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**HighlandsEast.ca**

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Communication  
Newsletter

For up to date information, we have a variety of communication methods such as our Municipal Website, [www.highlandseast.ca](http://www.highlandseast.ca), Twitter: [https://twitter.com/highlands\\_east](https://twitter.com/highlands_east) Hashtag - #MyHighlandsEast, Facebook: <http://facebook.com/highlandseast>, Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/highlandseast/>, Information Centre, Municipal Bulletin Boards and local media.

Have an event taking place in Highlands East? Tell us about it so we can add it to our [Events Calendar](#) on our website and share it on Social Media. Let us help make it a success! Go to <http://www.highlandseast.ca>, click on Submit events to our calendar.

### **Facility Rentals**

**Highlands East offers a number of facilities which can be rented for group events.** For all rental inquiries, please contact the Municipal Office 705-448-2981 or visit our website at <http://www.highlandseast.ca/facilities/rental-and-booking-information>

**Tennis Courts** are scheduled to be resurfaced this summer. Thank you for your patience.

### **Information Centre**

You are in the Geocaching Capital of Canada and you don't have a clue what that means? Your Information Centre in Wilberforce can not only explain it to you, we can provide you with the tools for a fun, family friendly, low cost activity. You can also find info on mineral collecting, trails, and all the other great events happening in the area. The Information Centre is open 10 am to 4 pm daily (closed Tuesdays) until Thanksgiving weekend.

### **Building Department**

Before you start any construction – even if it is replacing an existing structure (decks, storage sheds, etc) you need to obtain a building permit. <http://www.highlandseast.ca/services/building>

### **By-law Enforcement**

A Clean and Clear by-law (24-2004) has been in place since 2004 and will be strictly enforced. Please contact the building department if you have any concerns regarding this by-law. Remember trailers are **not** allowed on vacant land. Accessory buildings or structures are **not** permitted on vacant land prior to the issuance of a building permit for the principal dwelling.

### **Septic**

The Septic re-inspection program has started and is progressing well. We would like to thank all property owners for their co-operation regarding this program. Please note that all outdoor showers require a permit from the building department and a septic review. Contact the building department before you update, change or replace your septic system. Visit our website at [www.highlandseast.ca](http://www.highlandseast.ca) for building applications and further information.

### **Landfills**

Reminder that Clear bags and Landfill Cards are mandatory at all landfill sites, and that recyclables must be separated into fiber and container groups. Electronic waste can be brought to any/all landfill sites and waste batteries can be dropped off at any landfill as well as the Municipal office in Cardiff town site. For further detail, please go to our website: <http://www.highlandseast.ca/services/environmental>

### **Water Service Replacement Project**

Due to the water service replacement project taking place over the next several months there will be detours and/or road closures on a daily basis throughout the Cardiff town site.

## Roads

An Entrance Permit is required for any entrance off of a maintained provincial, county or municipal road. 911 signage is available from the [County of Haliburton](#). Applications are available <http://www.highlandseast.ca/services/roads>

## Fire

The current wildfire situation in British Columbia reinforces the importance of the FireSmart program and taking proactive measures to reduce the risk of wildfire and other hazards.

**Evacuation Tips** Monitor conditions and follow the advice of local authorities. If ordered to evacuate, do so immediately.

**Quickly address outside surroundings** Complete a scan around your home and property and take steps to remove combustibles.

**Check around the house** Check vents on roof, foundation and exterior walls to prevent embers from entering your home.

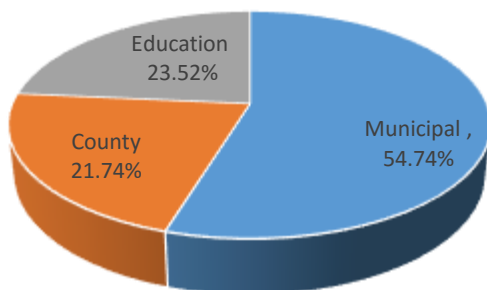
This FireSmart Canada checklist will help prepare your home and property for wildfire. For the complete checklist, please visit <http://www.firesmartcanada.ca/> for more information.

## Tax Department

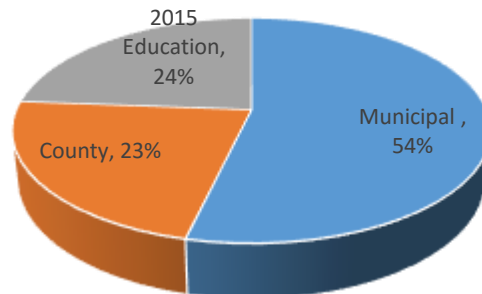
It is important to keep your tax account in good standing. Changes in the Municipal Act, 2001, s.373(1) effective May 30, 2017 allows any property with outstanding taxes in the second year to have a tax arrears certificate registered against it, initiating the tax sale process. Tax payments can be made through telebanking, online through your bank, cheque or money order by mail, cash, cheque or debit card at the municipal office or through the company Plastiq by credit card. If you would like to sign up for e-billing, please contact Janet Cairns, Tax Collector 705-448-2981 Ext. 224. For more detail, please go to our website, <http://www.highlandseast.ca/services/taxes>

## Your Tax Dollar

2017-Your Tax Dollar



2016-Your Tax Dollar



### Municipal Tax Rate Impact

Assessment X Municipal Tax Rate = Municipal Taxes

Assessment	2017 Municipal Residential/Farm Tax Rate	2017 Municipal Taxes	2016 Municipal Residential/Farm Tax Rate	2016 Municipal Taxes	Dollar Change Per Year (Increase)
100,000	0.004508	\$450.80	0.004402	\$440.20	\$10.60
150,000	0.004508	\$676.20	0.004402	\$660.30	\$15.90
200,000	0.004508	\$901.60	0.004402	\$880.40	\$21.20
300,000	0.004508	\$1352.4	0.004402	\$1320.60	\$31.80

**Including Assessment Increase, Municipal Increase 2.41%**

To view the 2017 Budget, please go to our website <http://www.highlandseast.ca/article/2017-budget>