



Message: This newsletter is the fall/winter issue for 2008. Please take a moment to review the contents of the highlights as outlined below. This newsletter is a means whereby the Mayor, Council and Administration are able to communicate with the residents of our Town and apprise them of various Town projects and issues. Please contact the Town should you have any questions concerning the information that is published.

YMCA: The Innisfil Recreational Complex is fast approaching completion and plans call for the Complex to be open to the public by mid November. The Innisfil YMCA will be operating the swimming pool, gymnasium and fitness centre in the complex. For information on schedule of programs and membership fees contact the YMCA by calling 431-9622. The Town of Innisfil and the Innisfil YMCA are planning an official opening of the facility to correspond with the opening of the YMCA in Mid November to which the public will be invited. Please watch for an announcement in the local newspapers, the Town website. The date will be posted on the display signs at the entrance roads to the complex.

Library Services: Exciting changes are happening at your Library! Visit your local branch and check it out! The Innisfil Public Library is proud to be launching the "Every Child Ready to Read" Initiative. Once again, the talents of all young aspiring authors in grades 6 to 12 are being sought for the 2008 version of the *Seepe Walters Story Writing Contest*. All entries must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 22nd. The Lakeshore Branch is very pleased to be a host location for three local artists during the Innisfil Studio Tour on November 1st and 2nd. Visit or call your local branch for more details - Lakeshore at 431-7410, Stroud at 436-1681, Cookstown at 458-1273 and Churchill at 456-2671.

Customer Service: The Customer Service centre at the Town Hall provides the Town of Innisfil residents, the business community and visitors with a place to access all services provided by the municipality. At our front counter location you can obtain: licensing for lotteries, dogs and business operations; permit applications for building, plumbing, entrance ways, and septic systems; applications for birth, marriage certificates, site plans, rezoning and Committee of Adjustment. Payments are accepted for tax and utility accounts as well as registration fees for Parks and Recreation Programs. We also receive inquiries regarding zoning, roads and reporting of streetlight outages. To contact Customer Service call 705-436-3710 or from the Lefroy area call 705-456-3353. Hours of operation are Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Parks & Recreation – Programs Department: **Get Winter Active ~ Watch for your Winter Program Guide in your mailbox late November!** and available at any Town Facility (recreation centre, libraries, Town Hall)! We are offering a full array of pre-school, youth, teen, general interest and fitness programs. For more information please call the Parks & Recreation office at 705-436-3710 Monday – Friday 8:30-4:30 or log on to inn-touch.innisfil.ca.

Parks & Recreation – Facility Bookings: View ice time, banquet halls and pavilion availability online. To find out more, log onto inn-touch.innisfil.ca, click the facility tab and check if your date and time are available.

NEW Innisfil Recreational Complex(I.R.C.): - Come and enjoy the area's newest state of the art twin pad facility, the Innisfil Recreational Complex, 2 full NHL size rinks, with modern dressing rooms, great parking, and a convenient location - Yonge Street just south of Innisfil Beach Road. Ice time is available at very competitive prices! Bring your league or activity to Innisfil! For more information call Parks & Recreation or log on to inn-touch.innisfil.ca.

Special Events this coming season in the new I.R.C., Stroud and Lefroy Arenas

Innisfil Recreation Complex (IRC) Red & Gold Rink:

Feb. 13, 14, 15, 2009 Federation of Broomball Jr. Provincial Championship
Mar. 27, 28, 29, 2009 Regional Police Tournament

Stroud Arena:

Nov. 28, 29 Federation of Broomball National Qualifier
Feb. 13, 14, 15, 2009 Federation of Broomball Junior Provincial Championships
Mar. 28, 2009 Innisfil Figure Skating Carnival

Lefroy Arena:

Nov. 15, 16 Lefroy Minor Hockey Tournament
Dec. 27, 28 Lefroy Minor Hockey Tournament
Mar. 28, 2009 Lefroy Skating Club Carnival

Innisfil Recreation Complex (IRC) Holiday Schedule, Red & Gold Rinks:

Christmas Eve Open until 12 noon
Christmas Day Closed
Boxing Day Open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Holiday Rates Apply
New Year's Day Open 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Holiday Rates Apply

Stroud & Lefroy Holiday Schedule:

December 24 th	Open until 12 noon	New Year's Day	Closed
Christmas Day	Closed	Family Day, Feb. 16	Closed

Parking Restrictions: Reminder to Residents - as the winter is arriving residents are reminded that no vehicles are permitted to be parked on a highway between the hours of 3:00 am through 6:00 am from the 1st day of November to the 1st day of May in any calendar year as per By-law 043-05.

Road Services

Winter Snow Removal: Our efforts to clear snow from the municipal roads are hampered when vehicles are left on the street. Your vehicle can be tagged or towed if it obstructs the snow clearing operations. Please keep your vehicles in your driveway during and following a snowfall. Remember not to park on any street overnight between the hours of 3:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. from November 1 to May 1.

Winter Control: Do not park vehicles over the sidewalk – even a partially blocked sidewalk prevents plows from doing their job properly. Ensure that any structures are placed well back from the property line. Residents are reminded not to park cars overnight on Town streets and to refrain from dumping snow on the roadway.

Walkways and Sidewalks: Pedestrian walkways are NOT maintained for winter operations. The remainders of the sidewalks are cleared by Town crews.

Getting in Touch: Severe weather conditions and other factors may delay our ability to clear all of Innisfil roads of snow and ice. Even when all of our equipment is at work, heavy or drifting snow may recover streets before repeat clearing is possible. We ask that you give us time to manage the snowstorm, but if you feel that our crews have missed your street, contact Customer Service at 436-3710.

Driveway Snow Removal: When piling snow at the end of your driveway, please place the majority of it on the left side if standing on the road looking at your house. This will reduce the amount of snow that could be plowed into your driveway during snow removal operations. Please remember when clearing your driveway not to throw the snow on to Town streets or sidewalks. Not only does this cause unsafe driving and walking conditions, this action also contravenes municipal bylaws.

Winter Safety Precautions: In the winter, children should not play on snow banks or snow piles in the centre of cul-de-sacs as it is difficult for the plow operators to see them if they are tunneling or hidden. Please take care when passing or traveling behind snowplows as visibility is a concern and they may have to stop or make a sudden turn to avoid a hidden or packed object.

Adopt a Fire Hydrant: We would request that residents adopt a fire hydrant in their area to help staff keep them clear of snow for fire emergencies. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Special Waste Collection Dates: All materials to be at curbside by 7:00am on the first day of the week.

* Leaf & Yard Collection Week - November 17/08 * Brush Collection Week - November 10/08 * Christmas Tree Collection Week - January 19/09

Emergency Preparedness: As we leave summer and enter into the cooler days this is a reminder to everyone to be prepared for the unexpected. If you can answer "yes" to the following you are certainly headed in a positive direction.

- Has your source of heating been inspected and in good working order?
- Is your smoke alarm functioning properly and have you replaced the batteries?
- Do you have a home emergency preparedness kit ready and able to be self-sufficient for 72 hours?
- Is your vehicle ready for the ravages of winter?
- Have you considered an alternate source of power should we experience a power failure?

If you require any emergency preparedness information please call the Emergency Management Coordinator at 705-436-2763 during normal business hours - Monday to Friday. Remember – Prepare Today For A Safer Tomorrow.

Property Tax Bills: The 2008 Final Property Tax Bills are mailed out in early June. Final bills are due in two approximately equal installments. Installment due dates were June 27th, and September 30th for Residential, Farm, Managed Forest and Pipeline property classes. Final commercial, industrial, and multi-residential installment due dates were August 29th, and October 31st. If you plan to make any payments electronically through your financial institution, please do so 2-3 business days prior to the due dates to ensure your payment reaches the Town in time. When using the Cookstown Drop-box to make payments please remit 4-5 business days prior to the due date. Post-dated cheques for all due dates can be sent to the Town Hall at any time to be processed on the date you have selected. All payments received subsequent to the due dates are liable for late payment penalty at the rate of 1.25% of the amount due and 1.25% interest on the first day of each month thereafter. The Municipal Act requires that address changes must be submitted to the Town in writing. For your convenience, a change of address form, complete with instructions is available on the Town's website at www.innisfil.ca. Please note that failure to receive a Property Tax Bill does not relieve the owner of responsibility for payments due nor liability for penalty and interest charged.

Considering an Electricity Contract? Know your rights when approached by sales agents at your home or on the telephone.

- Agents must identify themselves. They do not represent Innisfil Hydro or the government.
- Agents must also show ID with their name, the company they represent and their license number.
- If they don't identify themselves, you should ask.
- Agents must always leave you with their business card, and if you ask, a copy of materials presented at the door.
- You don't need to show your bill unless you are ready to sign a contract.
- Don't rush or feel pressured into making a decision. It's up to you how your electricity is supplied.
- If you sign nothing, you are automatically supplied electricity by Innisfil Hydro.
- You don't need to sign anything for the agent to leave information
- The OEB website (www.oeb.gov.on.ca) has a list of the licensed electricity retailers.

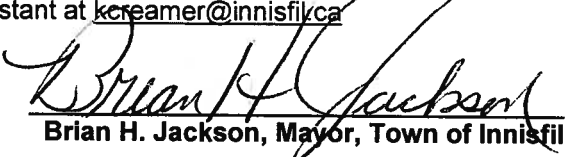
UPCOMING EVENTS

Alcona Santa Claus Parade – Sunday November 30th at 1:30 p.m. starting at Jans Blvd and ending at Innisfil Beach Park. For details and questions contact Gord Wauchope at 705-436-5388.

Cookstown Santa Claus Parade – Saturday December 6th at 1:00 p.m. For details and questions contact Kim Turtscher 705-458-9514.

Innisfil Winterfest – Friday February 20th to Sunday February 22nd, 2009 – Innisfil Beach Park. For questions and details contact Gord Wauchope at 705-436-5388.

Feedback is important to ensure that this newsletter is effective and meets the needs of our residents. To leave your comments please email Mayor Jackson at bjackson@innisfil.ca or my assistant at kreamer@innisfil.ca


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