



January 2019

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 November and December 2018. 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.



E-RECEIPTS AND BILLING

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.

Message from the Mayor

On behalf of council and staff at the Town of Wasaga Beach, I want to wish everyone in our community a Happy New Year.

I hope you had a Merry Christmas with family and friends. The holiday season is a wonderful opportunity to spend time with loved ones.

This promises to be an exciting year for our community. We have so much happening that we can take great pride in.

One of the highlights is the new County of Simcoe Affordable Housing project on Zoo Park Road. The construction phase will be complete later this year and it will be wonderful to see a new neighbourhood come to life when families move into the units.

This 99-unit facility will provide much-needed housing in our community. I want to thank the County of Simcoe for making this investment in our town. The municipality is happy to be a partner in the project.

Another exciting development we expect to see this year is a casino site chosen. Gateway Casinos and Entertainment Ltd. will select where it wants to build a casino in our community and we look forward to learning what they decide.

The casino will provide exciting job opportunities and the facility will be a fun attraction for visitors as well as residents.

On the financial front, council is busy working with staff to create the 2019 municipal budget.

Our first budget meeting took place shortly before Christmas. Right now, the draft operating budget sits at \$39.7-million. The capital budget, representing money earmarked for municipal infrastructure projects, sits at \$26.6-million.

At this point in the process, the budget includes a 5.71 percent municipal tax rate increase.

The numbers I have outlined will change in the weeks ahead as council makes decisions about priorities for 2019 and beyond. Still, I am sharing the current budget information with you to give you a sense of where we are at with this important annual exercise.

You can learn more about the budget process by attending our meetings, or by reading our Budget Update bulletins. You can also watch and listen to the discussion we have by viewing our budget meetings on our YouTube channel. Simply search "Town of Wasaga Beach" on YouTube and then choose the meeting you wish to view.

Council is also busy meeting with staff to establish our goals and priorities for this term. We will be sharing more on this soon. I encourage you to keep an eye on our website and social media channels for more details.

I also want to share with you some information about the downtown and beachfront lands. Council has decided to take a review of these lands. In December, council agreed to let the Letter of Intent with FRAM Building Group Ltd. lapse as a first step in the review process.

Council has requested that staff and I reach out to FRAM to determine the company's interest in working with the town, and other prospective developers, in the future development of town held lands on Main Street and at the beachfront.

We will be reporting to council at the end of February.

I am happy to tell you I have spoken to Mr. Frank Giannone, president of FRAM, and



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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.

Alternative formats of this newsletter are available upon request.

Mayor's Message con't

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our discussion was positive. We look forward to continued dialogue.

Developing the downtown and beachfront lands is something council takes seriously and we must ensure we get this right. We have a new council with new ideas and it is our hope that we can find the right development partners to work with council in creating developments that are acceptable to our community.

On a lighter note, we have great fun planned for February. Snowman Mania takes place Feb. 15-18. The annual four-day winter carnival will include a wide variety of entertainment throughout the town.

Finally, please note you can always contact my office by calling 705-429-3844, ext. 2225, or through e-mail at mayor@wasagabeach.com.

Again, on behalf of council, I wish you all the best for 2019.

Sincerely,
Nina Bifulchi, Mayor.

You can pay online

You can now pay your water bill and tax bill online by visiting www.wasagabeach.com. Click on the "Pay Tax and Water Bills" link at the bottom of our main page and follow the instructions. It's hassle free and your payment is made within two to three business days. If you have questions, call the Treasury Department at 705-429-3844.

Wasaga Beach Events 2019

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Feb. 15-18

Snowman Mania, now in its 14th year, features four days of festival activities and great entertainment. This year we have the Celtic rock group the MudMen and the very talented local country artist Rebecca Rain. We have the SuperDogs, a new Vendor Village, fireworks, the Great Canadian Lumberjacks, Toronto Maple Leafs Fan Zone, the chilli cook-off, great community partners, Rock-Solid Wrestling, and much more. Other activities include a pancake breakfast, ball hockey, showshoeing, and tobogganing. Events take place throughout Wasaga Beach. For more details, visit www.wasagabeach.com/smm.

April 20

Easter Eggstravaganza takes place in Wasaga Beach. The fun happens from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the RecPlex, 1724 Mosley St. We'll have the Easter Bunny on scene, there will be an egg hunt at 11 a.m., and several other activities for children during the big day. For additional details, check out the Special Events section of www.wasagabeach.com.

Water Billing Schedule:

Due Date:	Billing Period:
mid-April	January – February
late-June	March – April
mid-August	May – June
mid-October	July – August
mid-December	September – October
mid-February	November – December

* 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.