

# TOWNSHIP OF MACHAR INFORMATION

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## WELCOME GUIDE

The Township of Machar is located in the District of Parry Sound. It is comprised of 46,277.90 acres with a permanent population of approximately 800.

During the vacation seasons, our population increases greatly due to the bountiful lakes, recreational opportunities available year round and Mikisew Provincial Park during the summer season.

We are proud to have clean lakes and sandy beaches to please boaters, swimmers, fishermen and nature lovers. The lakes featured in our beautiful Township are Eagle Lake, Bray Lake, and King Lake.

We are also the primary access to Lount Township, Cheer Lake, Deer Lake and Spring Lake.

This booklet is intended to provide useful information for those visiting our Township or residing here.

We hope you will find it helpful and that you enjoy your stay. Township of Machar ~ Always in Season.

Winter Road Maintenance: Don't crowd the plow, please give our snowplows room to work, stay well behind and be aware of blind spots. Please keep all signs/mailboxes clear of snow and don't push snow across or onto roadways, it's illegal and creates hazards.

### **TAXES**

The interim tax bill is mailed during the first week in March & the final tax bill is mailed during the first week in August. Each bill has two installments; due at the end of March, April, August & September. Payment is preferred by cheque, telephone or internet banking. Please use the last 15 digits of your roll number.

### **TRAILERS**

Permanent trailers are not allowed. A tent or travel trailer or a truck camper can be located and used on any lot in the Shoreline Residential, Backlot Residential or Rural zones for no more than 30 days in a calendar year.

### **ZONING**

You can check the zoning of your property and the zone requirements on our website By-Laws Page, lower right corner. ZBL Schedule A is the map and Zoning By-Law Consolidated is the updated current Zoning By-Law No. 45-12. [www.machartownship.net/bylaws.html](http://www.machartownship.net/bylaws.html). A New Zoning Compliance Form is required for Building Permits, accessible on our website.

### **WEBSITE**

Our website address is [www.machartownship.net](http://www.machartownship.net)

requires additional payment. Tires are accepted free. Please visit the Landfill at 111 Municipal Rd N, check our website or call the Landfill at 705-386-0001 for more information.

### **LIBRARY**

The South River Machar Public Library is located at 63 Marie St. in South River. Internet access is available to the public. For more information, please call 705-386-0222.

### **MEDICAL CENTRE**

The South River-Machar Medical Centre is located at 140 Ottawa Av. We have 2 doctors on location. For appointments, please call 705-386-0512. An optometrist is also available. For appointments, please call 705-386-2925. A foot clinic is held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday morning of each month. For appointments, please call 705-386-9857.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Public health in the Township of Machar is under the direction of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit. Water testing bottles may be obtained at the Township Office. Their website address is [www.myhealthunit.ca](http://www.myhealthunit.ca) & is very informative. New North Bay Office at 345 Oak St.

### **ROAD DEPARTMENT**

The Road Department is responsible for the maintenance of the Township roads. If there are any problems concerning the roads, please contact the Garage at 705-386-2837 & leave a message.

### **ARENA**

The South River-Machar Community Centre is located at 1-A Lincoln Av. Public skating is offered and the upper level may be rented for social functions. For more information, contact the Arena at 705-386-2622.

### **ATV'S**

ATV's are permitted on the Township roads. Riders are required to have proper licensing & registration & abide by the reduced speed limits. A copy of the by-law is on our website. Please do not tear up public beaches or roadways.

### **BEACHES**

There are 3 beaches for the public's use. Bray Lake Park is located at 849 Bray Lake Rd. The Narrows Public Beach is located at 2389 Eagle Lake Rd and Eagle Lake Estates Park is located at 40 Angus Point Rd. No dogs are permitted on the public beaches & please do not litter. Please don't feed the ducks.

### **BUILDING**

Building permits are required and waste water/septic verification must be submitted. Contact the Bldg Dept located at the Township of Strong, ph 705-384-9444, fax 705-384-9445. [www.machartownship.net/Links.html](http://www.machartownship.net/Links.html)

### **BUSINESSES**

Please see list attached or contact the office for a directory of current businesses in the Township.

## **BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT**

An officer is available for any contravention of Township by-laws. Please call Caitlin Deevey at 705-497-4959.

## **CEMETERY**

Cemetery plots may be purchased at the Township of Machar Office for St. John's, Bow's and Siloam Cemeteries. One burial and/or 6 cremations are permitted per plot. By-laws concerning the Machar Township Cemeteries may be obtained at the Office.

## **CIVIC 911 NUMBERS**

A civic 911 number can be obtained for properties with a dwelling through the Township Office. The first sign is provided free of charge with a fee of \$15 thereafter for each replacement sign.

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Council meetings are held in the Council Chambers, lower level of the Township Municipal Office normally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month (moves to Tuesday when Monday is a statutory holiday). To speak at a Council meeting, the details in writing are required one week in advance. Agendas and minutes are posted regularly to our website. [www.machartownship.net/council.html](http://www.machartownship.net/council.html)

## **DOGS**

Dog tags are required in our Township. We have a permanent dog tag program which is good for the lifetime of your pet! These can be purchased at our Office anytime. The cost is \$15 each.

## **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

The Township of Machar has passed a by-law approving an emergency response plan. "Be Prepared, Not Scared" pamphlets may be obtained at the Office. Other information is also available through our website: [www.machartownship.net](http://www.machartownship.net)

## **FIRE PERMITS**

Permits are required year round except for campfires and outdoor fireplaces, subject to conditions. The cost of a fire permit is \$5. Burning is permitted in the evening. Fire permits may be obtained online by visiting [www.srmfd.com](http://www.srmfd.com) or by calling the Fire Dept 705-386-0066 if internet is not accessible.

## **HISTORY**

"Journey Through Whispering Pines" is a book about the history of Machar Township. This book is available at the Township Office at a cost of \$25. All proceeds go to the South River-Machar Union Public Library. Additional information about the Township may also be found at the Library. Township pins are available for \$3 each.

## **LANDFILL**

Ratepayers in the Township of Machar must obtain an entry card to access the landfill site. There is a \$20 card fee required. The garbage must only be generated from the ratepayer's property in the Township of Machar. The disposal of some items, like furniture, mattresses & appliances