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NEWSLETTER | February 2021

A Message from Mayor Fraser

As we enter the last stage of winter, I see many people outside enjoying the fresh air with their family. Now that the Covid-19 vaccines are being distributed in our area, there is a general feeling of optimism. We are making progress in our battle against the Covid-19 virus in North Dundas and our efforts are important to help to ensure our safety, the safety of our vulnerable population and our crucially important health care workers. It is equally important to look after our own mental health and to support each other. I assure you, there is a light at the end of the tunnel, it may be delayed, but it is there. In the meantime, we need to find a healthy balance. Take advantage of the extra hours of daylight, and relish the refreshing feeling of the crisp winter air on your face, rather than dwelling on the pandemic. If you are working from home or just feeling overwhelmed, please take a moment to step away from your tasks, step outside and let the sun shine on you. Until next time stay safe, be kind and take care.

Shop Local and Support our Businesses

Our local businesses continue to need your support and are open to serve you with curbside pickup, home delivery and take out. Our upcoming Explore North Dundas magazine will feature an extensive North Dundas local directory to help everyone shop locally. We are North Dundas Strong!





North Dundas Outdoor Rinks

Weather permitting, enjoy a skate with the whole family at one of our four outdoor rinks, located in South Mountain, Hallville, Inkerman and Morewood. For your continued safety, don't share equipment with others. If the rink is busy, come back when there

are fewer people. Please consider wearing a mask, maintain physical distance of at least 2-meters at all times and respect the maximum capacity posted at each rink. Rink houses and accessory buildings will remain closed. Stay home if you are sick or have been advised to self-isolate.

Light Up North Dundas

The first annual Light Up North Dundas Holiday Tour was well received by the community and it brought some cheer during these challenging times. Congratulations to the following winners: In the House Category: 1st 10540

Church Rd, Mountain, 2nd 524 Henderson Cres, Winchester and 3rd 80 Erin Ave, Chesterville. In the Business/Community Organization Category: 1st Morewood RA, 2nd Garden Villa Retirement and 3rd Funtastic Pool & Spa. The prizes were sourced locally to help support our business community. Thank you to all participants.



We're Hiring For Summer 2021 Positions!

- Outdoor Pool Coordinator
- Head Lifeguards
- Life Guards/Swim Instructors
- Maintenance/Parks Labourer

Deadline to apply is March 12th.

Visit our website for job descriptions and application details.

Need a Dog Tag?

Check your dog's tag - it may be time to renew if you bought it prior to 2020. Call our By-law staff today for a new 2 year tag.

Recycle More, Waste Less

Download the Recycle Coach app and sign up for notifications. Become a better recycler today.





Fire Service Grant

The Township of North Dundas Fire Service is better equipped to keep all community members safe thanks to a grant from the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation of Canada. The \$20,340 grant will be used to purchase a Briggs & Stratton Natural Gas Standby Generator. This generator will enable us to provide many of the necessities of life to our citizens should

we suffer another event such as the ice storm or anything that leads to prolonged loss of power or other services. We are incredibly grateful for this opportunity, and want to thank Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation and Firehouse Subs Orléans for all the work they do and support they provide to first responders.

Tree Giveaway

South Nation Conservation and the Township will be partnering again this year to give away seedlings. Beautify your space and plant some beautiful trees. Watch our website and Facebook as more details are released.





Geocaching in North Dundas

Geocaching is a modern high-tech treasure hunt that uses a global positioning system to find hidden "treasure". In conjunction with the GeoART 150 project by South Mountain resident and avid geocacher Ron Porteous, the Nation Valley ATV Club geocaches along their placed trail North Dundas the system in in the Canada shape of 150 logo.

Each of 150 dots between Winchester and Hallville in the plotted image represents a container hidden somewhere in the area. Learn more at <u>www.geocaching.com</u>. South Nation Conservation has also hidden 40 geocaches across the South Nation Watershed as part of their Watershed, Historical and Community Lands Geo-Passports. Discover South Nation Conservation Lands with the whole family today. Learn more at <u>www.nation.on.ca</u>.

Recreation Lending Library

The Recreation Lending Library is available to residents to borrow sporting & recreation equipment including snowshoes and skates at no charge. Requests must be made at least 24 hours in advance of pick up. To reserve equipment, please contact <u>bcousineau@northdundas.com</u>.



Don't Delay, Get Your Burn Permit

Did you know a \$15 burn permit is valid for the entire calendar year? For anyone looking to have a brush fire this year, we encourage you to apply for your permit early, to avoid the spring rush! Applications can be mailed to the Township office or dropped off in the Township drop box with a cheque. If you prefer, you can email your application to <u>jmanley@northdundas.com</u> and then call the office to make a payment via credit card. Your approved permit will be returned by email or mail.

Checked Your Smoke/CO Alarm Lately?

When was the last time you checked your smoke/CO alarms? Make sure to test them every month and replace units over 10 years old. Fire Prevention volunteers have new alarms and fire extinguishers available for \$20. Please contact jmanley@northdundas.com for more information.

