

Severn Bulletin

June 2022

Due dates

Property taxes are due in two installments on **August 8** and **October 8**.

Payment options

Pre-authorized payments

Pre-authorized payment plans allow you to set up automatic withdrawals from your bank account every month or on due dates. Sign up for pre-authorized payments at severn.ca/taxes.

Cheque

Pay by cheque (to Township of Severn) by mail (PO Box 159, Orillia, Ontario L3V 6J3) or drop box (1024 Hurlwood Lane, Severn).

Banking

Pay through online or telephone banking, or in person at a financial institution.

Receipts

Please let us know if you'd like a receipt and provide your email or mailing address.

Paperless billing

Sign up for e-billing for water, sewer and property taxes at severn.ca.

Property assessments

Property assessments for the 2022 property tax continue to be based on 2016 values.

This means your property assessment remains the same as it was for the 2021 tax year, unless there have been changes to your property, such as:

- an addition, new construction, or renovation
- your property no longer qualifies as farmland, conservation land, or a managed forest

Learn more about potential changes to your property assessment on the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) website.



Visit: mpac.ca.

Administration Office: 1024 Hurlwood Lane, Severn
Mailing address: PO Box 159, Orillia, Ontario L3V 6J3

Phone: 705-325-2315
Email: info@severn.ca

2022 Municipal and School Board Election

The next Municipal and School Board Election will be held Monday, October 24. Are you thinking about running for a seat on Severn Council? Councillors help to direct the decisions that shape the community and impact the future of Severn and its residents. Nomination papers are due to the Clerk by **August 19**.

Online candidate information session

Severn and area municipalities are hosting an online Candidate Information Session on Thursday, June 16 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You can register online by emailing clerks@springwater.ca.

In-person candidate information session

An in-person Candidate Information Session is also scheduled for Thursday, July 7 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Rotary Place in Orillia. Reserve your spot by contacting Sheila Spring at 705-487-2171 x2140 or sspring@oro-medonte.ca.



Visit **severn.ca/election** for eligibility and to view the required forms.

Good Neighbour By-laws

Short-term rentals can present challenges to existing regulations and municipal by-laws. Homeowners should be aware of the by-laws in Severn that affect the short-term rental of their property, also referred to as our Good Neighbour By-laws.

These include:

- Noise By-law
- Open-Air Burning By-Law
- Parking By-law
- Zoning By-law

Seasonal Municipal Law Officers will be enforcing these and other by-laws seven days a week. Please be respectful of others and always keep emergency access routes clear.

Only complaints submitted using our online form or made in writing will be investigated.

Residents can also email our By-law Department at bylaw@severn.ca.



Visit **severn.ca/bylaws** to view our commonly requested by-laws.

Get involved in your community

Find ways to offer feedback and stay up to date on the latest news and notices.

Have your say



Provide your input on a variety of municipal services and programs. We're committed to community collaboration and value your feedback.

severn.ca/haveyoursay

Stay informed



Subscribe to our news and notices and follow us on social media so you never miss an important update.
severn.ca/subscribe

Report a concern



If you have a concern about roads, streetlights or a by-law, please report your concern and we'll follow up.
severn.ca/reportaconcern

We're committed to providing programs that serve our community. Help us develop services that meet your needs and provide your feedback and input on our variety of programs, services, and plans.

✓ Official Plan

The Official Plan (OP) guides long-term growth, land use and development in our community. The draft OP will be provided to the County in early June and an open house and public meeting will be held in September. If you would like to be notified of the open house or public meeting, subscribe at: severn.ca/officialplan.

✓ Transportation Master Plan

We're developing a road map to guide transportation improvements in Severn—now and in the future. Have your say on our Transportation Master Plan.

✓ Recreation Master Plan

We're updating our Recreation Master Plan and will be sharing the draft document online and requesting your feedback. We're listening!



Learn more at: severn.ca/haveyoursay.

Fire permits

With the arrival of summer, a popular way to spend time with family and friends is to enjoy a quiet night around a warm fire. It is important to reduce the risk associated with fires, and we're reminding residents to purchase their annual fire permit and to review our Open-air Burning By-law.

"Whether in the backyard of your home, the cottage, or at a campground, make fire safety a priority. Open-air burning, especially if left unattended, can become difficult to control and result in a serious widespread fire. The dry conditions that have been observed so far this year are of concern and extra care should be taken. Check the fire rating before starting a fire, supervise your fire at all times, and have sufficient water nearby to extinguish the fire.

—Fire Chief Tim Cranney



Residents can sign-up for email updates to the fire danger rating. We have also placed signs around the community. For more information, contact our Fire Prevention Officer at fire@severn.ca or 705-325-2315 x248.



Event tent permit guide

A permit from Severn may be required if you'd like to put up a temporary tent for an event. The Ontario Building Code requires permits for tents that are 60 square metres (646 square feet) in ground area or greater (including multiple tents).

These requirements help to:

- ensure the safety of all attendees and organizers
- minimize any unwanted impacts on the community
- protect property and infrastructure

Before you get started, view our online Event Tent Guide which includes the information you need to complete your permit application.

Contact the Building Department staff at building@severn.ca.



Visit: severn.ca/firepermits.



Visit: severn.ca/eventtent.

Traffic calming measures

Traffic calming aims to prevent high-speed rushed driving by 'calming' motorists using visual cues that influence drivers to pay more attention and to change their driving behaviours. The benefits to our communities include reduced speeds and a safer environment for all road users that also encourages active transportation.

Severn's Public Works team have activated traffic calming methods throughout the community such as portable radar feedback signs, semi-permanent radar feedback signs, and children silhouette roadside signs.



Learn more at: severn.ca/slowdown.

Septic reinspection program visits begin in June

To ensure that septic systems in Severn are properly maintained and functioning an annual septic reinspection program is carried out by the Township. This program assists in protecting drinking water systems and ensures our lakes, rivers and natural spaces stay healthy and clean for everyone to enjoy.

Inspections focus on specific areas each year. If your property is selected for the current year, you'll receive a letter outlining the program details and what to expect during the up-coming inspection. You don't need to be present for the inspection. Due to the large number of properties and limited time, Severn will not pre-book inspections. Residents in the Tea Lake and Severn area can expect inspections to occur in the summer and fall of 2022. You can also email our Septic Inspector at septic@severn.ca or call 705-325-2315 x252.

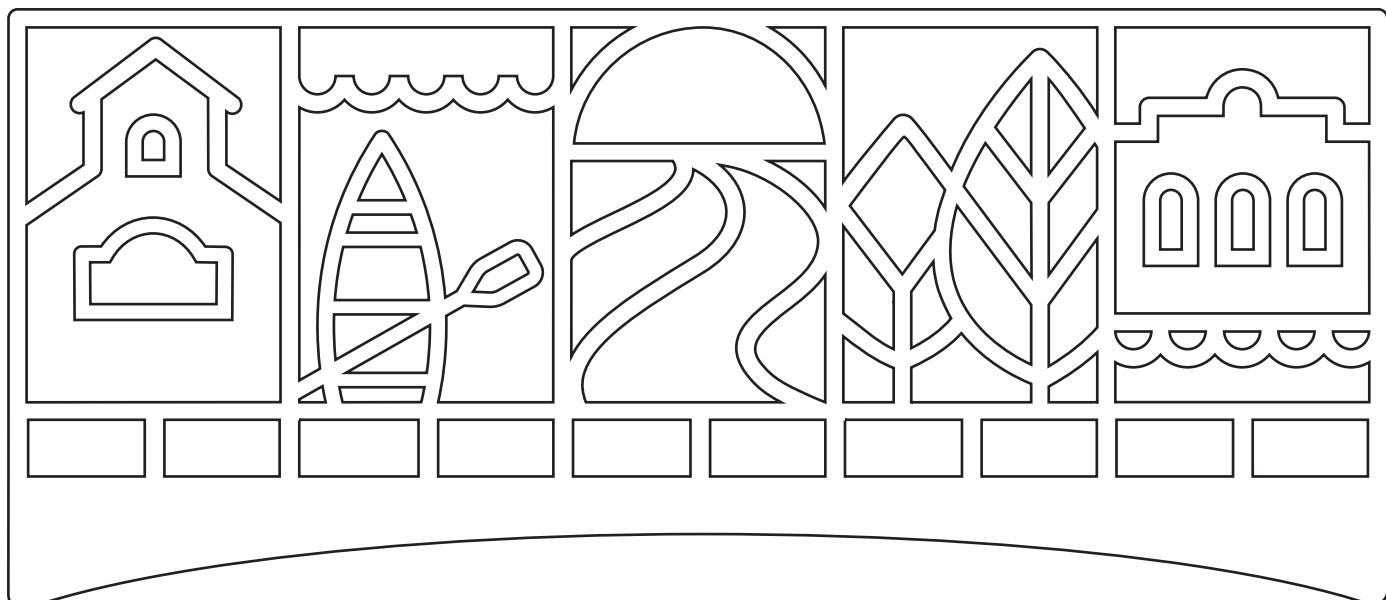


Visit: severn.ca/septicreinspectionprogram for more details.



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