

# H-B-M HAPPENINGS



Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen

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## OFFICE CLOSURE:

The Township Office will be closed on Monday May 24th for Victoria Day. Please enjoy a safe long weekend.

## COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Council Meetings are being held via video conference in observance of physical distancing protocols in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Video meetings are being recorded and posted to the Township website, as well as YouTube.

Meetings are open to the public via audio link only. If you wish to observe a council meeting in real time through an audio link please provide your name and the telephone number from which you will be calling to Deputy Clerk Bianca Boyington at bboyington@hbmtwp.ca no later than 24 Hours prior to the meeting time and date.

### Upcoming Council Meeting Dates:

Tuesday May 4th at 9:30am - Video Meeting  
Tuesday May 18th at 9:30am - Video Meeting  
Tuesday June 1st at 9:30am - Video Meeting  
Tuesday June 15th at 9:30am - Video Meeting

## OFF-ROAD VEHICLE BY-LAW 2021 - 022:

The Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Council recently updated the Off-road Vehicle By-law 2021- 022. Please see below for key points from the by-law, for the full by-law please see the Township Website [www.hbmtwp.ca](http://www.hbmtwp.ca).

Operation of an Off-road Vehicle shall be permitted on all Township roads within the Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen from April 1st to November 30th annually.

An Off-road Vehicle shall not be permitted to travel on municipal roads between 9:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.

Off-road Vehicles shall not be driven at a rate of speed greater than;

- 20 km/hr if the speed established for that part of the highway is not greater than 60 km/hr; or
- 50 km/hr if the speed limit established for that part of the highway is greater than 60 km/hr.

No person shall operate an off-road vehicle:

- over and upon any municipal owned or municipal maintained land used as parks or playgrounds;
- any sidewalk, footpath or other area meant solely for pedestrian traffic;
- any private roads or driveways without the consent of the owner thereof;
- any unopened road allowances;
- within the boundaries of the Mathison Property.

Helmets are required on all municipal highways along with a valid driver's licence and insurance.



## SPRING CLEANING YOUR YARD?

### CHECK LOCAL BY-LAWS BEFORE OPEN AIR BURNING

The Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Fire & Emergency Services is advising residents to contact them regarding any restrictions governing open air burning, before starting any fires or burning brush. With spring outdoor cleanup starting, we know some folks choose to burn brush and yard debris on their property. Cleaning up debris and limiting the level of flammable vegetation surrounding your home is a good practice. But make sure the way you do it is safe - for you, your home, your neighbors, and the surrounding area.

A permit is required with specific conditions for burning - By-Law 2017-075 Open Air Burning, available on the Township website [www.hbmtwp.ca](http://www.hbmtwp.ca).

Open air burning can include the use of outdoor fireplaces and cooking fires not involving the use of a barbeque. Some outdoor appliances used are not recommended because there is potential for personal injury, property damage and increased risk of a grass fire.

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 can result in a serious widespread fire.

Always keep fire safety in mind, contact HBM Fire Dept @ 705-778-3183 for more information or any questions you have about our open air burning requirements.