

# ST. EDMUNDS PROPERTY OWNERS INC.

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## 2019 NEWSLETTER #5

### SEPO's GOALS

To lead collective action in support of the long term affordable enjoyment of our properties in an unspoiled natural environment.

To encourage responsible attitudes for sustaining the high quality of life on our St. Edmunds properties.

### Welcome to Newsletter #5



## LYME DISEASE

Blacklegged **ticks** are spreading to new areas of the province because of climate change. They can also spread by traveling on birds and **deer**. While the probability is low, it is possible to find an infected **tick** almost anywhere in **Ontario**. This Ontario Government website has detailed information about ticks and Lyme Disease.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/lyme-disease>

# SEPTIC SYSTEMS

*Technically known as ON SITE WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT*

The septic system has sat unused over the winter and ideally it should be ready for the summer season. Understanding how your septic systems operates and equally important following proper maintenance procedures are both essential to the longevity for the reliable and ecofriendly operation of the system. Because you can't see it does not assure that it will operate year after year; it's a myth that they do not require regular maintenance.



The SEPO website page "Septic Systems" <http://sepo.ca/septic-systems/> contains information to help you to better appreciate and manage this significant aspect of cottage and rural living.



Keep The Bruce Clean and Green would like to thank all the residents who took part in last fall's clean up and Chilli dinner, at the community centre! We know where the worst areas around town are (if you guessed along the boardwalk, you are correct). Our intent is to ask the municipality for more trash containers along that picturesque walkway.

We will continue with the Tomato Cage Garbage Bag Blitz program on the Chi-Cheemaun weekend and all other long weekends! Some people in high traffic areas have asked if the bags can remain out all of the time. The answer is YES! But, it is important to empty them regularly if you choose to do that.



KTBC&G is excited about two new initiatives... an "Up-cycling" grant project, working with young people in our area. Also a new concept, "Leave No Prints Behind!" We are adding to the R words! Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Respect and now REFUSE! Both ideas are exciting, "up and coming" initiatives that will make a difference to the amount of materials ending up at the landfill site and change how we look at trash.

Look for future issues of the Tobermory Press for upcoming important dates, invitations to participate in personal and/or business challenges and for more details on Upcycling and Refusing in our area! We will be selling KTBC&G items at the SEPO AGM on May 25<sup>th</sup>, please stop by our table! Please email us at "[keepthebruceclean@gmail.com](mailto:keepthebruceclean@gmail.com)"



Thanks and as always KTBC&G!

## THE MNBP MIL RATE SHOULD BE LOWER

Mayor McIver is quick to point out that The Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula's mil rate is the lowest in Bruce County **and so it should be!**

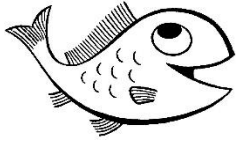
- The MNBP has a large assessment base
- We have the lowest number of bridges with no valleys or significant waterways to cross.
- The existing bridges are small and could be replaced by steel or preformed concrete culverts
- No major sewage system
- The majority of properties have septic systems that were installed and are maintained at individual property owner's expense
- Limited water supplies
- Most people draw their water at their own expense from private wells on their property
- No traffic lights
- Limited garbage collection for nine months of the year when the seasonal and some permanent residents are gone
- Hwy 6, is maintained by the Province of Ontario and is patrolled by the OPP and expensed to the Province
- Minimal county roads that require payments to build and to maintain
- Many seasonal properties are on private roads with no demand for services
- Low traffic volumes on municipal roads with corresponding minimal off season demand for services and maintenance.
- The Payment in Lieu of Taxes (P.I.L.T.) has not kept up with inflation and the ever increasing demands for services imposed on this municipality.
- The municipality has neglected to pursue increased PILT payments despite ever growing land acquisitions, notably, the 2018 Drift Wood Cove procurement.
- A large amount of tax payer money is held in reserves.



Why won't our politicians and staff **ASK US AND LISTEN TO US AND COLLABORATE WITH US** to develop plans and services?

# USEFUL AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The SEPO website [www.sepo.ca](http://www.sepo.ca) contains information that is frequently updated.



## 2019 FISHING REGULATIONS

[https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf\\_fishing\\_and\\_hunting\\_regulations\\_1/2019-fmz-13-14-english.pdf?fbclid=IwAR14IcpyA2Ia4TQORQ1udSZcRr-epLStfKIFjogRTEHggQlbpyRDQcSWkw](https://files.ontario.ca/mnrf_fishing_and_hunting_regulations_1/2019-fmz-13-14-english.pdf?fbclid=IwAR14IcpyA2Ia4TQORQ1udSZcRr-epLStfKIFjogRTEHggQlbpyRDQcSWkw)

## FIRE PERMITS

**NEW** Fire Permits can be applied for and related information found online by following this link to the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula website  
<https://nbp.burnpermits.com/home>

## SMOKE ALARMS AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

It is a legislated requirement to have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home to give occupants the precious seconds they need to escape a fire. Please contact Fire Chief Wilf Barnes for further information – (519) 793-3522, X233

## DELEGATIONS TO COUNCIL

*Those wishing to appear as a delegation are required to submit a completed [Request for Delegation](#) form to the Clerk. Delegations are received on a first come, first served basis. Anyone wishing to view, discuss or provide written comments on any by-law (or agenda document) or submit Correspondence for the Council Agenda or submit a completed Request for Delegation form shall provide same to the Clerk no later than 12 Noon on the Wednesday preceding the scheduled Council meeting.*

## PARKING

A Paid Parking Program is in effect in Tobermory from May 15 to October 15 each year. Please follow this link for more information:

<https://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/en/municipal-services/parking.aspx>

For your convenience, parking tickets can be paid online at: <https://www.paytickets.ca/start>



# WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING

Waste Management information is available at this site.

[https://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/en/live/waste-management.aspx?\\_mid =16304](https://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/en/live/waste-management.aspx?_mid =16304)

Guide to what can be recycled:

<https://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/en/live/resources/Documents/Recycle-Often.-Recycle-Right.-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

# MUNICIPALITY'S FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

<https://www.northbrucepeninsula.ca/en/municipal-services/resources/Newsletters/Municipal-Newsletter-February-2019.pdf>

## BENEFITS FOR SEPO MEMBERS.

- **Sparlings Propane** offers bulk rate pricing to members of St. Edmunds Property Owners, Inc.
- SEPO is a member of **FOCA** (Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations), as such, you as a SEPO member can benefit. Additional information is available on the secure section of [www.sepo.ca](http://www.sepo.ca). *Recently, you received an email detailing access to the secure section of the website. Please contact us at [info@sepo.ca](mailto:info@sepo.ca) if you need assistance accessing the secure section of the website.*

## Looking ahead

These are some of the topics to be addressed in future newsletters:

- Ongoing Budget Concerns
- Parks Canada
- Ontario Provincial Police
- Parking lots
- Planning

# SEPO SPRING MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2019 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.

**Mayor Milt McIver**

**John Festarini, Acting Superintendent**  
Bruce Peninsula & Fathom Five Marine National Parks.

## TOBERMORY COMMUNITY CENTRE

**REMINDER:** *The parking lot is pay per use; you will need a parking sticker or you will be required to pay to park. See parking information on the SEPO website.*

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## MEMBERSHIP

To join SEPO or to renew your membership, please click on <http://sepo.ca/> for our webpage containing information and a link to download a membership application form.

**NEW** The membership form can be completed and submitted **online** and the fee can be paid by Interac e transfer. Of course memberships can be renewed by mailing the form and cheque to: SEPO, P.O. BOX 152, TOBERMORY, ONTARIO N0H 2R0

## SEPO EXECUTIVE

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