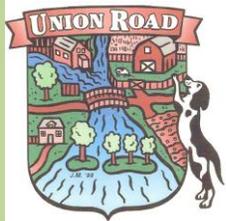


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What's New from Your Community Council?

☞ Councillor Jacqui MacLaren

It was with deep regret that Council accepted the resignation of Councillor Jacqui MacLaren in October 2017. We wish Jacqui all the best. This resignation now leaves two (2) Councillor positions vacant. Council has set the date of Wednesday, March 14, 2018 @ 7:30 p.m. to fill these vacant seats on Council until the November 5, 2018 general municipal election.

☞ Official Community Plan and Zoning & Development (Subdivision) Bylaw Review

Over the past year Council has been conducting a comprehensive review of Union Road's Official Plan and Zoning & Development (Subdivision) Bylaw. A final draft is nearing completion for review by Municipal Affairs. The next step in the process is to present these draft documents to the residents of Union Road at an Open House for your input early in 2018. Watch for a flyer in your mailbox advising of the date for this Open House. A notice will also be published in The Guardian.

☞ Council Meeting Dates

All regular Council meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month commencing @ 8:00 p.m. at the Brackley Commons except for the months of July & August. **ALL RESIDENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO ATTEND.** The following is the meeting schedule for 2018:

January 10, 2018
February 14, 2018 – 2018 Budget Deliberations
March 14, 2018 – Special Election Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. Regular Council meeting to follow @ 8:00 p.m. 2018 Budget to be adopted
April 11, 2018
May 9, 2018
June 13, 2018
September 12, 2018
October 10, 2018
November 14, 2018
December 13, 2018



General Municipal Election – November 5, 2018

Have you ever considered serving your community by running for Council? Well 2018 is your perfect opportunity to do so for two reasons. Firstly, there will be a Special Election Meeting on March 14, 2018 to fill two (2) vacant seats on Council until the general municipal election on November 5, 2018. This short six (6) month term will give you an opportunity to see what being on Council is all about and whether or not you would like to run in the general municipal election for a four (4) year term. The time commitment is not huge, basically attending one Council meeting per month. With the new *Municipal Government Act* soon to come into force, Council will be busy meeting the requirements under the new Act and planning for the future of Union Road. At the general municipal election in November 2018, we will need to elect a Mayor and six (6) Councillors. Please feel free to contact any of your Council members should you have any questions about what it entails to be a Councillor.

COMMUNITY OF UNION ROAD WORKING ON REGIONAL EMERGENCY PLAN

The Communities of Union Road, Pleasant Grove and North Shore have been working together to develop a Joint Emergency Measures Plan. To date this has been done on a voluntary basis, however, once the new *Municipal Government Act* is enacted, it will be mandated that we have a Municipal Emergency Plan in place. That is why we are seeking your assistance to help us develop a resource list/volunteer list to be incorporated into our Emergency Plan. Please e-mail us with your contact information at admin@communityofunionroadpei.com if you are able to volunteer in any of the following areas:

- Law enforcement
- Fire Protection
- Transportation
 - Snowmobile to use
 - Snow Plow to use
 - Heavy equipment
- Water/Wastewater Service
- Communications i.e. amateur radio
- Human Resources Management
- Public Information/Media Relations
- Finance & Administration
- Social Services i.e. food, shelter, clothing etc.
- Generator
- Medical Training



Prepare Now!



**Don't wait for an emergency to happen.
There are simple things you can do now to prepare yourself and your loved ones.
Make your plan and prepare your kit.**

**For more information go to:
www.GetPrepared.ca**

Basic Emergency Kit

- **Water** – at least 2 litres of water per person per day. Include small bottles that can be carried in case of an evacuation order
- **Food** – that won't spoil, such as canned food, energy bars and dried foods (remember to replace the food and water once a year)
- **Manual Can Opener**
- **Flashlight and Batteries**
- **Candles & Matches or Lighter** (remember to place candles in sturdy containers and to put them out before going to sleep)
- **Battery-powered or Wind-Up Radio** (and extra batteries)
- **First Aid Kit**
- **Special Items** – such as prescription medications, infant formula and equipment for people with disabilities
- **Extra Keys** – for your car and house
- **Some Cash** – in smaller bills, such as \$10 bills (travelers cheques are also useful) and change for payphones
- **A Copy of your Emergency Plan and Contact Information**

Recommended Additional Items

- A change of clothing and footwear for each household member
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each household member
- A whistle (in case you need to attract attention)
- Garbage bags for personal sanitation
- Toilet paper and other personal care supplies
- Safety gloves
- Basic tools (hammer, pliers, wrench, screwdrivers, fasteners, work gloves)
- Small fuel-driven stove and fuel (follow manufacturer's directions and store properly)
- Two (2) litres of water per person per day for cooking and cleaning



**Bill No. 58
Municipal Government Act**

No doubt by now you will have already heard on the news or read in the newspaper that the Provincial Government tabled a new *Municipal Government Act* at the 2017 fall sitting of the Legislature. It is expected that this new Act will be proclaimed by year end. As a resident of Union Road, this legislation when enacted and proclaimed, will have a huge impact on the future of Union Road as a Community as we now know it with the many new rules being put on municipalities. Some of these changes will have an enormous financial impact on the ability of Union Road to continue to operate as a stand-alone Community. The biggest changes include the establishment of mandatory minimum services that all municipalities will be required to provide. These include: fire protection, land use planning including official plans and bylaws and emergency measures planning. Union Road is already well positioned in this regard. One of the most substantial changes and one that will be difficult to achieve is the requirement for a municipal office which is to be open to the public a minimum of 20 hours per week. From a financial perspective, this will be an enormous expense for the Community. Another additional expense will be the cost for annual audits. For elections, we will now be required to hold all-day elections and advance polls instead of a Special Election meeting. These are only just a few of the changes coming into effect with the new Act which will dictate how municipalities will operate in the future.

Many municipalities around the Province have already started the discussion surrounding voluntary amalgamation as many will find these new minimum service requirements and other standards expensive and onerous given their current resources and size of the municipality. There will be a five (5) year transition period for the new minimum requirements and other changes, however, some changes are to take effect immediately after final proclamation.

Please do not hesitate to contact your Council members should you have any questions about the new Act and its implications for Union Road, or to provide your input regarding possible amalgamation with neighbouring municipalities.



Entrepreneurship...Creating your path to success!

Wondering how to get started? Are you looking to start a new business? Are you an existing business looking to expand? A community group looking for assistance? Drop by and see how we can help. Visit our website at www.ruralactioncentres.ca for other upcoming information sessions and events!

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**DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE RECREATION
SUBSIDY?**

Each year Council budgets the sum of \$1,000.00 for its Recreation Subsidy Program. If you have a child or children who are 17 years of age or under that you have registered in a sports program, simply fill out a Recreation Subsidy Application form. If approved, the Community of Union Road will pay the sum of \$100.00 for each child per year towards the registration fee(s) of eligible programs.

Further information about the Recreation Subsidy Program is available on our website as well as the Recreation Subsidy Application form. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2017 for sports programs registered for in the 2017 calendar year.

Let's help keep our kids active & healthy!





**COMMUNITY OF UNION ROAD
COUNCIL & STAFF**

