



# TOWN OF BRUCE MINES - SEPTEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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**The next WATER/SEWER BILLS will go out the first week of October and will be due October 31/23.** Our water/sewer rates **did increase this year** for the first time since 2006. The new rates are: \$135.00 per quarter, per base unit for water and \$80 per quarter, per base unit for sewer. This translates into an annual cost of \$860.00 for users with both water and sewer (one base unit).

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> INSTALLMENT of the final TAX BILL is due on October 31/23 – Payments can be made at the town office in person or through the mail slot (cash or cheque). Payments can also be made online through most financial institutions.**

## **COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE for the remainder of 2023:**

October 2, 2023 – 7pm, November 6, 2023 – 7pm and December 4, 2023 – 7pm. Council meetings are held at the council chambers located at 9126 Hwy. 17 (municipal office). All welcome!

## **FIRE DEPARTMENT:**

**Bruce Mines Fire Department Household Hazardous Waste Event** – drop off by donation between 9am and 1pm, October 7, 2023, at the Bruce Mines Fire Hall – all items must be in a solid, properly sealed container. Any leaky or questionable items will be turned away. For a full list of acceptable vs unacceptable items go to the hazardous waste depot site at: <https://saultstemarie.ca/Government/City-Departments/Public-Works-Engineering-Services/Public-Works/Waste-Management/Household-Hazardous-Waste-Depot/Acceptable-vs-Unacceptable-Waste.aspx>

***THE FIRE DEPARTMENT would like to remind residents to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly. Having an EVACUATION PLAN in place could save your life! If you do not have one, make it a priority!*** Draw a floor plan of your home showing all possible exits from each room. Plan a main escape route and an alternate escape route from each room, especially bedrooms. When fire strikes, a planned step-by-step escape route can reduce panic and confusion. Most of all, it can save lives.

**FIRE PERMITS** are not required as of November 1 – March 31<sup>st</sup>, but please note, the same regulations apply for any burning that takes place during the off season.

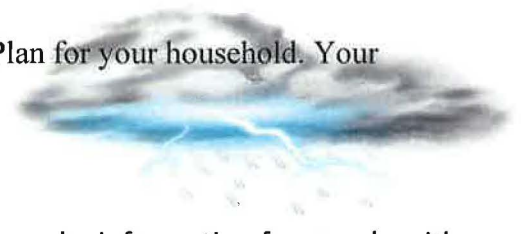


**Emergency Management:** Do you know what to do in a tornado, flood, or winter storm? Do you have everything you need during a major emergency?

<https://beprepared.emergencymanagementontario.ca/myplan>

This online tool will help you create an Emergency Preparedness Action Plan for your household. Your completed plan will:

- List the specific steps you need to take to get prepared,
- Provide tips on hazards that might affect your community,
- Include information related to special needs you may have (for example, information for people with disabilities and pet owners)



**Alert Ready** is Canada's emergency alerting system. Alert Ready delivers critical and potentially life-saving alerts to Canadians through television, radio and LTE-connected and compatible wireless devices. Learn more at [Alert Ready: emergency alerting system - Canada.ca](https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/weather-general-tools-resources/alert-ready-emergency-system.html) – <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/weather-general-tools-resources/alert-ready-emergency-system.html>

**You can't predict an emergency, but you can prepare for one. Take action today!**



### Winter Hours – Dump/Transfer Site:

Winter hours resume at the Rose Lake Site beginning December 1:

Saturdays, Dec. 1 – March 31 – 10 am to 2pm

Transfer Site: Mondays, April 1 – Oct. 31 – 3 pm to 7 pm (**Closed for season November 1<sup>st</sup>**)



**RECYCLING REMINDER:** Not accepted – any film plastic (grocery bags, water bottle case plastic, etc.) and **NO STYROFOAM** of any description (**NO** meat trays or any packing material, etc.) **GLASS** is not accepted in recycling – please dispose of it with regular trash – Aseptic containers are now being accepted with the mixed paper (minus the straws) – thank you for your cooperation.

**Reminder - Winter Parking Restrictions:** Parking on town streets is prohibited between November 1 and April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year to allow for the facilitation of snow removal. We thank you for your cooperation!

**WATER RESTRICTION BYLAW** – the water restriction has been lifted – outdoor water use can resume as normal.

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** – the Town of Bruce Mines requires a Community Services and Events Coordinator. A complete job description is available at [www.brucemines.ca](http://www.brucemines.ca) or by calling the municipal office at 705-785-3493. Please submit your resume before 3pm, September 29/23 to [info@brucemines.ca](mailto:info@brucemines.ca) or to 9126 Hwy. 17 E, PO Box 220, Bruce Mines ON P0R 1C0

**The Chamber of Commerce presents COPPER COUNTRY CHRISTMAS: Saturday, November 18, 2023 – Mark your Calendar** – at the Bruce Mines Community Hall & the Lighthouse Church Hall.

Watch for more information coming soon.



**PARVOVIRUS** - Local veterinarians have been seeing a rise in Parvovirus cases lately in the area. Parvovirus is highly infectious and can be deadly. Vaccinating your dogs for parvovirus is highly recommended. Please call your veterinarian for more information.



The Town's **new WEBSITE** has been up and running for a couple of months now. Please check it out at [www.brucemines.ca](http://www.brucemines.ca) – you will find lots of useful information there, including upcoming events, news, council minutes, recycling calendar, etc., just to name a few. We welcome any suggestions you may have --- please submit events/news that you would like posted to [info@brucemines.ca](mailto:info@brucemines.ca)