



2003 SUMMER 2003 TOWNSHIP OF SEGUIN

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2003 BUDGET

Seguin Council approved the 2003 Budget on May 20th, 2003 with a 23% reduction in the municipal tax rates. The Province of Ontario also reduced the residential tax rates for education taxes by 10%, resulting in an 18% overall reduction in the total tax rate from 2002. Although some property assessments have increased substantially, many property owners will see a reduction in their 2003 tax levy.

BLUE BOXES

We still have a substantial supply of recycling Blue Boxes. The cost is \$5.50 per box (including taxes) and can be purchased at the Municipal Office during regular hours.

DIRECT DEBIT AVAILABLE!

A Direct Debit terminal has now been installed at our front counter for your convenience for making payments directly from your bank account for taxes, building permits, planning applications, etc. Tax payments can also be made by telephone banking or internet banking through TD Canada Trust, CIBC, Royal Bank, Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of Montreal or Credit Union Central.

PLANNING UPDATE

The brochure *“Help Preserve Our Night Sky - A Sensible Waterfront Lighting Guide”* is now available at the Municipal Office. Multiple copies are also available for Cottage Associations to distribute to their membership. Property owners are asked to cooperate with their neighbours so we can all enjoy the dark skies of our area.

Seguin Council has now authorized the start of the Township’s Official Plan Review. A detailed Terms of Reference is being prepared, to be followed by the first phase of data collection and review of existing Planning documents.

Other Special Projects being undertaken by Seguin Township Planning Staff are a Pits and Quarries Study, a review of Environmental Guidelines for the creation and enlargement of Golf Courses and the establishment of a Handicapped Accessibility Plan under the Ontario Disabilities Act.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2002 audited Financial Statements are now complete and are available at no cost to any ratepayer or resident of the Township. Please write, call, fax or e-mail your request to the Municipal Office.

DOG TAGS

Please note that Township of Seguin Dog Tags expire on December 31st of each year. By-law 2002 - 56 requires that all dogs have a valid dog tag affixed to them, at all times. The fees are on the chart as follows:

	Up to March 31	After March 31
1 st Dog (Spayed/Neutered)	\$5.00	\$15.00
2 nd Dog (Spayed/Neutered)	\$10.00	\$20.00
3 rd & each add'l (Spayed/Neutered)	\$25.00	\$35.00
1 st Dog (NOT Spayed/Neutered)	\$10.00	\$20.00
2 nd Dog (NOT Spayed/Neutered)	\$15.00	\$25.00
Replacement Licences	\$2.00	\$2.00
PROOF OF RABIES VACCINATION WITHIN THE LAST 24 MONTHS IS NECESSARY!		



West Parry Sound District
MUSEUM

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We had to close the doors!

Reduced funding has created a major setback for Museums in Ontario. The province, municipalities, conservation authority, Ontario Arts Council and corporate sponsors have all played a part. In the West Parry Sound area there have been two major fund raising campaigns. The new West Parry Sound Health Centre and the Stockey Centre have substantially increased competition for fewer dollars. This has meant a temporary closure of this vital community institution. It remains closed today and without assurance of adequate funding, permanent closure is imminent. With your support we will be able to once again open our doors and provide our area with this precious heritage resource. Your donation will help the museum pay down it's \$60,000 deficit and reorganize for the years ahead. Please help by filling out the form on the other side of this sheet and mail your contribution today.

Thank You

I would like to donate \$ _____ to the **General Operations** of the **West Parry Sound District Museum** and support this valuable district asset.

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

I would like to pay by cheque _____ (payable to the West Parry Sound District Museum)

I would like to pay by VISA _____ Mastercard _____ exp. date _____

Card number _____ Signature _____

*Thank you for supporting
the West Parry Sound
District Museum*