

From the Office of the Mayor

STAY SAFE, HEALTHY AND WELL

TOWNSHIP/FINANCIAL UPDATE

2021 Budget

Council is currently working on the 2021 budget. We are committed to rehabilitating our infrastructure and maintaining existing service levels, while keeping property taxes affordable.

School Board and County Services

The township collects and transfers taxes to School Boards and the County of Simcoe. These taxes are used to maintain county roads and bridges, provide paramedic services, garbage pickup and waste transfer sites. They also provide financial contributions to the Stevenson Memorial Hospital, hospice services, long term care facilities, and subsidized housing in Simcoe County.

Outstanding Property Tax

As per the Municipal Act, property owners with delinquent taxes for two or more years will be contacted by the Township to arrange a suitable payment plan.

Water and Wastewater

Currently the water and wastewater systems of the township are being subsidized by all taxpayers. According to a recent report, the revenue that had been collected for water and wastewater had not covered the actual cost. This has resulted in a very large internal debt owed to the Township Working Fund that continues to increase annually. To resolve this situation, Watson and Associates (Township Economist) will be presenting a new sustainable financial plan to council in early spring. Council will hold a public meeting to hear from residents to come up with solutions to resolve this issue.

Council is considering options for the failing New Horizon Wastewater Plant which currently services 100 homes in Everett, as residents can be hooked into the new Farsight development's sewage plant. Council will contact residents when the developer presents costs to council.

Finances (as of December 2020)

Total Internal Debt: (money borrowed from general taxation) municipal water and wastewater users = \$3,418,848 and increasing.

Total Outstanding Receivables: Water, wastewater, and defaulting property taxes = \$5,255,656

Tax and Licence Payments

Payments for property taxes, water/sewer, dog licenses and burn permits can now be paid on-line with Mastercard, Visa through the Township online payment software, minimal service charge apply that goes to the service provider. (<https://www.adjtos.ca/en/living-in-our-community/online-payments.aspx>). Or call 1-866-658-7605 and follow the prompts.

Contact the Township

We have a new feature on the Township website ("I WANT TO" on the home page at adjtos.ca) whereby residents can directly contact the Township with feedback, questions, maintenance, and by-law infractions.

For further questions or concerns, please contact:

Mayor Floyd Pinto: 705-434-5050 (Ext. 260)

Deputy Mayor Bob Meadows: 705-984-9712

Councillor Annette Bays: 705-718-1222 (Ward 1)

Councillor Jonathan Pita: 705-718-8803 (Ward 2)

Councillor Ronald O-Leary: 705-220-7264 (Ward 3)

Councillor Deborah Hall-Chancey: 705-220-0982 (Ward 4)

Councillor Scott Anderson: 705-241-0920 (Ward 5)

Taxation Information

Tax bills are issued twice per year with each bill having two instalment due dates. The Interim Tax Bill is based on 50% of your prior year total taxes. Payments must be received on or before the due date. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure payments are received by the due date. Late payment charges are subject to penalties of 1.25% added on the first day of default. Staff do not have the authority to waive penalty charges. Canada Post is not an agent for the municipality; therefore, penalty cannot be waived if the payment is not received on time.

Payment Options

- **Financial Institutions** - Via telephone banking, online banking or in person at the branch
- **24 Hour Drop Box** - Located our Municipal offices front door entrance. (cheques only)
- **Mail** - Please make cheques payable to the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio and allow sufficient time for mailing prior to the due date. Post-dated cheques are accepted.
- **Pre-Authorized Payment Plan** -Visit www.adjtos.ca
- **Via our website** - Now accepting Visa and Mastercard for taxes, water, dog tag and burn permit payments.
- **In-Person** - At our Municipal offices please refer to our website for up-to-date closure information. Acceptable payment options are cash, cheques, and debit.

INTERIM TAX BILL DUE DATES

(All Tax Classes)

Wednesday March 31, 2021

Monday May 31, 2021

Assessment Information

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for assessing and classifying all properties within the Township.

Please contact MPAC for any assesment questions;

MPAC

65 Cedar Pointe Drive, Suite 800

Barrie, ON L4N 5R7

Phone: 1-866-296-6722

Fax: 1-866-297-6703

Web: <https://www.mpac.ca/>

Water and Sewer Information

Water and Sewer Bills are issued four times per year in January, April, July, and October.

FUTURE WATER BILL DUE DATES

Friday April 30, 2021

Friday July 30, 2021

Friday October 29, 2021

Ontario 211 Services

| Live Answer | Online Resources | 24/7
| 150 + languages |

| info@211ontario.ca | Call 211 |

VISIT ONTARIO 211