tree lighting at 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Oakview Woods. For more information, visit www.wasagabeach.com.

Sunday, Nov. 26

Funderland takes place at the RecPlex on Mosley Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Fun for local children. The event is free to attend, however, donations for the Wasaga Beach Ministerial Food Bank are welcome. Funderland includes face painting, a bouncy castle, crafts, and much more. To learn more visit www.wasagabeach.com.

Feb. 16-Feb. 19

Snowman Mania takes place all over town. Keep an eye on www.wasagabeach.com as well as our Facebook page to learn more.