

## Regular Council Meeting Dates: July 13, 2020

Meetings start at 6:30 pm (unless noted) and are open to the public. Please see website on how you can attend virtually.

Copies of the agenda are available on the website

[www.gilliestownship.com](http://www.gilliestownship.com)



**REMINDER** to get your permit at the Township Office before lighting fireworks. Call the Office for more information



### BE ADVISED

There will be a culvert replacement on Parker Road scheduled Thursday July 2nd and/or Friday July 3rd. Be prepared to take an alternate route.

### From the Desk of the Reeve

Happy Summer Gillies Residents!

Staff and Council have been working under the rules of Covid-19 for the past few months, but we are happy to announce that we will be reopening the office to the public on July 6.

Staff have taken great care in establishing protocols and procedures to keep everyone safe. In this newsletter you will find all the information you need to make your visit safe. If you have any questions, call the office ahead of time just to be sure of the procedures. Some people may need to make appointments to take care of any business that may be lengthy or if you cannot access the office. As well, only one person will be able to enter the office at a time therefore calling ahead helps to ensure you do not have to wait. At present, the main gate is still closed to the public as the school yard is off limits according to Ontario regulations. Gloves and masks are available for those of you who do not have your own.

We are entering a period of uncertainty as more businesses open and folks are visiting with more people. Please be careful and safe with your adventures this summer. It has been mentally difficult for many as well as financially. Be kind.

Again, I must reiterate that we are all so lucky to live in a place with great weather (for a few months anyway!) and a backyard many would trade for. Take the time each day to be thankful for what you have and the ones you love. There are so many out there who do not have either. I know it has been challenging over the past few months. Let's continue to stick together and we'll get through this.

Take Care of You and Yours

*Reeve Wendy Wright*



## **COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Summary of council activities for the month of June 2020**

The Council Meetings were held on June 8th & 22nd in the Municipal Office & online. A reminder to residents that a copy of our agenda is available Thursdays at 5pm prior to the Council meeting on our website and the bulletin board at Green Acre Variety.

To speak to Council please present your deputation via email or phone to the Office Staff by 9:00 am the Thursday prior to the Council meeting.

#### **At the June meetings the following matters were discussed:**

- The Roads Maintenance Coordinator supplied a monthly report for Council's review
- The fire chief supplied a monthly report for Council's review
- Council reviewed the Operating and Capital Budgets
- Council received reports from staff regarding a AODA compliant website.
- Council received a presentation from the Township Auditors regarding the 2019 Audit.
- Staff was directed to determine a cost for a n engineer for a landfill study.
- All departments were directed to contact the Health Unit prior to opening areas of their departments
- Staff presented Council with a plan to open the Office

*The information in this article is only a partial update from Council Meetings. Please find the approved minutes from each meeting on the Township website. Council meetings are open to the public and as a resident you are encouraged to come out and see what the Council is doing on your behalf. For more information please contact the Township office.*

*Complete minutes are available for viewing at the municipal office and online at [www.gilliestownship.com](http://www.gilliestownship.com)*

## **FINAL 2020 TAXES**

**FINAL TAX bills are being mailed in July. Payment due dates have not been set yet.**

Please keep in mind that the second tax installment for the Interim Bill is due **August 6th**

*If you do not receive your tax bill, please call or email the office so we can verify your address and send a new one.*

## **Kakabeka Legion**



**All events at the Kakabeka Legion are cancelled until further notice**

**Township of Gillies**  
RR#1 1092 HWY 595  
Kakabeka Falls, ON  
PoT 1Wo  
Email: [gillies@tbaytel.net](mailto:gillies@tbaytel.net)  
[www.gilliestownship.com](http://www.gilliestownship.com)  
Phone: (807)475-3185  
Fax: (807)473-0767  
Roads: 475-3165

#### **Municipal Office Hours**

Monday  
8:30 am to 6:30 pm  
Tuesday - Thursday  
8:30 am to 4:30 pm

#### **Disposal Site Hours**

Saturday 10:00 am - 5:00 pm  
Year round  
Wednesday 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
May - September 13th

#### **Emergency Numbers Non-Emergency OPP**

1-888-310-1122

#### **Emergency (fire, medical, OPP)**

911

#### **HYDRO OUTAGES**

1-800-434-1235

#### **MTO Highway Concerns Emcon**

1-888-636-8704

#### **Council Members Reeve Wendy Wright**

#### **Councillors**

Rudy Buitenhuis  
William Groenheide  
Elizabeth Jones  
Karen O'Gorman

## **CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**Across**

4. Dominion Day 1. Julius Caesar  
9. Pollinators 2. Ruby  
10. Leo 3. dropbox  
11. Library 6. Montreal  
12. PeDee 7. Milkweed  
13. gloves 8. sanitizer  
14. budget 10. Larkspur

**Down**

## Quick Campfire Safety Tips

*A campfire can be one of the best parts of camping, just don't forget your responsibility to maintain and extinguish it to prevent wildfires.*

1. Never cut whole trees or branches, dead or alive. Live materials won't burn and dead standing trees are often homes for wildlife.
2. **Once you have a strong fire going, add larger pieces of dry wood to keep it burning steadily**
3. Don't burn dangerous things like aerosol cans, pressurized containers, glass or aluminum cans. They could explode, shatter and create harmful fumes.
4. **Keep your fire to a manageable size.**
5. Make sure children and pets are supervised near the fire. Never leave your campfire unattended.
6. **Allow the wood to burn completely to ash, if possible, before extinguishing your fire**
7. Pour water on the fire. Drown ALL embers, not just the red ones. Pour until hissing sound stops.
8. **If you do not have water, stir dirt or sand into the embers with a shovel to bury the fire.**
9. With your shovel, scrape any remaining sticks and logs to remove any embers. Make sure that no embers are exposed and still smoldering.
10. **Continue adding water, dirt or sand and stirring with a shovel until all material is cool.**



**Remember:**  
*If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave*

## Social Circles

On Friday, June 12, 2020, the Ontario government announced that, effective immediately, social circles can expand to include people outside of your home, up to 10 people. A social circle is made up of family and friends that you can interact with without physical distancing and can touch, hug, etc. This is different than social gatherings, which can be with up to 10 people outside of your household/social circle, but you must maintain physical distancing at all times.

### Five Steps to Build a Safe Social Circle:

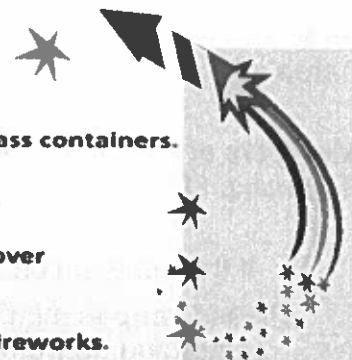
1. Start with the people in your current household circle.
2. If your current household circle is under 10 people, you can add members.
3. Get agreement from everyone that they will join the circle.
4. Keep your social circle safe by maintaining physical distancing with everyone outside of your social circle.
5. Be true to your social circle, no one should be part of more than one social circle.

Learn more about [Creating a Social Circle on the Ministry's website](#)

## Fireworks are a **BLAST!**

**Make sure you celebrate with fireworks safely**

- Always have adult supervision.
- Make sure the area is safe for the use of fireworks.
- Always wear eye protection when lighting fireworks.
- Avoid alcohol if you are in charge of lighting the fireworks.
- Follow label instructions and use common sense.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Have water handy.
- Light one firework at a time.
- Never shoot fireworks in metal or glass containers.
- Never attempt to re-light a firework.
- Do not lean or have any body parts over the firework.
- Don't experiment with homemade fireworks.



# Social circles



- Close contact is allowed (ex: hugs)
- Must always be the same people
- You can belong to only one circle

VS

# Social gatherings



- Maintain physical distances (2 metres)
- Can be any group of up to 10 people
- You can gather with different groups of up to 10 people



**Social circles are different from social gatherings of 5 to 10 people. Social gatherings must still physically distance from others (2 metres apart). For more information regarding social circles visit [ontario.ca/socialcircles](https://ontario.ca/socialcircles)**

## **The Gillies Township Office will REOPEN to the public Monday July 6<sup>th</sup>**

Staff will sign in anyone who enters the office with the information including a name, contact phone number, date of office attendance and time in and time out of the office.

If a member of the public is required to enter the main office area, they will stay in the taped off section area just inside the entrance from the vestibule. Mask and gloves are required to enter the main office area and will be supplied.

Members of the public who need to access the main office for specific services will be required to call the Township Office and advise staff of the purpose of their visit and time they are expected so that staff can prepare in advance.

If the situation changes, the Township Office could close again to the public without notice.

Please **keep in mind** that the Township of Gillies parking lot gate is **CLOSED**. If you are picking something up from the Gillies Drop Box, please call the Township Office for further direction.



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## Homemade Pizza

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16" UNLIMITED toppings \$23.00 +tx 14" Thin Crust \$18.75 +tx

Toppings: Mozzarella/Cheddar blend cheese, parmesan cheese, feta cheese (\$2.00 extra), pepperoni, bacon, ham, Italian sausage, chicken, shrimp, alfredo sauce, barbeque sauce, peppers, onions, mushrooms, green & black olives, banana peppers, jalapeño peppers, pineapple, spinach & broccoli

## Homemade Food Made Daily

Take 'n' Bake: Lasagna's & Shepherd's Pies, & Pizza!

Sub Sandwiches, Caesar & Greek Salads with homemade dressing!

Bannock made fresh on Sunday Mornings!

Wolfhead Coffee ~ Swing by for fresh ground brewed beans!

## LCBO and Beer Store

Wide variety of products, new products being brought in weekly!

## Bottle Depot

Please have your beer cans in clear bags of 48 and beer bottles separated by colour ~ leave the empties on the FLOOR of the garage (do not put in the bins!)

## Camping Supplies

Propane, Ice, Firewood, bug dope & booze

Live Bait - worms, minnows and leaches, tackle and rods

## Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday 7am - 9pm

Saturday 8am - 9pm

Sunday & Holidays 9am - 9pm

LCBO hours are the same as the store hours

Phone 475-5631 Address 1226 Hwy 595

## Letter to the Editor/Gillies Residents

I walk on a daily basis and am appalled by the litter I see. I have collected 2 garbage bags full to date, including separating recycles and returnables, and that's only for 3km both sides. I've cleaned this stretch of highway, and next time walking found new trash that's been tossed out.

I propose that each Gillies resident collect garbage on each side of their property along the roads, whether it be a Gillies road or highway. If I walk with any of my grandchildren, they also participate in collecting, while I reiterate to them the importance of not tossing garbage on the ground. They enjoy helping out and feel proud of themselves for making a difference, and they are all under 6.

I would like stress that I am not condemning, but, to take this opportunity to appeal to each and every resident, **let's make Gillies a beautiful community.**



Sherri

## Gillies Municipal Newsletter

Are you interested in writing an article for the Newsletter? Or do you have ideas or topics to include in the newsletter?

A Newsletter Policy is in place regarding articles.

**Please ask for details.**

The Gillies Office reserves the right to edit submissions for space.

Please feel free to contact us via the Municipal Office at 475-3185 or [gillies@tbaytel.net](mailto:gillies@tbaytel.net)

## DO YOU HAVE SOLAR PANELS?

For your safety the Fire Team is asking that anyone with solar panels contact them so that they are prepared in the event that there is ever a fire on your property.

Please contact the fire team at:  
[gilliesfirerescue@tbaytel.net](mailto:gilliesfirerescue@tbaytel.net)

## REMINDER

Please keep in mind that renovation waste is prohibited in the Township's Landfill Site.

*Renovation waste refers to any non-recyclable material from a building renovation, including, but not limited to asphalt shingles, windows, flooring, carpeting, drywall and insulation.*



At the request of the recycling contractor, **recycling items are to be placed LOOSELY into the recycling bin rather than within plastic bags.**

Plastic bags are now eliminated from recycling bins. Thank you for your cooperation.



MIDNIGHT



**12.8**  
CENTS/KWH  
ALL DAY  
EVERY DAY

**Effective June 1st to Oct 31, 2020**

## Business Directory

**Daniel Vanlenthe Mechanical** - Wood energy home inspections. Electrical water heater installation & repair. Oil and wood energy home installations and inspections. Location: South Gillies, ON. Telephone: 807-939-1013

### Graph-X by Deb -

Printing~Design~Promotions. Location: Gillies, Ontario. Phone: 807-935-2685 Email: graphxbydeb@gmail.com  
Website: www.graphxbydeb.com

**Green Acre Variety Store** - groceries, gas/diesel, propane, post office. Location: 1226 Hwy 595, Gillies, Ontario.  
Phone: 807-475-5631

**Rose Valley Lodge & Restaurant** - 5-course meals, log cabin rentals. Location: 56 Rose Valley Road, South Gillies, Ontario. Phone: 807-473-5448 Email: roseval@tbaytel.net  
Website: www.rosevalleylodge.com

**Sewing** - Alterations on graduation dresses, zippers, hems, and other tasks. Call Laila at 475-8884 or email lkrievin@gmail.com.

**Wildflower Arts** — Quilt Shop & Longarm Quilting . 1899 Hwy 608 South Gillies  
Hours: Tues, Thurs, Fri 10-5  
Or by Appointment 626-3691

**DISCLAIMER: BUSINESS DIRECTORY IS ONLY FOR BUSINESSES LOCATED IN OR NEAR THE TOWNSHIP OF GILLIES.**

Businesses located further outside the township are welcome to advertise in the Township newsletter. Please see current newsletter for our affordable rates. To be added to the business directory, please email the Township office the following: business name, contact info, summary of services/products. Rules: Administration reserves the right to edit listings for space issues. Administration reserves the right to refuse listings.

### WANT TO ADVERTISE?

Please contact the Municipal Office for deadlines.

#### Rates:

Full Page: \$30.00

Half Page: \$20.00

Quarter Page: \$15.00

Business Card: \$5.00

Classifieds and basic announcements are FREE for residents.

## Rural Highway Maintenance Important Contact Information

The Township of Gillies has three provincial highways - HWY 608, HWY 588 and HWY 595. While travelling on a provincial highway, a member of the public may notice the road surface condition is hazardous, unsafe or poorly maintained.

**Here are some ways to voice any safety concerns:**

### Contact Information:

Emcon

Contracted by MTO for maintenance/repairs  
Phone: 1-888-636-8704

Caroline Mulroney  
Minister of Transportation  
Phone: 1-416-327-9200

Ministry of Transportation  
Northwestern Region  
615 James Street South  
Thunder Bay, ON P7E 6P6  
(807) 473-2000

You can also email the MTO specifically regarding winter highways.

Email: winterhighways@ontario.ca

It is highly recommended to take photos, when possible, to reinforce your safety concerns.

Before leaving on a trip, consider calling 511 for updated road reports by the MTO. 1-866-471-8929 for teletypewriter



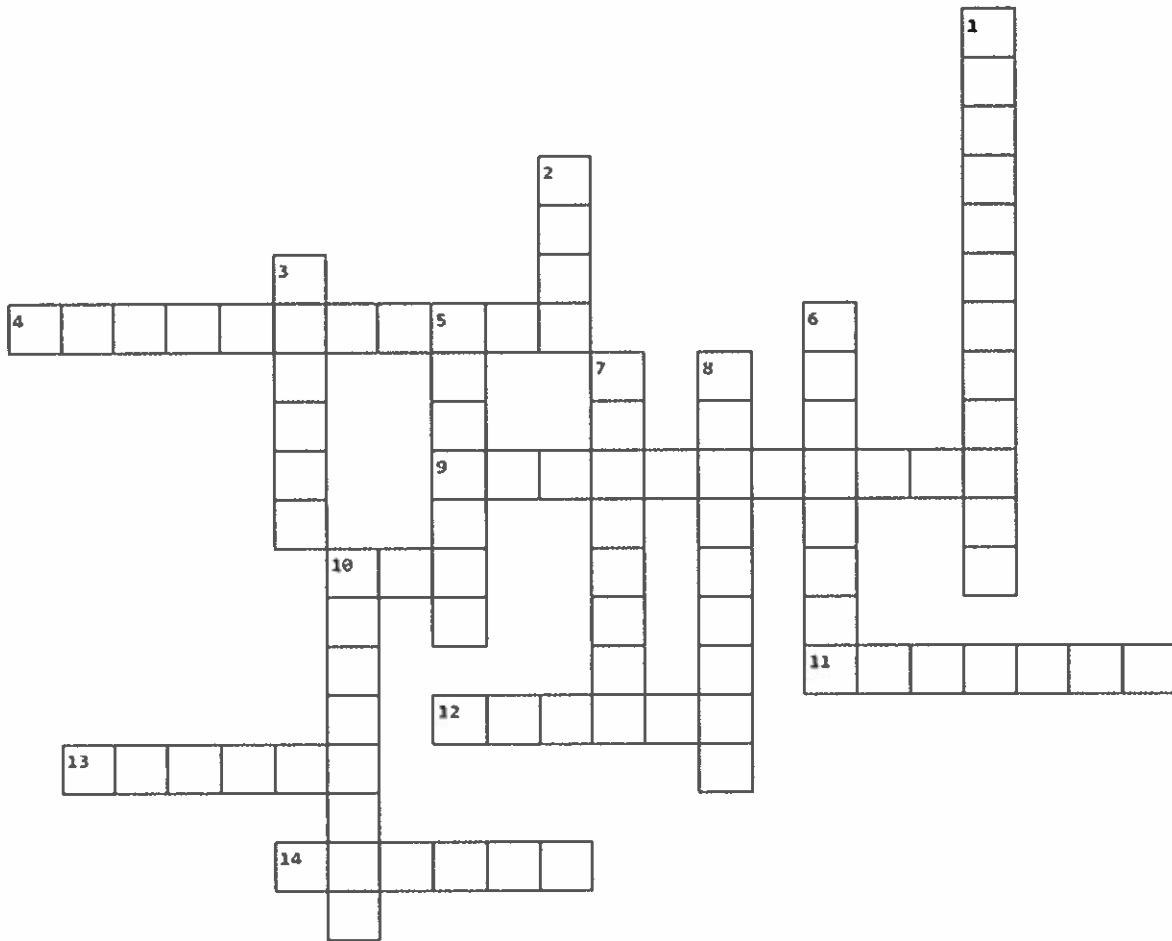
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# Gillies July Crossword



## Across

4. What Canada Day used to be called
9. Grow native plants to attract these beneficial insects
10. One of the two horoscope signs in July; roar
11. starting in July, contactless loans will begin here
12. used to be a railroad; now a park and a road
13. Not just for winter anymore! Use when shopping etc
14. Council figures out spending for the coming year with this

## Down

1. July is named after this fella'
2. July birthstone
3. close contact is allowed now; social \_\_\_\_\_
5. Leave or pick things up here at the office if symptomatic
6. Site of first Canadian Olympics, 1976
7. Monarch's favourite food
8. hand \_\_\_\_\_; kills germs
10. July flower






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# J's Funny Farm

**1828 Highway 608  
South Gillies, ON  
P0T 2V0**

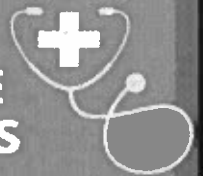
630-4428 | 577-7193

[jvdutchie@gmail.com](mailto:jvdutchie@gmail.com)

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**THE GILLIES  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
CLOSURE CONTINUES**



The GCC continues to be closed during the COVID-19 global pandemic. All upcoming events & rentals have been cancelled until the safety measures put in place by the government have been lifted.

**WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN.  
STAY HOME &  
CALL TO CHECK ON NEIGHBOURS.**

# **Beyond Books: Contactless Loans starting in July**

## **Submitted by Beerly Ball**

### **On behalf of the Oliver Paipoonge Library Board**



On June 9<sup>th</sup> Council approved the Library's Reopening Plan and going forward with curbside pickup. Our thanks to **Mayor Lucy and Council** for their support of the Plan. I especially want to thank **Wayne Hanchard, CAO/ City Clerk** for his advice, guidance and recommendations on the Plan. He made sure that both rural residents and staff will be protected as best as possible during this difficult time while having access to the important resources that the Libraries provide. Also, to **Judy Jacobson, Deputy City Clerk** for making sure all the Plan documents got into Council in a timely way. We really appreciate everyone's help on this! The Libraries will remain closed to the public but right now, staff are preparing for the curbside pickup availability by making sure that they have the protective measures in place and supplies. It looks like curbside pickups may start the week of July 6<sup>th</sup>. The specific dates and times will be advertised on facebook and the Library website. Also, you can call the Library and a voice message will provide the dates and times available.

Here is how and what you can loan from the Library:

You will need a Library card with good standing to access material.

Items in the Library collection can be placed on holding by:

- using the Library's online catalogue: <http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca>
- emailing [oplibrary@tbaytel.net](mailto:oplibrary@tbaytel.net)
- phoning the Library during business hours – Murillo Library phone 935-2729 or Rosslyn Library 939-2312.

At this time, we are limiting the # of books to 5 and dvd's to 5 per Library card. This may change in the future, but for now, this will allow us to serve as many Library card holders as best as we are able.

Watch a tutorial about how to use our webpage to place a hold: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d2-ZNTkcAgs>

Interlibrary loans can be made by email or phone.

Requests for printing services and the documents to be printed must be provided through an email.

There will be some non-returnable items available such as used books. You can use facebook, email, or phone the Library and staff will select these for you and make them available for pick up.

How will Library patrons know when to pick up?

When an order is filled, the Library will inform the patron that it is ready. Patrons will be assigned a pickup time. Pickups will be staggered to assist in reducing opportunities for transmission of the virus.

Items will be set on a table outside the facility.

Should weather not permit this, items will be packaged in a clear bin or plastic bags.

Please remember - only one patron and order at a time will be permitted at the table and that physical distancing guidelines are in effect.

Should circumstances arise such as a patron being late for a pickup, a wireless doorbell will also be available to allow patrons to reach staff inside.

**Should you have any symptoms associated with the COVID-19 virus, please refrain from using the service. Ebooks remain a great option.**

How do I return a book and what happens after that?

Return your books / dvds through the drop off mail slots on the exterior doors of the Library.

Materials will be placed into a minimum quarantine time of 72 hours.

Items in quarantine may be longer than 72 hours due to staff not being at the facility where you dropped off the material (staff share their time between both Libraries). When staff arrive at the Library, that is when the 72 hours quarantine time period begins.

After quarantine, the items will be checked in and removed from your account

Following the quarantine period, staff then disinfect the material according to the guidelines outlined by the Public Health Agency of Ontario.

For full information on the Library's Reopening Plan and procedures that will be used to safeguard your health, please visit the Library's website or facebook page.

Our hope is to provide these services to rural residents in a timely way; however, please be patient with us as we will likely stumble a bit in making this happen. We look forward to your enjoyment once again of the materials made available through your Library. Happy reading!

## Public Notice:

Culvert replacement on Sitch Creek on Highway 595 between Highway 588 and the village of Hymers is scheduled to begin on June 1. In order to complete this work, MTO has decided to close the road completely to through traffic. Construction is expected to be completed by July 10<sup>th</sup>.

As a result of this closure, access to the village of Hymers by emergency services will be via Dave's Road and Hymer's Fair Drive. This will add time to our response; we ask for your patience.

Following this project the MTO will close highway 588 completely (dates to be determined). More time will be added to the response of residents in the northwest area of the Township.

In preparation for these closure, we have notified our neighbouring townships of the potential need for additional support. Additionally, we will be preparing for response directly from the village side of the closure.

Thank you for your understanding during this inconvenience,

Scott Hole - Chief

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You may have noticed or received notice from HATCH Corporation if you live in the vicinity of Pallsades, Leeper, Old Silver Mountain, O'Neill, Moore and Annala Roads.

**The Township has received funding from the Provincial Government for a 3 year improvement project to the roads listed above.**

**Expect delays** during each construction season and see the Township website for all updates on the improvement project.

**JULY**  
FLOWERS OF THE MONTH



**Larkspur**



**Water Lily**



Please visit the Township of Gillies website, [www.gilliestownship.com](http://www.gilliestownship.com), to see resources and updates on municipal services regarding COVID-19.

The month of July (Latin Julius) was named in honour of Julius Caesar after his assassination in 44 B.C. as July was his birth month. July is the first month in the calendar that bears the name of a real person, rather than a deity.

# July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Landfill CLOSED  Canada Day	2	3	4 Landfill 10-5pm
5	6 Office Re-Opening to the Public	7	8 Landfill 6-8 pm	9	10	11 Landfill 10-5pm
12	13 Council Meeting 6:30 pm Public may attend virtually	14	15 Landfill 6-8 pm	16	17	18 Landfill 10-5pm
19	20	21	22 Landfill 6-8 pm	23	24	25 Landfill 10-5pm
26	27	28	29 Landfill 6-8pm	30	31	

