

Gordon/Barrie Island Newsletter – November - 2023



Holiday Market

Once again Gordon/Barrie Island will be hosting this year's Holiday Market at the community centre on Noble Sideroad. This year we have more than 23 vendors already signed up for the market next month. More are expected to join the fun on Dec 2. Drop by to check out the local vendors and their wares.



Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week

November 1 – 7 is Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week. It is critical for homes with fuel burning appliances to have CM alarms installed and operational. Please be diligent with the upkeep as winter fast approaches. And make sure your smoke alarms are operational. It might save your life. Better to be safe than sorry. Also, our firefighters will continue to have their practice on the first and third Thursday of the month. Please note the fire department is always looking for more volunteers. If interested, please speak to Fire Chief Mike Addison.

Road Closures in November



There is work being done on Lighthouse Road roughly halfway down the road towards the Janet Head Lighthouse where the existing culvert will be repaired. The road will be open to local traffic only until the culvert is fixed. Please check our website for the latest road work being done.

Fire Ban is Finally Lifted

After a summer of very little rainfall, the fire ban has been lifted for all types of fires. Please drop into the municipal office to pick up your fire permit. They are free of charge. Thank you to all residents for their patience and understanding during the Drought of 2023.



Transfer Station Winter Hours

The transfer station (dump) is now operating in the winter hours schedule. The hours of operation are:

Wednesday 11am to 5pm,
Saturday 9am to 1pm



Decorate Your Gate Annual Contest

On October 12 the judges went out into the township to judge this year's entrants for the annual Decorate Your Gate Contest. After a lively discussion among the impartial judges, Melanie Chatwell was selected as this year's winner. Well done to a beautiful and colourful display at the entrance to her driveway. Second place went to Vicki Wright, and third place went to Carolyn Quinn. They received prizes for their impressive efforts. Well done to all who entered the contest.

Continuing Road Work on Highway 540

A formal complaint has been submitted to those responsible for the below-par work done on Highway 540 between Gore Bay and Evansville. A letter of complaint also went to the MPP Michael Mantha and our MP Carol Hughes. The township is seeking a solution to fix and repair the dangerous areas of the road. We will provide updates when we hear the plan for making Highway 540 safer to drive.



Next Council Meeting

The next council meeting will take place Nov. 14 at the Municipal office on Noble Sideroad. As a reminder, this meeting is open to the public. Taxpayers are always welcome to request items to discuss on the monthly agenda.

Welcome to the New Staff at Gordon/Barrie Island!



Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

Pam Fogal joined the Municipality on June 26 as the Deputy Clerk/Treasurer. Pam brings with her eight years of previous experience in the municipal world, providing the team with her exceptional expertise in municipal management and administration. We are fortunate to have Pam join our dynamic team and look forward to working with Pam for many years in the future.

New Road Superintendent



The Municipality of Gordon/Barrie Island has hired a new Road Superintendent in October. Tim Thibault brings with him over 30 years of public works experience in Sudbury to his new position with Gordon/Barrie Island. Already Tim has improved our roads we look forward to seeing how he can help improve the safety and drivability of the roads we use every day. With deep ties to the island, we welcome Tim to his new job.

Cemetery Groundskeeper/Building Maintenance and Parks

The Municipality also welcomes Logan Veenstra to the team. Logan is a gearhead and is at home with any type of engine. His expertise as a public works worker can be seen in how he has improved the many parks and public areas under the jurisdiction of Gordon/Barrie Island. Logan is an integral part of our new team.



By-Law Officer



Chris Meloche has joined Gordon/Barrie Island as the new By-Law Officer. A varied work background has given Chris multiple skills that fit well with the demanding requirements of the By-Law Officer position. Chris worked for the Town of Gore Bay as their By-Law Officer, so he brings that experience to the job. He has a keen eye for detail as well as his exceptional organization skills. We are happy to have Chris in his new role.

Administrative Assistant

Gordon/Barrie Island has recently hired Peter Higgins as the new Administrative Assistant in June. Peter brings many years of experience in administration to the position from his years of working as a copy editor and technical writer from a wide array of different companies. We look forward to working with Peter and welcome him to the team.

