



# Council Communiqué

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## Fire Permits

Fire permits may be purchased online at [www.tweedfire.ca](http://www.tweedfire.ca)

The cost is \$15 and may be paid at the Library (on Saturdays) with cash or cheque or at the Municipal Office with cash, debit or cheque. You may also pay by etransfer at [info@tweed.ca](mailto:info@tweed.ca) or online through the payment portal.

## BUILDING?

The BISB has moved to Cloudpermit. This is an online permitting software. To apply for a permit please visit [www.cloudpermit.com](http://www.cloudpermit.com).

For help with Cloudpermit please contact the Permit Clerk at 613-395-3380 ext 2230.

To book final inspections for permits please call 1-866-414-0088.

Property owners are responsible for obtaining the appropriate permits and approval before starting construction.

## Municipal Bridge Analysis

Every 2 years, municipalities complete the Ontario Structure Inspection Manual (OSIM) inspection of all bridges. In December 2022, we received our latest OSIM update.

This update indicated that of our 52 structures (bridges and large culverts), 32 of these are in need of significant repairs, rehabilitation or complete replacement. The OSIM report estimates that in the next 10 years, \$26,952,400 will need to be spent on these 32 structures. This translates to \$2,695,240. per year (or 57.47% tax levy increase based on proposed 2023 taxation levy or \$421. per \$100,000. of property assessment per year for 10 years).

Council recognizes that this is a financial burden that cannot be wholly borne by our residents

and have been considering options of potentially closing some bridges at the end of their useful lives, instead of full rehabilitation.

Seven of these bridges for consideration include: Lost Channel Bridge (Lost Channel Road), north and south Catons Bridges (Carrs Road), east and west Red Bridges (Black River Road), Ross Bridge (Bosley Road), and Joe Trudeau Bridge (Courneya Road near intersection with Allore Road). One of the considerations for closing these seven bridges is that the total cost would be \$10,521,840.

These bridges also have limited detour routes (minimizing impact on emergency response times) and limited immediate impact to dwellings within the vicinity.

The Municipality will hold an open house meeting in

the fall in relation to these potential bridge closures to receive public input and answer any questions. The public meetings will also serve as an opportunity for the Municipality to highlight the budgetary concerns that come with managing 52 structures.

After the public meetings, Council will review all factors and concerns identified before making any decisions.

If any of these bridges are agreed to be closed, this would not be done immediately but at the time in which the OSIM reports indicate the bridge is no longer structurally sound. There is no exact timeline for when that may be as a number of factors determine the remaining useful life of a bridge.

## Emergency Preparedness Week

Emergency Preparedness Week is May 1st – 7th – How You Can Plan for Emergencies - Be Prepared, Make a Plan, Prepare your Kit, Know your Hazards. During this week, be sure to check our website and Facebook page for more information. To view the Municipality of Tweed Emergency Management Program and Response Plan visit <https://www.tweed.ca/emergency-management-c346>

## Local Events

The Municipality of Tweed has many great events happening throughout the year. Be sure to watch our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/tweedontario> and our Calendar of Events <https://www.tweed.ca/comingevents9> for promotion and information.

## 2023 Budget Highlights

Insurance costs increased \$77,931 (1.8% tax levy increase).

Gas, fuel and diesel costs increased \$133,818 (3.1% tax levy increase)

All other items increased \$93,689.32 (2.17% tax levy increase).

**Proposed overall tax levy increase of \$305,438.32 (7.07%)**

## Significant Capital Projects:

Joe Allore Bridge Replacement \$1,971,600.

Pomeroy Avenue Road, Water, Sewer, and Storm Rehabilitation \$2,513,270.

Louisa Street watermain crossing Moira River \$1,029,682.50.

Water treatment plant nitrate medium change \$400,000.

Hunt Road Landfill Closure \$500,000.

Queensborough Community Hall Renovations \$430,000.

## Village Development

With the third lagoon now fully operational the sewage capacity of the Village has grown. Additional development can now be facilitated. Please contact the administration office to discuss opportunities.

## Online Payments/ e-Billing

The Municipality of Tweed is pleased to announce that we can now accept online payments and provide online eBilling for property taxes and water and sewer billings. On our website [www.tweed.ca](http://www.tweed.ca) you will now see a new button "View/Pay Ebills".

If you wish to start

receiving your property tax bills and/or water & sewer bills electronically you can do this by signing up for eBilling.

If you have any questions regarding registering, accessing eBills, or making online payments you can call the office or watch the online videos. Each section has a how-to button which will provide you a video walkthrough.

It is important to note that after you register an email is sent with a code. Please ensure you wait 10 minutes before entering the code. The code is then only active for 24 hours.

Don't forget to check your spam/junk folder for the verification code.



[View/Pay eBills](#)

## Purchase Dog Tags By March 31st

Municipality of Tweed By-Law No. 2014-07 requires that every owner of a dog, register and licence their dog each year.

Tags are \$15.00 per dog until March 31st. The price increases to \$45.00 per dog after April 1st.

Dog tags are available at the Municipal Office at 255 Metcalf Street, Tweed.

The By-law does include a fine for not having a current dog tag affixed.

The By-law permits up to three (3) dogs at any one residence.

A Kennel Licence is required for more than three dogs. Kennel licences are not permitted in the Village or Hamlets, or on any Rural Residential zoned properties. The Animal Control Officer issues all kennel licences. Animal Control—613-847-7784

Capital projects total \$8,498,954.50 with funding to come from the following sources:

\$496,873 - Federal funding  
\$759,300.50 - Provincial funding  
\$2,312,481 - Reserves  
\$540,000 - Reserve funds  
\$390,000 - Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly Federal Gas Tax)  
\$45,000 - Parkland fees  
\$250,000 - Other sources  
\$3,522,150 - Internal and external debt financing  
\$183,150 - Property taxes



Disc Golf



Outdoor Stage



Tweed Oil Kings

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