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Hope Your Summer is Going well!

Despite the cool wet weather so far

Next meeting:
Saturday, July 11, 2009
10:00AM Galway Hall

Featured Speakers:

Reeve Tom Flynn

Galway, Cavendish and Harvey

Deputy Warden Jim Jones

County of Peterborough

Your final tax bill will come in August. You will see that almost three quarters of your tax dollars are being spent by the Township and the County. This is your chance to find out where it is going and to ask questions about any and all topics involving the County and Township.

GARAI has submitted some questions to each of the speakers and these are included later in this News Digest.

GARAI General Meetings — 2009

January 10	Gerard Pearson, Superintendent of Public Works, GCH
April 11	Pat Kemp, Chief Administrative Officer, GCH
July 11	Tom Flynn - Reeve, GCH Jim Jones - Deputy Warden, Peterborough County
September 12	Environment - Forestry
October 24	TBA

Please note the change in the date of the last meeting of the year to October 24.

This change was made to avoid the annual conflict with deer hunting season which made it difficult for people to attend and to book guest speakers.

January and April Meetings

Both meetings were well attended with about 30 residents at each.

In January, Gerard Pearson, the Superintendent of Public Works for Galway, Cavendish and Harvey, gave us details on the work that had been done on roads and plans for the near future. He also talked on other matters handled by his department including waste disposal sites. There were a number of questions and comments from the audience including some interesting suggestions on how to solve a flooding problem on the Crystal Lake Road.

Our Councillor at large, Janet Clarkson, also gave us information on a number of items under consideration including the possibility of changing the name of the municipality.

In April, Pat Kemp, the Chief Administrative Officer for Galway, Cavendish and Harvey, gave an excellent talk on the overall state of affairs at the township.

The overall impression from these two meetings is that the Township is being managed well and that improvements are being made in all areas.

Questions submitted to the Deputy Warden and Reeve in advance for the July 11 meeting.

For the Deputy Warden:

1. How much money is being spent by the County to provide high speed internet?
2. How much of that money is being spent in this area?
3. For how much 'economic stimulus' money has the County applied?
4. For what projects?
5. How much has been promised and how much received?
6. How badly is the County suffering from the economic situation and how is our township affected?
7. Household hazardous waste continues to be a problem for this area.
 - a) fluorescent tubes and CFLs apparently have to be taken to the south end of Peterborough.
 - b) there is no convenient disposal system for common items like alkaline batteries or print cartridges.
 - c) Last year our nearest site at Bobcaygeon was closed for a length of time.
8. Breaking beaver dams periodically cause serious road and infrastructure damage. How much does this cost the County each year in both dollar value and as a percentage of overall infrastructure costs?

For the Reeve:

1. For how much 'economic stimulus' money has the Township applied?
2. For what projects?
3. How much has been promised and how much received?
4. How badly is the Township suffering from the economic situation and how does it affect our area?
5. When do you expect to employ a new CBO?
6. We understand that summer help is being hired to remove the illegal roadside signs - when will that happen and how soon can we expect results in this area?
7. What are plans for road work in this area for the balance of the year?
8. How well is the township doing in meeting accessibility standards?

Happy Birthday, Kinmount and Minden!

The Kinmount and Minden Post Offices were officially created on April 1st, 1859.

This means both villages are 150 years old this year!

There will be a number of activities during the summer to commemorate this anniversary. Watch for them to be announced in the local papers. I know that the theme for Kinmount Fair this year is the Anniversary and that the Pioneer Heritage Complex will feature this theme as well as the 25th anniversary of the Kinmount Pioneer Society.


Kinmount is producing and distributing a sixteen issue publication called the “Kinmount Gazette”. Mailed to all those with local postal addresses, it is also available for free at Freshmart, Gateway Two, Slice of the North, Irondale General Store, Chatty Kelly’s and the Railway Station.

The Gazette features interesting stories and historical information about Kinmount and area. The fact is that Kinmount was an important village during the latter half of the 19th century in part, as the terminus of the railway to Lindsay.

GARAI has purchased an ad for 14 of the 16 issues. This ad will be changed periodically to keep it up to date.

Below on the left is the ad for GARAI that is in the current issue of the Gazette and, on the right — the cancellation stamp Sandy is using at the Kinmount Post Office this year.

Happy 150th Birthday, Kinmount



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and Area
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Coming Meetings:
July 11 - Reeve & Warden
Sept. 12 - Environment
10:00 am Galway Hall

Working for Community Improvement



Not just for the turtles

Turtle signs are there to remind drivers to watch for and avoid turtles that may be on the road. Although the signs are only placed where there is a high probability of seeing these animals, turtles may be found anywhere.

We hope that these signs prevent turtle deaths but even more we hope that they remind residents and visitors of the fragility of the ecology in this lovely land. We are the interlopers in this land and must share it with the wildlife. In any area, the ecology is a balance of animals and plants that has evolved to a sustainable form.

Any upset to that balance can have catastrophic consequences.

Be aware! Beware!

Flying Lanterns have recently appeared on the market. This is a large paper bag with a wire frame which holds a tub of fuel just inside the opening at the bottom. When ignited, the fuel heats the air inside the bag which then becomes a miniature hot air balloon and floats away. When 10 or 20 of these are released simultaneously just after dusk it creates a pretty sight as these balloons rise into the sky and float away on the air currents. Unfortunately, what goes up also comes down, sometimes with the fuel still burning. If one lands on combustible material, it can start a fire.

Hopefully these will soon be made unavailable!



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