



Chapple Municipal Newsletter



January & February 2014

OFFICE: 487-2354 FAX: 487-2406

E-MAIL: chapple@tbaytel.net WEBSITE: www.chapple.on.ca

Reeve: Peter Van Heyst; Councillor Ward 1: Ken Wilson; Councillor Ward 2: Rilla Race;
Councillor Ward 3: James Gibson; Councillor Ward 4: Ted Zimmerman

Winter Storms: Emergency Management Ontario

Winter storms

can be treacherous and damaging if you are unprepared. They can disrupt power supply and transportation and create home and personal safety issues. Bitter cold and winter storms kill more people than the number of Canadians killed by tornadoes, thunderstorms, lightning, floods and hurricanes combined. When you are building your family emergency plan review and discuss these safety tips with your entire household to make sure everyone understands what to do.

If you are indoors:

- Listen to the radio and/or television for weather reports and emergency information.
- Stay indoors. If you must go outside, dress for the weather to avoid serious cold-related injuries.
- Keep water running. Running water, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing.

If you are outdoors:

- Avoid overexertion when shovelling snow. If you must shovel snow, ensure you take frequent breaks so as not to over-stress your body.
- Dress in several layers of lightweight clothing. Wear mittens and a hat (preferably one that covers your ears).
- Wear waterproof, insulated boots to keep your feet warm and dry and to maintain your footing in ice and snow.
- It is important to regularly check for frostbite. Indicators include, numbness or white areas on your face and extremities (ears, nose, cheeks, hands and feet in particular).
- Bring pets/companion animals inside during winter weather. Move other animals or livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.

Prepare Now:

- Review and discuss the safety tips with your entire household to make sure everyone understands what to do during a severe winter storm.
- Add additional items to your emergency survival kit such as; extra warm clothes or blankets.
- Winterize your home to retain heat by insulating walls and attics, caulking or weather-stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic.
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected once a year.



CHAPPLE HERITAGE:

Chapple history book, 'Between the Ripples...stories of Chapple' are still available at a cost of \$35. Contact the Township Office to obtain a copy or call Rilla at 487-2655.

Chapple museum is closed until spring. If you have a group you wish to bring to the museum in the off season, please contact Rilla Race at 487-2655 to make an arrangement.

Next Heritage Meeting
Monday February 10, 2014
Council Chambers
7:00 pm

Knitting Group has started up again at the Chapple Municipal Office. Thursday evenings at 7pm. Come bring out your projects to work on. It's a great way to learn new skills.

Contact Carol 487-2512 for more information.

Waste Recovery Sites Hours of Operation

Shenston Dump

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday
9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Richardson Dump

Tuesday, Friday and Saturday
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Only Residents can dump at Shenston and Richard Dumps. Please contact the municipal office to arrange payment of Non-Resident Tipping Fees before proceeding to use the municipal dumps.

Council would like to Welcome

Ted Zimmerman

As our Newest Council Member

Next Council

Meeting



Without Fire Permits!

Fire Permits are required all year including incinerators!!

Permits can be obtained from Municipal Office, James Gibson 487-2731, Les & Sharon McNally 482-2504 and Janet Johnson 482-2570.

Are you thinking of renovating or building this Spring?

Remember to contact the Municipal Office at 487-2354 for the proper permits before you start any projects at your residence.

Building without a Building Permit is a \$200 fine.

Chapple Recreation Cook Book & 100 Years of Cooking
Available at the Municipal Office
2 for \$10 or \$7.00/cook book.

.....
Fitness Centre Memberships are available at the Municipal Office
Single: \$70 plus \$20 swipe card
Family: \$120 plus \$20/swipe card
Swipe cards are needed to access the gym.

Radon: Protect your health. Test your home.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the breakdown of uranium that is found in rocks and soil. It usually enters buildings through cracks in foundation floors and walls, gaps in pipes, open floor drains, or any other area of exposed soil. Radon gas is invisible: you can't see it, smell it or taste it. The only way to know the radon level in your home is to test for it with a radon tester.

Long term exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in Canada. The Northwestern Health Unit is recommending radon testing for all homes to determine if you and your family are at risk of radon exposure.

"Radon is a health concern in Northwestern Ontario, but few homeowners realize the risk or how to protect themselves against it," says Rick Pascoe, Public Health Inspector with the Northwestern Health Unit. "We are joining other public health units in Ontario with a collaborative awareness campaign to help the public better understand this issue."

Higher than recommended radon levels can be found in any home regardless of the age and location, which makes it impossible to predict the risk of exposure without testing. The good news is that testing for radon is inexpensive and easy. Test kits are available for purchase at local household product stores and online. To get the most accurate results, Health Canada recommends testing for a minimum of three months during the winter in the lowest lived-in area of your home. If your home tests above Health Canada's guideline of 200 Bq/m3 it is recommended that actions be taken to reduce the radon gas in the home. The Northwestern Health Unit can provide information to guide homeowners in testing for radon and how to find a certified radon mitigation contractor, if needed.

For more information, contact a public health inspector at the Northwestern Health Unit or call 1-888-404-4231. Information from the Government of Canada is available at

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hl-vs/iyh-vsv/environ/radon-eng.php>.

For media inquiries, please contact:

Rick Pascoe
Public Health Inspector
Northwestern Health Unit
807-223-3301 ext. 3522
rpascoe@nwhu.on.ca

**REMINDER!!! - Interim Property Tax Bills are Due
MARCH 31, 2014**

Snowplowing Agreements are required BEFORE laneways can be plowed. Please attend Municipal Office to sign. Cost is \$25 per grader visit.



Come out and Celebrate Family Day! Kids Bring Your Parents!

Date: Monday, February 17, 2014 Time: 1:00 - 3:30 pm

Place: Emo-La Vallee Community Centre Highlights: Free Family Skate: 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Free Shinny Hockey and Skating Games:

2:30 - 3:30 pm

(helmets and gloves are mandatory)

Chapple Fire Department is looking for Volunteer Fire Fighters.

For those that are interested, feel free to call Gerry Armstrong - Fire Chief : 275-8788 for more information.

Have You Tested Your Smoke Detectors This Month?