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# Welcome to the TOWN TIMES

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## Message From The Mayor, Bob Sweet



It is my pleasure to have this opportunity to address residents of the Town of Petawawa in our annual edition of the Town Times. I am certain I can speak for Council and Staff when I relay that this past year has been a very busy one. There has been much activity with economic development, residential construction and military training, all resulting in much growth and activity.

One of the highlights of this past year has been the construction and opening of the new Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre. What started out as a dream only a few years ago has developed into a state-of-the-art medical facility for Petawawa. This facility answers the need for enhanced medical care, a need that is overwhelming in our Province. I commend each and every person who dedicated so much time to this effort.

Council was extremely pleased to announce a strong, pro-active budget for the year 2008. In times of certain fiscal restraint, Town Council and Staff have managed to tow the

line with a 2.72 per cent increase in taxes, while decreasing the cost of individual household curbside collection. In planning for the future needs of the Town, now and in previous years, we ensure that the funding is available for much needed capital projects.

This coming summer will see lots of construction within the Town. Maple Avenue and Pine Place will be reconstructed to urban standards, including sidewalks, storm sewers and the elimination of ditches. McGuire Subdivision will be rehabilitated and the watermain servicing the residents will be reconfig-

ured to maximize efficiencies. Sidewalks are proposed for River Drive and Portage Road and storm sewer improvements are slated for Summit Trail. These are a few of the projects planned for 2008.

The Town was pleased to be the recipient of provincial funding in the amount of 1.6 million for the upgrade of the Harry Street Pumping Station and forcemain. This much needed project will alleviate the sewage system capacity and current environmental concerns. Work on this project will commence in the very near future.

Emergency planning is another issue of major con-

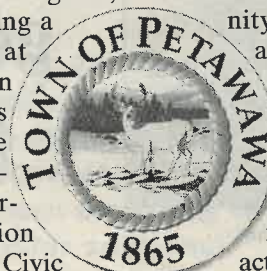
cern to Council. It is now required that all municipalities in the province develop a comprehensive emergency plan. The Town of Petawawa has been working on and testing this plan for some time. A county wide test will be conducted later this month. You will find some very informative articles about Emergency Preparedness in this edition of the Town Times. It is essential that all households and household members prepare and practice a plan in the event of emergency. The Town of Petawawa Fire Department, with the awarding of funds from the Joint Emergency

Preparedness Program, will be installing a generator at Fire Station No. 1. This location is the Town's secondary emergency operation centre; the Civic Centre being the first. For more information about being prepared, you may contact our office or visit our website at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca)

For those who have just moved to the Town of Petawawa, I welcome you and invite you to take part in the many activities offered by the Town and CFB Petawawa. We are very fortunate to have a wonderful relationship

with our military community and encourage all residents to become an active member of our community. With the onset of spring, there are many upcoming activities for young and old. Remember to take part in Civic Centre Days and, of course, the best Canada Day celebrations in the Upper Ottawa Valley. We are proud of our many festivals and events throughout the year and encourage all residents to take part and be "Dynamic by Nature!"

Bob Sweet  
Mayor  
Town of Petawawa



## MESSAGE FROM THE BASE COMMANDER

Returning to Petawawa after an absence of 10 years, it is great to be reminded of the tremendous natural environment and of the great bonds within the community that the families of CFB Petawawa and the Town of Petawawa share. It is an honour to have been given the role as Base Commander, but it is even more so a privilege to work again with our many friends and partners within the community.

I am constantly struck by the outstanding relationships the community has established with the Base and by the levels of openness, mutual awareness and joint programs such as family health and community recreation, that have emerged through a sense of common purpose, commitment and hard work.

We must be proud of these achievements and our shared environment; however, we cannot simply rest on these laurels. We must continue to sustain and build upon our common bonds and mutual interests. The fact that we are neighbours further underscores the idea that we must be willing to continue growing together as a point of priority in our everyday lives: as institutions, as civic leaders, as volunteers for community initiatives, or as simply good citizens.

Indeed, we are committed to sharing the community and recreation resources of the Base. I encourage you to become informed by visiting our website and come take advantage of these

resources. Their increased usage, increased interaction and sharing by Base and Town neighbours, is a win-win situation for us all and will continue to benefit our relationships and our future.

We share a quality of life and a shared sense of community second to none.

The soldiers and families of CFB Petawawa have faced many challenges in recent years. The outpouring of support and generosity from the Town and citizens of Petawawa have been incredible and are truly appreciated.

When the community reaches out to the Base offering support, it does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. As we face a cycle of training and deployment overseas, it will be crucial for our success.

Thank you again for your outstanding support of the soldiers at CFB Petawawa and for the sharing of your community programs, services and resources.



W.R. Moore  
Lieutenant Colonel  
Base Commander  
CFB Petawawa





# From the Building Department



Randy Mohns

**We keep on  
growing and  
growing and  
growing...**



Richard Bechamp

## BUILDING DEPARTMENT STATISTICS FOR 2007

### BUILDING PERMITS

Total Construction and Demolition Permits Issued	310
Total Estimated Value	\$27,220,075.00
Total Fees Collected	\$134,401.14

### BUILDING PERMIT SUMMARY

TYPE	NUMBER	VALUE	FEES
Single Family Dwelling	107	\$ 20,158,928.00	\$ 81,197.18
Additions/Alterations	36	\$ 726,256.00	\$ 4,620.50
Single Family Dwelling Demolition	11	n/a	\$ 385.00
Commercial Demolition	1	n/a	\$ 35.00
Commercial /Industrial	9	\$ 4,369,176.00	\$ 19,849.71
Septic Systems	36	\$ 196,500.00	\$ 9,325.00
Swimming Pools	25	\$ 202,800.00	\$ 910.00
Remaining Permits	146	\$ 1,566,415.00	\$ 27,403.75
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>\$ 27,220,075.00</b>	<b>\$ 143,726.14</b>



## TOWN TIMES EDITORS:

Content for the articles in this sixth edition of the *Town Times* have been solicited and collected by the ad hoc "Newspaper Committee," consisting of Councillors Joe Park, Theresa Sabourin and Cy Steele.

All errors in typing, numbering and counting are theirs and they apologize in advance for any proof-reading oversights.

As novice newspaper people, they continue to learn the vagaries of the fourth estate.

Once again, it is produced with the exceptional assistance, advice and courtesy of the staff at the *Petawawa Post*. All homes in the Town should have received this newspaper as distributed by the *Petawawa Post*.

Additional copies are available at the Town offices on 1111 Victoria Street.

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## GIVE A GIFT OF REMEMBRANCE



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## DID YOU KNOW...

- 1) **Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw** – A new zoning bylaw came into force on October 15, 2007. One item of interest that is included in this bylaw is that Portable Garages (also called Tarpaulin Garages) are prohibited within the Town of Petawawa. If you have installed one of these portable garages you are contravening the new zoning bylaw.
- 2) **Fences** – you do not require a building permit for a fence unless you are planning on putting in a pool. However, there are some regulations regarding height and location that you should be aware of before you start your fence.
- 3) **Pools** – you DO need a permit if you have or are planning a pool in your yard. Any pool deeper than 18 inches must be enclosed and requires a permit. You do not need a permit for a Hot Tub in your backyard but it must have a cover that can be secured.
- 4) **Sheds** – If you are planning on building a shed in your yard you need a building permit if the shed is in excess of 108 square feet (10 square metres). You must also make sure that when you build it you are the correct distance from your lot lines even if the shed that is built does not require a permit.
- 5) **Property Standards** – The property standards by-law prescribes the standard for maintenance and occupancy of both residential and non-residential properties. It includes standards for yard maintenance including the requirement for the trimming of trees as well as provisions whereby yards are to be kept clean and free from rubbish or debris.
- 6) **Septic Systems** – Have your tank pumped before it's too late!! DON'T wait until the late fall to have your septic tank pumped. If you wait until then to have it pumped, your tank will only have mostly water in it when things start to freeze up. Your tank needs bacteria in it to digest and cause heat to keep it from freezing over the winter.

**Don't forget to check out our website for all the  
necessary building application forms.**

**If you have questions regarding any building issues  
you can contact Richard or Randy at 613-687-5536.**

**If you have any questions regarding zoning  
you can contact Karen Cronier at the same number.**



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## PETS AND EMERGENCIES

Pets are, of course, a part of our family. During an emergency it is very important to be prepared for the care of your pets. Assembling a pet emergency kit is one step that will help insure that your pet is protected and arrangements are made should you have to evacuate your home. This kit should be kept in the same location where your family emergency survival kit is for easy retrieval.

Animals tend to become anxious during emergencies. If possible keep your pet in a carrying cage with a familiar toy or blanket so that your pet will feel more secure. Never leave your pet alone, with strangers, or without a leash. REMEMBER... during an emergency you are still responsible for your pet.

## Petawawa Heritage Society and Village

The Petawawa Heritage Society is working to bring the past into the future. We look forward to sharing our projects for the community with you. This year we are working with the Ottawa Valley Tourist Association to market The Petawawa Heritage Village, not just within the Town of Petawawa and the County of Renfrew, but provincially, nationally and internationally. During the summer of 2007, we welcomed over 300 visitors to the

site from June 9th – August 24th. Some of our visitors came from as far away as Belgium, Ireland and Germany. Our Children's Program brought in 115 school children that spent the day at the schoolhouse and discovered what life was like for a student in 1892 and we hosted our first senior's tour in the fall.

In the fall we received a grant of \$10,000 for the construction of the Petawawa Train Station (con't on pg. 4)

### *The following is a checklist for a Pet Emergency Kit:*

- ✓ Food, water, bowls, paper towel and a can opener (if applicable)
- ✓ Blanket, small toys
- ✓ Sturdy leash/harness
- ✓ Cat litter/pan (if required) and plastic bags
- ✓ Carrier for transporting your pet
- ✓ Medications and medical records, including vaccinations
- ✓ Current photo of your pet in case the pet gets lost
- ✓ Information on feeding schedules, medical or behavioural problems in case you must board your pet
- ✓ Up to date ID tag with your phone number and the name / phone number of your vet
- ✓ Copy of license (if req.)
- ✓ Muzzle (if req.)

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



### DO YOU HAVE YOUR BUSINESS WHERE IT WILL GET NOTICED?

**Petawawa's Online Business Directory is free and easy, just visit [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca) and register your business today! The website receives over 7,000 visitors each month and the business directory is one of the most popular sections!**



### LOOKING FOR INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY?

### SELLING COMMERCIAL PROPERTY?

**The Town offers lots sized to suit in our Industrial Park for just \$10,000 per acre.**

**Let us know if you are selling commercial property as we may be able to direct potential buyers your way!**

**INQUIRE TO  
CYNDY PHILLIPS MCCANN  
AT 613-687-5536**

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# Message from the Upper Ottawa Valley OPP Department

As we start into the summer months, the detachment is getting ready for yet another busy season. The detachment will be receiving two ATV's to enhance its response and to patrol the local off road areas for violations. The continued focus of the detachment will be safe communities, reduction in impaired driving, positive and proactive public contracts and the reduction of vandalism and mischief's.

In order to make the Town of Petawawa and its community feel safer, residents can expect to see the detachment officers out on foot patrol on the beaches,

Catwalk and Millenium Trail System. To assist with our goals, the detachment will also be utilizing the two mountain bikes that were purchased by the Petawawa Police Services Board last year for patrols of Petawawa and its subdivisions. The detachment is fortunate to have a twenty five member Auxiliary unit which will assist members with foot and bicycle patrols as well as marine and ATV patrol.

To effectively combat drinking and driving in our community, the officers will continue to set up RIDE check stops throughout the entire year and at various

specific locations.

While the officers are out on foot and bicycle patrol, the community is encouraged to approach and talk to the officers and ask any questions that they might have.

Together we can make Petawawa an even safer community.

Wishing you and your families a safe summer.

Don Francis  
A/Staff/Sergeant

Detachment Commander  
Upper Ottawa Valley O.P.P.

## Petawawa Heritage Society and Village...cont from pg. 3

from **Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation.**

The Station is scheduled to open in the summer of 2008. With the summer quickly approaching, there will be lots of activity at the site, including the addition of another building, the Black Smith Shop and the relocation of the St. John's Lutheran Stable. We are seeking volunteers who can donate time to help relocate the stable. **Mr. John Yakabuski, MPP for Renfrew Nipissing-Pembroke** has confirmed we will receive a grant in the amount of **\$15,000.00** through the **Ontario Ministry of Culture - a Cultural Strategic Investment** to assist us in the relocation of the stable.

We are also looking for donations of logs or a log building that we could make into a home, church or store, as well as an old working tractor.

Another fundraising

initiative is to build and sell commemorative picnic tables and benches for the village site. In this regard, we are looking for a carpenter to build the tables and benches. If you can help or for more information, please contact Ann McIntyre at (613) 687-5054.

We are continuing our membership drive, which started in conjunction with Showcase at the Petawawa Civic Centre. All new members will receive a 2009 Calendar, printed to mark our 10th Anniversary. This will continue till Dec 31, 2008 or until the calendars are gone. New members of the Petawawa Heritage Society will not be pressured to take an active part in the Society, or obligated as a member to sit on our Board of Directors. However if members choose to volunteer they are welcomed and appreciated. Membership funds help support our work at the

Petawawa Heritage Village. A single membership is \$15.00 a year and family membership is \$25.00 a year. For more information and to learn more about our membership benefits, please contact Mary Richardson at (613) 687-7694.

New Volunteer Staff Members! We are thrilled to welcome a number of new members that have joined the board of directors. The construction crew has increased to include new members: Tim Crowder, Cory Ketchum, Jim Morden and Bill Osmond. The administration side has grown as well with Tracy Gorman as Executive Secretary, Faye Morden as secretary on the Publicity and Public Relations Committee and Dani Sheppard who is working with our Children's Program. Joan Farelli, Lois Hopkins and Shirley Ross were nominated as Honourary Executive Members of the board in gratitude and acknowledgement for their work and dedication to the Petawawa Heritage Society.

**Ontario Senior Achievement Award** will be presented to Petawawa Heritage Society Vice President Victor Jackson on his 80th birthday. This event will take place on August 3, 2008 and Mr. John Yakabuski, MPP, will present the award on behalf of The Honourable David C. Onley

Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.

Private donations make up a large portion of the budget for the Petawawa Heritage Society. Receipts are provided for any donation over \$10 and are tax deductible. If you are interested in making a donation please contact Danielle dos Santos at (613) 687-8514, or donations can be mailed directly to 16 Civic Centre Road, Petawawa, Ontario K8H 3H5.

Special events continue to make up a large part of the Petawawa Heritage Society and Frank Nash continues to work hard at ensuring that they are all a success. Be sure to watch for our upcoming genealogy

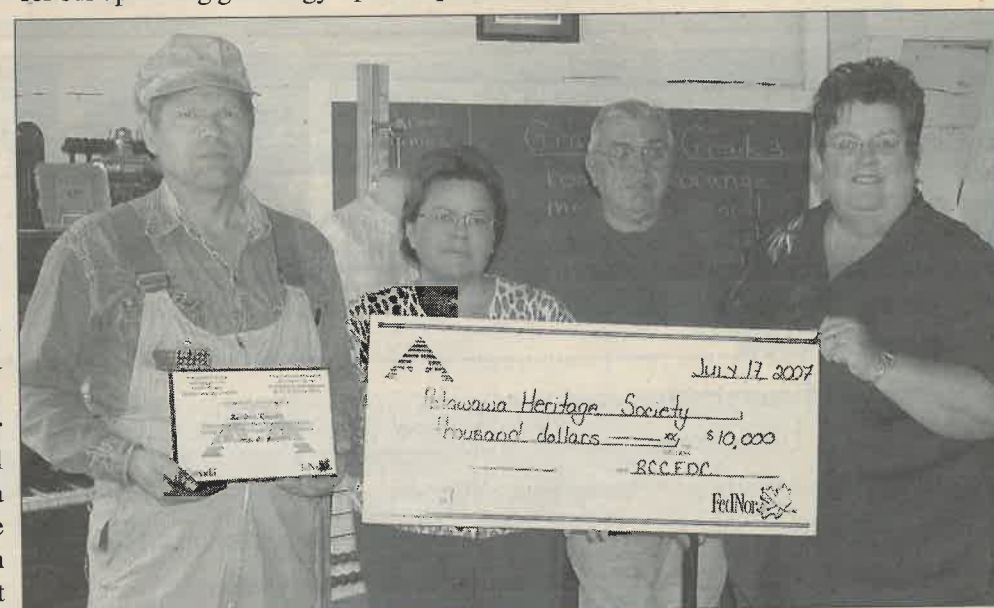
seminar in partnership with the Town of Petawawa Public Library & the Pembroke Genealogy Society. Details to follow in the local paper. Also watch for our display of vintage sports equipment in the foyer of the Petawawa Public Library. Stop by **Pronto** and see our wonderful showcase of Petawawa River photos in their dining area. Photos by: V Ross & R Wilson, 1930's.

Should you be driving down Civic Centre Road and notice some cars at the Heritage Village don't just drive past, stop in and see what is going on. The team is always up for a good chat.

This year we will be offering a Children's Program and Senior Tours, as well as private parties at the school-

house. The Lemke family will also be holding their family reunion at the village this summer. Teachers and group co-ordinators looking for a day outing are encouraged to contact Dani Sheppard at (613) 687-5567 for more information.

Our largest fundraiser of the year is the Golf Tournament. This year we will be hosting the tournament at the Twin Rivers Golf Course in Petawawa on June 8th, 2008. This will be our 6th Annual Golf Tournament and we are offering 5 hole-in-one prizes and the sponsors for these are **Calabogie Peaks, Twin Rivers Golf Course, Top of the Mountain ATV, Moncion Grocers Petawawa Market and Roanoke.**



(Left to right) Railway artifact donor Peter Wegner, Renfrew County Community Futures Development Corporation Executive Director Diane McKinnon, and Petawawa Heritage representatives Frank Nash and President Ann McIntyre, were at the site of the Heritage Village to celebrate the society's receipt of \$10,000 in grant money that will be used to add a circa 1905 train station to the project.

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## More Than Just Books - Computer Resources Available At Your Library



**Carol Goldsmith**  
Chief Librarian, CEO

Can't find what you're looking for on the shelves at the library? No time to wait for an Interlibrary Loan? All is not lost! The Petawawa Public Library can provide instant access to numerous journals, newspapers, magazines, books, audiobooks and more with just a few clicks of your mouse.

Visit the library to use our new reference computer or any of our public access computers and discover these valuable resources. Whether you're carrying out research for school projects, distance education assignments or personal interest, there is something useful for everyone.

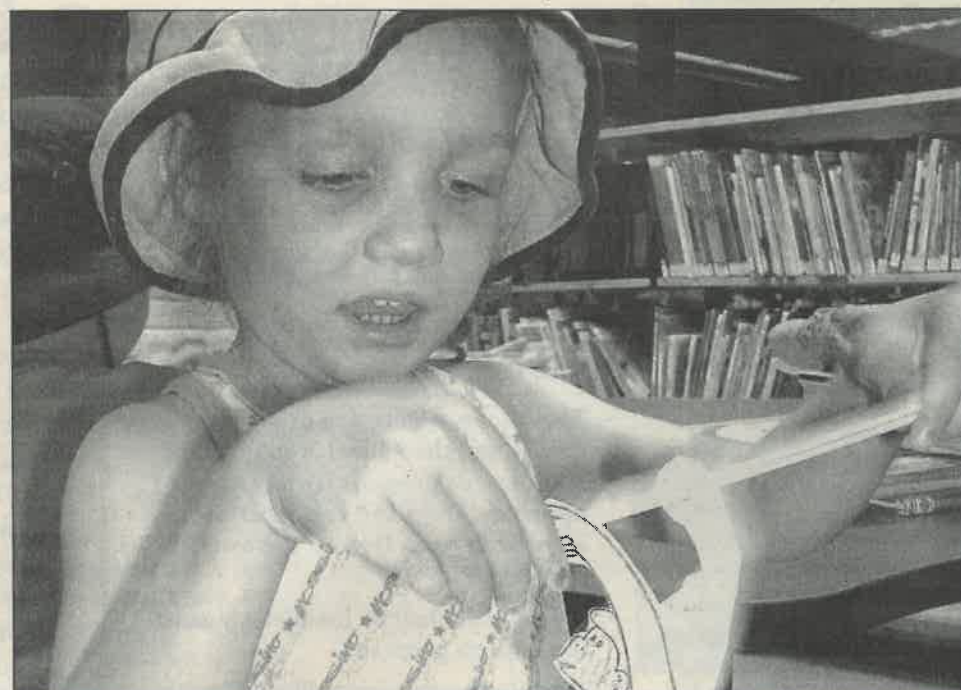
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a range of interests and academic levels. You may search each Gale database on its own or you may search the whole collection at once.

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For your convenience, the Canadian Reference Centre, Gale Databases and NoveList may be accessed 24 hours a day through our web site simply by entering your 14 digit library card number.

For more information on these online databases, contact the library at 613-687-2227 ext. 28 or visit our website at [www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca](http://www.petawawapubliclibrary.ca). (Under Our Services, click on Online Research Databases).



Children's programs are very popular at the Petawawa Public Library, and often include themed crafts and storytime. (Petawawa Post file photo).

## Petawawa - Walking Lightly on the Environment



Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre Mascot, Curby the Green Cart, had a chance to meet with visitors at Showcase at the Petawawa Civic Centre (Post file photo).

As a resident of the Town of Petawawa you should be proud. You have an opportunity to participate in one of the most advanced waste diversion programs in Eastern Ontario. And participate is just what you do.

Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre's waste audits show that Petawawa residents divert, on average, 65% of their waste from

landfill. This exceeds the provincial goal of 60%. This means you are sustaining the life of our landfill site which is very important in terms of local waste management.

Town of Petawawa Councillor and Vice-Chair of the Ottawa Valley Waste Management Board, Tom Mohns congratulates the local community for "Walking Lightly on the Environment."

"Landfill space is valu-

able in many communities throughout Ontario, including our own." States Mr. Mohns. "By recycling and composting, our community makes sure that our landfill lasts as long as possible."

On average, 84% of residents place their yellow can out for collection, 82% place their blue box out for collection and 69% set out their green cart. Material set-out in 2007 accounted for over 3,100 tonnes of recyclables and organics being diverted from landfill.

"Just think if that material was sent to landfill," continues Councillor Mohns. "By recycling and composting we turn that material into something useful. We sell our recyclables which are shipped and turned into new things, and we compost your food and yard waste into a valuable soil amendment."

The continued success of the program depends on the communities' ongoing support. Residents are encouraged to refer to their collection schedule for information on Bulky Item Collections, Leaf and Yard Waste, Household Hazardous or

Special Waste as well as information on what you can recycle and compost.

"The collection schedule has a list of what to recycle and compost," states Mr. Mohns. "But our audits show that sometimes we forget things that we can recycle. Like aseptic packaging, these are your drinking juice boxes and milk cartons-they go in the yellow can."

Waste audits show that there are other items we sometimes forget to recycle too including empty aerosol cans and Styrofoam which go in the yellow can and Kleenex and paper towel and napkins

which go in the green cart. By continuing to recycle and compost as much as possible you are reducing the amount of garbage sent to landfill. In fact, residents on average set out only 2.4 bags of garbage for collection, well below the allowable limit of 4 bags.

So as you can see, Petawawa is "Walking Lightly on the Environment." This community continues to be strong supporters of the local waste diversion programs, and your ongoing participation allows the Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre to be a success. Keep up the great work!

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## News from By-law Enforcement/Animal Control



Dave Newton, By-law  
Enforcement/Animal Control

### DOMESTIC PET BY-LAW

- All dogs and cats (even indoor cats) residing within the Town of Petawawa must be licensed and tagged.
- The owners of any dog or cat must ensure that the animal is confined to that owner's property by any means necessary. Dogs and cats must not be allowed to roam free off the owner's property.
- All animals shall be leashed when off the owner's property.
- All animal waste, regardless of location, shall be cleaned up at the time of deposit.

For further or complete details you can request a copy of By-law 174/01 from the Town office.

### OUTDOOR FIRES BY-LAW

Outdoor fires are restricted without authorization.

All outdoor fires (recreational: fire pits, campfires, appliances or open air burning) are regulated and subject to permit.

Full details and the required application for an outdoor fire may be obtained from the Town office or on our website at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca)

For further or complete details you can request a copy of By-law 359/06 from the Town office or on our website at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca)

### WATER USE BY-LAW

Regulations for water use are year round.

#### Lawn watering:

- Even numbered addresses on even numbered days.
- Odd numbered addresses on odd numbered days.
- 6:00 to 9:00 am and 6:00 to 9:00 pm on your assigned day.
- New sod/grass seed – 14 days daily watering – contact Town Hall for authorization.

#### Pools:

- You cannot fill any swimming pool from a residential faucet. For filling swimming pools, contact Public Works for details.

For further or complete details you can request a copy of By-law 293/04 from the Town office.

### CONTACT NUMBERS FOR ANIMAL ISSUES:

- Animal Control (Town of Petawawa) - 613-687-8438 or 613-639-0211
- Renfrew Health Unit (to report dead birds, animal bites to humans, etc) - 613-735-8654
- O.S.P.C.A. (animal control at CFB Petawawa including North and South PMQ sites, animal abuse or duress) - 613-588-4508
- Bear Wise Program (to report bear problems) - 1-866-514-2327.

## FACTS ON CATS AND WILDLIFE

Domestic cats have existed in North America since being introduced by European colonists several hundred years ago. Since that time, cats have multiplied and thrived as cherished pets, unwanted strays and semi-wild predators. Although often overlooked as a problem, free-ranging cats affect other animals, often far from the homes and farms they share with people. Because we introduced the cat to North America, we have a responsibility to both the cats and to the wild animals they may affect.

### LEGAL STATUS OF DOMESTIC CATS

The laws that relate to domestic cats in Petawawa are essentially the same as for other domestic animals. The person who provides care for a cat is legally responsible for its welfare and control. If ownership can be established by collars or other means of identification, a cat is considered personal property. It is the responsibility of the owner to control the cat's movements. In Petawawa, cats can be live-trapped and either returned to the owner or turned over to authorities if they wander onto other peoples' property. Petawawa has a leash law and requires rabies vaccination of all pet cats. There is no such thing as an indoor or house cat. All cats are created and regarded as equal.

### WHAT EFFECTS DO DOMESTIC CATS HAVE ON WILDLIFE?

Although rural, free-ranging cats have greater access to wild animals and undoubtedly take the greatest toll, even urban house pets take live prey when allowed to roam free outside. Extensive studies indicate that small mammals make up approximately 70 percent of a cats prey. Birds make up about 20 percent. The remaining 10 percent is a variety of other animals.

Observation of free-ranging domestic cats shows that some individuals can kill over 1,000 wild animals per year, although smaller numbers are more typical. Rural cats kill many more wild animals than urban cats do, however, several studies found that up to 90 percent of free-ranging domestic cats' diet was wild animals. Some of the kills are house mice, rats and other species considered pests, but many are native songbirds and mammals whose populations are already stressed by other factors, such as habitat destruction and pesticide pollution.

Not only do cats prey on many small mammals and birds, but they can outnumber and compete with

native predators. Domestic cats eat many of the same animals that native predators do and can reduce the availability of prey for native predators.

Free-ranging domestic cats can also transmit new diseases to wild animals. Domestic cats have spread feline leukemia virus, feline distemper and other immune deficiency diseases to other species within the cat family and other wildlife. In addition, domestic cats also carry several diseases that are easily transmitted to humans, including rabies and toxoplasmosis.

### DOMESTIC CATS VS. NATIVE PREDATORS

Although cats make affectionate pets, many domestic cats hunt as effectively as wild predators. However, they differ from wild predators in three important ways. First, people protect cats from disease, predation and competition, factors that can control numbers of wild predators. Second, they often have a dependable food supply and are, therefore, not influenced by changes in prey populations. Third, unlike many native predators, cat densities are either poorly limited or not limited by territory.

These three factors allow domestic cats to exist at much higher densities than native predators. In addition, a cat's desire to hunt is not suppressed by its food supply. Even when fed regularly by people, a cat's urge to hunt remains strong.

### RISKS FOR OUTDOOR CATS

The average life expectancy of an outdoor cat is just two to five years, while an indoor cat may survive for 17 or more years. Cats who roam are constantly in danger. Here is a list of risks that outdoor cats face:

- **Vehicles.** Thousands of cats are run over by cars each year. In addition, cats seeking warmth will crawl into car engines and be killed or maimed when the car is restarted.

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(Facts on Cats can't from pg. 6)

- **Animal Attacks.** Torn ears, scratched eyes, abscesses, internal injuries, diseases and sometimes death result from encounters with dogs, other cats and wildlife.
- **Human Cruelty.** Each year, animal shelters and veterinarians treat cats who have been shot, stabbed, set on fire or poisoned.
- **Overpopulation.** Unaltered free roaming cats are the single most important reason for cat over-population.
- **Disease.** Cats allowed outdoors risk exposure to fatal diseases, including rabies, feline leukemia, distemper and

feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV).

- **Parasites.** Cats allowed outdoors are more likely to contract debilitating parasites, such as worms, ticks, mites and fleas.
- **Poisons and Traps.** Exposure to pesticides, rodenticides and antifreeze kills thousands of outdoor cats each year. Cats are maimed and killed in traps set for furbearing animals.

#### WHAT CAN YOU DO

- Keep only as many pet cats as you can feed and care for.
- If at all possible, for the sake of your cat and local wildlife, keep your cat indoors.

- Neuter your cats or prevent them from breeding and encourage others to do so.
  - Re-locate bird feeders in sites that do not provide cover for preying cats.
  - Don't dispose of unwanted cats by releasing them in rural areas.
  - Eliminate sources of food, such as garbage or outdoor pet food dishes that attract stray cats. Do not feed stray cats.
- TIPS FOR HAPPY INDOOR CATS**  
Kittens who are kept indoors usually show no desire to venture outside as cats. With knowledge, patience and time, we can change most cats who

- roam outdoors into happy indoor pets. These tips will help.
- Provide a safe outside enclosure, such as a screened porch.
  - Provide window shelves so cats can monitor the outdoors from the safety of the indoors.
  - Play with your cat each day. Paper bags and cardboard boxes are sources of unending delight when you are away.
  - Plant kitty grass (available from pet supply stores) in indoor pots so your cat can graze.
  - Clean litter boxes regularly.

## Pets and Evacuations



If safety permits you should always take your pet with you should you evacuate your home. Remember to take your pet emergency kit with you if you do evacuate. Please note that some evacuation centres do not accept pets and therefore

you may need to make separate boarding arrangements for your animals.

You can check with hotels and motels in the area to ask about their policy regarding pets or ask friends or relatives if they would be willing to shelter your pets

in an emergency. Prepare a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians who could shelter animals in an emergency. Contact the local animal shelters to find out their policy – remember the shelters do run on limited resources and will likely be very busy during an emergency. Recording the information you obtain on a sheet of paper and including it in your pet emergency kit will ensure you are prepared should an event occur.

It is also a good idea to speak to your neighbours about the care of your pets. There is a chance you may not be home when an evacuation order is issued. A trusted neighbour can evacuate your pet and meet you at a prearranged location. Of course

this individual will require a key to your home, know where your pet emergency kit is located, be comfortable with your pet and very importantly know where your pet is likely to be.

If we all take the time to prepare our families and

pets ahead of time, so that we are able to take care of ourselves for at least 72 hours, we will be freeing up our first responders so that they may aid other families and individuals in greater need. For further information about the Town of Petawawa

Emergency Response Plan or for obtaining your Emergency Preparedness Guide please contact your Community Emergency Management Coordinator, Karen Cronier at (613) 687-5536.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS...

### COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BYLAW

If you have purchased a newly constructed home in Petawawa, the Town of Petawawa provides a new Yellow (recyclables), Small Green (compost) and Large Green (compost) for your home. If you have purchased a home that is not a new construction make sure that the previous owners leave the containers that they have with the house. Blue bins are not provided at any time, but they may be purchased at the Town of Petawawa Municipal office. You may also purchase the other recycle bins, costs are as follows:

<b>Large Green Bin</b>	<b>\$80.00</b>
<b>Yellow Bin</b>	<b>\$17.00</b>
<b>Blue Bin</b>	<b>\$ 6.00</b>
<b>Small Green Bin</b>	<b>\$ 5.00</b>

If your green bin has been broken contact the municipal office to have it replaced. We will pick up your EMPTY broken bin and replace it with a new one.

Please ensure that your recycling and household waste is set out before 5:00 am on the day designated for your area for pick-up.

A reminder: COLD ASHES belong in your regular household garbage NOT in the Green Bin.

### BURN PERMITS

All outdoor fires in Petawawa require a permit issued by the Petawawa Fire Department. Applications are available at the Town of Petawawa Municipal Office or on our website at [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca).

Recreational permits are \$20.00 per year and Open Air permits are \$2.00 a day. Open Air burning is only permitted from October 1 to April 30 each year. Please refer to the Town's By-law for further details.

### COUNCIL AND COUNCIL-IN-COMMITTEE MEETINGS

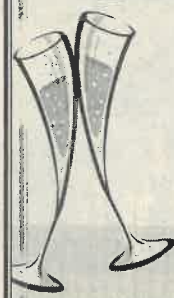
Regular Council Meetings are held the first and third Monday of every month. Council in Committee Meetings are held the second and fourth Monday of every month. Meetings commence at 6:30 pm and the Public is welcome to attend. In the event of the Monday being a Statutory Holiday, the meeting will be held on the Tuesday following.

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## EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KITS

As residents of Canada we are very fortunate to live in one of the safest places in the world, however, emergencies can and do happen. We have little or no warning when fires, floods, tornadoes, ice storms or energy emergencies (power outages) occur and their effects within our community can last 2 - 3 days or longer.

It is your responsibility to be able to be self sufficient for at least 72 hours. You can prepare by making a family emergency plan. All members of the family should be involved and talk about what you might need should an emergency occur. What if you had to evacuate your home? Do you have equipment and supplies to make this time more comfortable for all members of your family?

**Emergency Management Ontario stresses that we must all prepare a three-day Emergency Survival Kit. The following is a list of what should be included within the kit.**

### Food and Water:

Have at least a 3 day supply of food and water on hand. Choose ready to eat foods and items that don't require refrigeration such as canned foods, soups, stews, beans, meat, fish, poultry, vegetables and fruits. Other items such as crackers, honey, peanut butter, syrup, jam, salt & pepper, coffee and tea are all useful items.

At least 4 litres of water per person per day should be allocated (2 for drinking and 2 for food preparation, hygiene and dishwashing). It is also a good idea to keep a supply of water purification tablets on hand as well.

**Note: Canned foods and dry goods should be replaced once a year.**

### Equipment:

- ✓ Knives, forks, spoons, manual can opener
- ✓ Disposable cups and plates
- ✓ Fuel stove and fuel
- ✓ Water proof matches and plastic garbage bags
- ✓ Pocket knife or multi tools
- ✓ Flashlight and spare batteries
- ✓ Radio or crank radio
- ✓ First aid kit
- ✓ Candles, matches/lighter
- ✓ Extra car keys and cash
- ✓ Important documents (I.D. for everyone, insurance papers)
- ✓ Clothing and footwear (1 change of clothes per person)
- ✓ Blankets or sleeping bags (1 per person)
- ✓ Toilet paper and other personal supplies (shampoo, soap, brush, towel, toothbrush and paste, face cloth, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, diapers)
- ✓ Medication
- ✓ Backpack or duffel bags to carry kit in case you have to leave home
- ✓ Whistle
- ✓ Playing cards, gum, mints, small games

Your checklist should also include any special needs items for certain members of the family. Infant formula, diapers, other baby items or special medical needs - oxygen cylinders, medicines, prescriptions, glasses, should all be included in your kit. Please remember the needs of your pet and include a 3 day supply of food and water.

"Emergency Preparedness Guides" are available from your Community Emergency Management Coordinator. These guides provide you with this checklist as well as a place to record all your important contact telephone numbers that you may require during and after an emergency.

Please feel free to call Karen Cronier, CEMC, at the Town Hall (613) 687-5536, to obtain a copy of the guide and any other emergency information you may be interested in.



## NEWS AND UPDATES

Less than three years after its opening in temporary quarters, the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre has moved into its new home as of April 2 - a 12,000 square foot facility at 154 Civic Centre Road.

As most readers will recall, it was in 2004 that the Town with its catchment area of some 16,000 people had no family physicians available to see patients.

Supported financially by a \$1.9 million grant by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, the Health Centre has fast become an important addition to the Town.

Since opening, more than 4,000 patient files have been created and more than 16,000 patient visits have occurred.

Recruitment of health care providers continues to be a challenge for everyone involved in health care. The situation is no different in Petawawa. We will continue to make this our focus in the days ahead. As the complement of providers increases, we will enjoy opening up more appointment spaces to accept and see patients.

For now, if you are looking for a family physician and are a resident of Petawawa, Laurentian Valley and Laurentian Hills or a military dependant, you can call the Health Centre at 613-687-7641 to be put on our waiting list.

As a result of the fact that there is no public transportation in the Town, the Health Centre's Board decided that it would try to centralize as many services at the Health Centre which supported the core business of the Health Centre. In order to help the physicians, Nurse Practitioners and mid-wives to make or confirm diagnoses, it would be helpful to have an X-Ray, ultrasound and Laboratory close by. Rather than looking at building in a few years, it was decided to include additional square footage at this time and proceed to fundraise for the services.

Since the Ministry funding would not support this part of the construction, the Town was approached to assist in the support of the additional 2000 square feet which we refer to as the West Wing.

Completing, operating, outfitting and furnishing this section is the sole responsibility of the Board.

**UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS PLANNED:** Within the past few months, several community groups have come forward with a whole variety of fund-raising projects which will make the completion of this addition a reality. Steve Saunders and his team of CFB employees have a great walk planned to raise money. This event will coincide with Civic Centre Days kick-off and has a unique route with fabulous prizes for participants. Watch for announcements about this special walk.

Your support of this, and other upcoming projects, is much appreciated.

**REMEMBER SOMEONE WITH A DONATION:** Occasionally, you want to recognize the importance of some person or event in your life. Why not make a donation to the Health Centre in remembrance? As a not for profit organization with charitable status, you will receive an income tax deduction receipt for your donation.



Breaking ground for the new Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre - Sept. 21, 2007.



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## From the Public Works Department;

This past winter will be remembered as one of the worst for snow accumulation, since 1978. There were five occasions when snowfall amounts were in excess of 25 centimetres (10 inches) with accompanying winds, making the clearing of snow hazardous and time consuming. In addition to the five major snow storms, the Public Works Department answered the call approximately 40 times throughout the winter of 2007-2008.

This past season started the first week of November and ended with the last snowfall on April 12, 2008 (fingers crossed!!!)

Public Works has 5 Snow Plow/Sanding Units each with an assigned route that takes approximately 5 hours to complete, 1 Front End Loader equipped with a blade to cover the North Townsite, 3 Trackless Sidewalk machines that clear and sand/salt approximately 60 kms of sidewalks (3

routes, 6 hours per route).

In addition to maintaining our streets and sidewalks, the Public Works Department also maintains the water distribution system within the Town of Petawawa.

2008 is expected to be a very busy year with new development projects starting, existing projects being completed, water system upgrades and roads being upgraded to match existing improvements that were made.

The Public Works Department strives to provide a high level of service to all residents of Petawawa. Please direct any inquiries to the Public Works Department at 613-687-2692. Our hours of work are 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Tom Renaud  
Acting Public Works  
Superintendent



## Concerts Growing Like Wildfire!

The Petawawa Civic Centre Special Events and Concerts list continues to grow and grow. Blue Rodeo kicks off Civic Centre Days June 14th at a cost of \$45.00. Then it's the Country Music Awards "Group of the Year" and "Video of the Year." Emerson Drive, who are appearing July 12th at a cost of \$36.00. The Pembroke Kinsmen Club are hosting Blue Rodeo and Emerson Drive.

### CANADA DAY

Canada Day will be awesome this year with a strong emphasis on celebrating the commitment of our Canadian Soldiers and neighbours who are off to Afghanistan. Cindy Cook from Polka Dot Door will be here to entertain the kids and the Diplomats will be on hand to provide the music. L'il John and Stretch, one of Canada's Top Busker Acts will be in from Montreal. There will be free Oktoberfest sausages, drinks and cake for all participants.

The Fireman's famous water mountain slide will be back for sure. This event is brought to you by C.F.B. Petawawa, P.S.P. and the Town of Petawawa. In addition, the fireworks will be projected by base at the Twin Rivers.

### CIRCUS

The world famous indoor Circus is scheduled August 12th at the Petawawa Civic Centre. Watch the paper for details.

### CENTENNIAL PARK LIFEGUARD SWIMMING LESSONS

Once again, the Red Cross Swimming Lessons will be offered as well as the Catwalk area which will have Lifeguards on duty from 10 am - 6 pm, 7 days a week Monday to Friday. There are 3 sessions of Red Cross Swimming Lessons.

1. June 30 - July 11. Registration is on Wednesday, June 25.
2. July 14 - July 25. Registration is on July 9.
3. July 28 - Aug 8. Registration is on July 23.

Lessons are 5 days a week, Monday to Friday between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm depending on the Level.

### CIVIC CENTRE DAYS

With Civic Centre Days right around the corner, planning for our 10 days of fun is in full force. To kick off the festival, it's our first annual Petawawa Civic Centre Days Community Walk. The event will take place on Friday, June 13th from 1 pm - 5 pm and all proceeds will go towards the new Petawawa Health Centre and Civic Centre Days! The admission fee is \$20.00. This includes your pass for the walk and your Civic Centre Days pass as well. Trips, cash and much more in prizes, so break out your walking shoes!

New to the Festival this year is the Warden's Outdoor Shooter of the Year Archery Competition, Square Dancing and of course The Blue Rodeo concert. For the children's programs we are bringing in a climbing wall, the Canadian Raptor Conservancy Birds of Prey Show, a new Petawawa Idol and a 911 staff vs. youth volleyball game.

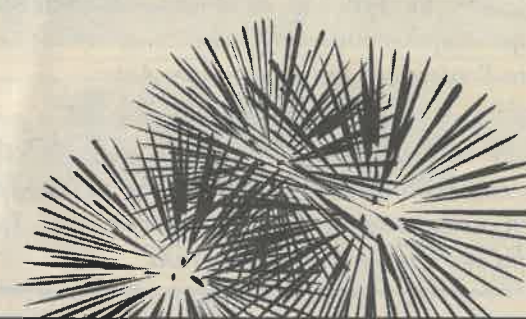
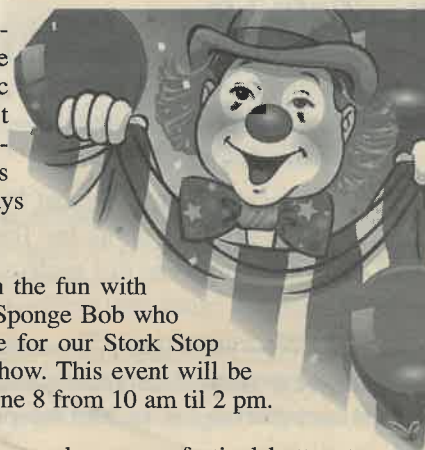
With that being said, our lobsterfest surf'n turf night will be held on Saturday, June 21st with Gillan Rutz and the entertainers opening for Ambush! Tickets are on sale now.

What would Civic Centre Days be without our Smash-Up Derby! This popular event will be held on Saturday June 21st (large cars) and Sunday June 22nd (small cars) from 12 pm - 4

pm. For registrations please come in to the Civic Centre, but don't wait, spots are limited. Admission is a Civic Centre Days Button.

Come and join the fun with Dora, Diego and Sponge Bob who will take the stage for our Stork Stop Baby and Mom Show. This event will be held on Sunday June 8 from 10 am til 2 pm.

Don't forget to purchase your festival button to enjoy all of these activities and more! For information and the schedule of events check out our website at [www.civic-centredays.ca](http://www.civic-centredays.ca) or call Chantal at 613-687-5678 ext. 22.



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## TOWN OF PETAWAWA FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

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FAX (613) 687-7225

FIRE CHIEF STEVE KNOTT

sknott@petawawa.ca

### SMOKE ALARM PROGRAM 2008

#### BACKGROUND:

It is important to understand that the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, has been developed around and complements the basic principles of fire protection in Ontario.

The Province and the Town of Petawawa share a partnership for fire protection; the Town of Petawawa Fire Department delivers fire protection services, the province supports municipal delivery.

The delivery and support systems recognize that there are three lines of defence available to individuals and communities to protect them from fire,

- i) fire prevention,
- ii) fire safety standards, and
- iii) emergency response

The foundations of the smoke alarm program is legislated by the Province of Ontario and delegates municipal responsibilities pursuant to section 2 (1) of the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*:

*The Town of Petawawa shall establish a program in the municipality which must include public education with respect to fire safety and certain components of fire prevention. This includes the smoke alarm program.*

In a fire, most people die from smoke, not from flames. Smoke makes it hard for you to see, and even two deep breaths of smoke can make it hard to think clearly or stay awake. You must avoid smoke.

Most fatal fires occur at night when people are asleep. Often, victims never wake up. A working smoke alarm will detect smoke and sound an alarm to alert the occupants, giving them precious time to escape. Every home in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas.

Smoke alarms should be maintained on a yearly basis and tested monthly by using the test button on the alarm. Batteries should be replaced on a yearly cycle. Dust can clog the smoke alarms. For electrically-connected smoke alarms, first shut off the power to the unit and then gently vacuum the outside vents of the alarm only. Turn the power back on and test the alarm. Battery powered smoke alarms should be cleaned by opening the cover of the alarm and gently vacuuming the inside with a soft bristle brush. It is strongly recommended that smoke alarms be replaced every 10 years.

The goal of the Petawawa Fire Department smoke alarm program is to inspect approximately 384 residences in a specific geographical area. Full cooperation of fire department personnel and the public is needed for the program to be successful.

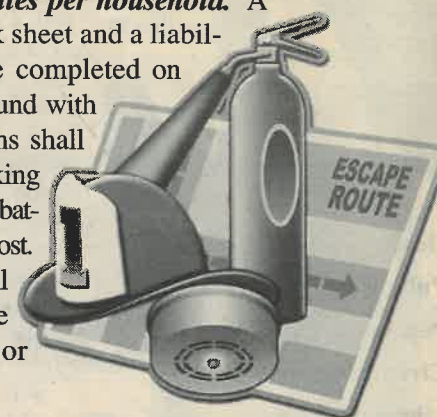
Notices to homeowners residing in the targeted area have been distributed in the Daily News. The smoke alarm notices will also be posted on both the Town of Petawawa and Petawawa Fire Department websites.

#### Smoke, Fire, CO2 Responses and Open Air Burning Permit Inspection Requests:

A smoke alarm inspection shall be conducted each and every time the Petawawa Fire Department is summoned to a call in a residence and/or during a permit inspection.

**The smoke alarm program will be conducted by two or three groups of uniformed firefighters between the hours of 1830 hrs to 2030 hrs on Tuesdays from 15th April 2008 to 15th June and from 15th August to 30th September 2011 (16 weeks).**

Inspections will be conducted in the presence of a second firefighter. **Smoke alarm inspections will last less than 10 minutes per household.** A smoke alarm check sheet and a liability waiver will be completed on site. Residences found with faulty smoke alarms shall be supplied a working smoke alarm or a battery at a minimum cost. An official receipt will be provided to the homeowners or occupant.



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The town has been divided into four (4) geographical areas. The quadrants are as follows:

**Quadrant #1:** area South of Petawawa Blvd. and East of Murphy Rd.

**Quadrant #2:** area South of Petawawa Blvd. and West of Murphy Rd.

**Quadrant #3:** area North of Petawawa Blvd. and East of Civic Centre Rd.

**Quadrant #4:** area North of Petawawa Blvd. and West of Murphy Rd.





RECREATIONAL  
AND OPEN AIR BURNING

DID YOU KNOW...

- 1) Your recreational burn permit is only good for one year from the date of issuance. A renewal notice will be sent to you in the mail and you must complete the renewal process to maintain privilege.
- 2) If you move, your burn permit becomes null and void. If you move into a residence previously issued a burn permit, you must reapply as the new owner.
- 3) Any changes in the location or structure of your burning site and surrounding area must be reported to the Fire Department and may be subject to re-inspection.
- 4) Open air burning is only permitted between the months of October 1 to May 31. You must be preauthorized and must apply for a daily permit each time you wish to burn.
- 5) The minimum fine for burning without a permit is \$250.00.

RECREATIONAL AND OPEN AIR BURNING IS A  
PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT!

BREAKING BARRIERS TOGETHER ONE STEP AT A TIME:

Since its inception in 2003, the Petawawa Accessibility Advisory Committee (PAAC) has been progressing one step at a time to improve opportunities for people with disabilities through the identification, removal and prevention of barriers affecting equitable access to the facilities and services of the Town of Petawawa.

Statistics show that 13.5% of Ontarians have disabilities. It is therefore estimated that there are 2,092 residents with disabilities living in Petawawa.

In accordance to the Ontarians With Disabilities Act, the PAAC has completed a number of barrier removal and prevention initiatives over the past 5 years. These initiatives include:

- Site audits and recommendations of the Civic Centre, Library, Town Hall, Norman Behnke Hall and Alternate School.

- Public relation enhancements to ensure that the residents of Petawawa are informed of changes to provincial legislation related to the Disabilities Act, the committee's accessibility plan and ongoing improvements through the Town's website, newsletters, TV coverage and community events.
- Public input through committee membership, ongoing recruitment of new members and community events ie: Petawawa Home Show.

According to Petawawa resident Jackie Nieman, the accessibility recommendations and changes in Petawawa have made a difference to the quality of life for people with disabilities. With the installation of wheelchair signage, ramping, access doors and appropriate side walks, Jackie, who is dependent on a wheelchair for mobility, is able to access the public library, council chambers and

the civic centre independently. Areas still posing challenges for wheelchair users include Petawawa Point and the Cat Walk which will be assessed in 2008. Jackie's wish for future plans is a safe place to fish from the Cat Walk or Petawawa Point.

Petawawa Council is committed to continual improvement in achieving equitable access to all municipally owned facilities, premises and services to all members of the community with disabilities.

Future plans of the PAAC include site audits at the water and sewage plants, fire stations, Centennial Park and Petawawa Point.

If you have any concerns or suggestions related to equitable access to facilities and services in Petawawa please contact the Petawawa Municipal Office at 613-687-5536 or [www.petawawa.ca](http://www.petawawa.ca)

PAAC members include Karen Roosen, Ilene Lemke, Maureen Fitzgerald, Councillor Theresa Sabourin and CAO Mitch Stillman. We welcome new members to the committee; please contact the Town office if you wish to become involved in reducing barriers for people with disabilities.

Together with your help the Petawawa Accessibility Committee will continue to break barriers one step at a time.

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS / WEBSITES

Town of Petawawa	613-687-5536	Website: <a href="http://www.petawawa.ca">www.petawawa.ca</a>
Health Cards	1-888-376-5197	Website: <a href="http://www.health.gov.on.ca">www.health.gov.on.ca</a>
Public Works	613-687-2692	
Petawawa Centennial Family Centre	613-732-7641	Website: <a href="http://www.pcfhc.ca">www.pcfhc.ca</a>
Civic Centre	613-687-5678	
Library	613-687-2227	
Service Canada	1-800-622-6232	Website: <a href="http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca">www.servicecanada.gc.ca</a>
CFB Petawawa	613-687-5511	Website: <a href="http://www.armyforces.gc.ca/CFB_PETAWAWA">www.armyforces.gc.ca/CFB_PETAWAWA</a>
Service Ontario	613-735-5527	Website: <a href="http://serviceontario.ca">serviceontario.ca</a>
County of Renfrew	613-735-7288	<a href="http://www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca">www.countyofrenfrew.on.ca</a>
OPP Dispatch	1-888-310-1122	
Upper Ottawa Valley OPP	613-735-0188	Website: <a href="http://www.opp.ca">www.opp.ca</a>
Ottawa Valley Waste Recovery Centre (Admin Only)	613-735-7537	Website: <a href="http://www.ovwrc.com">www.ovwrc.com</a>
Petawawa Fire Dept. Station 2 - non emergency	613-687-4579	<a href="http://www.cvis.ca/fire">www.cvis.ca/fire</a>

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# Use and Disposal of the National Flag

Flags are symbols that identify people belonging to a group. The National Flag of Canada and the flags of the provinces and territories are symbols of honour and pride for all Canadians. They should be treated with respect.

The manner in which flags may be displayed in Canada is not governed by any legislation but by established practice. The etiquette outlined in this article is an adaptation of international usage and of customs the federal government has been observing for many years.

The rules applied by the federal government are in no way mandatory for individuals or organizations; they may serve as guidelines for all persons who wish to display the Canadian Flag and other flags in Canada.

## HISTORY

Early in 1964, the Prime Minister of Canada, the Right Honourable Lester B. Pearson, informed the House of Commons of the governments desire to adopt a distinctive national flag for Canada. He personally proposed a flag with three red maple leaves between two blue borders. After reviewing the hundreds of designs submitted by experts and other Canadians, the Senate and House of Commons Committee, which had been established by the government to consider the flag proposal, set about classifying the designs. The Committee, after having eliminated various designs, was left with only three; a Red Ensign with the fleur-de-lis and the Royal Union Flag (Union Jack); the three-leaf design, and a single red maple leaf on a white square on a red flag. The single-leaf design was adopted unanimously by the Committee on October 29, 1964. It was proclaimed by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on January 28, 1965, and was inaugurated on February 15, 1965, at an official ceremony held on Parliament Hill in Ottawa in the presence of the Governor General, His Excellency General the Right Honourable Georges P. Vanier, the Prime Minister, the members of the Cabinet and Canadian parliamentarians.



Figure 2 - The Canadian Forces Ensign

These words, spoken on that momentous day by the Honourable Maurice Bourget, Speaker of the Senate, added deeper meaning to the occasion: "The flag is a symbol of the nation's unity, for it, beyond any doubt, represents all the citizens of Canada without distinction of race, language, belief or opinion."

## GLOSSARY

When describing the details of a flag, it is assumed that the flag is flying from a staff with the flag flying towards the right as seen by the Observer.

The canton in the National Flag of Canada is not apparent, but shows very clearly in the Canadian Forces Ensign (Figure 2).

## CANTON

The place of honour in a flag is the upper half of the hoist. It is also called the First Quarter and sometimes the Upper Hoist.

## FLAGPOLE OR STAFF

A cylindrical piece of wood or metal to which a flag is attached or from which it is hoisted. The half of a flag farthest from the halyard; also a synonym for length.

## FINIAL

The decorative ornament on the top of a pike, staff or pole. May be in the form of a spear point, ball, maple leaf, crown, etc.

## FOURTH QUARTER

The lower half of the fly.

## HALYARD

The rope which raises or lowers a flag.

## HOIST

The half of a flag nearest to the halyard; also a synonym for width.

## PULLEY

Grooved wheel for the halyard to pass over, which permits the raising and lowering of a flag.

## RUNNING EYE AND TOGGLE

A method of hoisting a flag by means of a rope sewn into its heading, which has a wooden toggle at the top and a loop at the bottom that fasten to their opposites at the end of the halyard.

## SECOND QUARTER

The upper half of the fly.

## SLEEVE

A tube of material along the hoist of a flag through which the staff or halyard is inserted.

## THIRD QUARTER

The lower half of the hoist; it is also called the Lower Hoist.

## DESCRIPTION AND DIMENSIONS OF THE NATIONAL FLAG

### TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

The National Flag of Canada is a red flag of the proportions two by length and one by width (or 64 units in length and 32 units in width or depth as shown in the accompanying diagram), containing in its centre a white square the width of the flag, with a single red maple leaf centered therein.

## FLAGPOLES

In the general sense, flagpoles may be divided into three categories: exterior permanent poles (located on buildings or on the adjacent grounds); exterior portable poles; and interior poles.



The exterior poles should be fitted with a hoisting device such as a halyard and pulley arrangement to allow for the flags to be easily changed and half-masted as required.

Flag size and pole length for building poles should correspond to the following dimensions:

FLAG	POLE
3 X 6 Feet	17 to 20 Feet
0.90 X 1.80 Metres	5.10 to 6 Metres
4 1/2 X 9 Feet	30 to 35 Feet
1.40 X 2.80 Metres	9 to 10.50 Metres
6 X 12 Feet	40 to 45 Feet
1.80 X 3.60 Metres	12 to 13.50 Metres
7 1/2 X 15 Feet	50 Feet
2.30 X 4.60 Metres	15 Metres

On occasion, the simple flagpole is fitted with a yardarm or gaff to increase the number of flags that may be flown from it. This practice is in imitation of a ship's mast and is normally found at naval establishments ashore. Care should be taken to ensure proper flag etiquette is followed when this type of pole is employed.

## DIGNITY OF THE FLAG

The National Flag of Canada should be displayed only in a manner befitting the national emblem. It should not be subjected to indignity or displayed in a position inferior to any other flag or ensign. The National Flag always takes precedence over all other national flags or ensigns when flown in Canada. The only flags to which precedence is given over the Canadian Flag are the personal standards of members of the Royal Family and of Her Majesty's representatives in Canada.

It is improper to use the National Flag of Canada as a table cloth or seat cover or as a masking for boxes, barriers or intervening space between floor and ground level on a dais or platform.

While it is not technically incorrect to use the National Flag of Canada to cover a statue, monument or plaque for an unveiling ceremony, it is not common practice to do so and should be discouraged.

When the National Flag of Canada is raised and lowered, or when it is carried past in a parade or review, all present should face the flag, men should remove their hats and all should remain silent. Those in uniform should salute.

## DISPOSAL

When the National Flag of Canada, or any provincial or territorial flag, becomes tattered and is no longer in a suitable condition for use, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner by burning it privately.

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