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Contact	Phone
Fire Permits <b>(Campfires less than "24" are exempt)</b>	519-369-2505
Police Dispatch	519-371-6911 1-855-234-8224
Canine Control	519-373-1000
Building Services	226-909-0668
Larry Miller, MP	519-371-1059
Bill Walker, MPP	519-371-2421
Food Bank	519-369-6860
Grey County	519-376-2205
Grey Roots Museum	519-376-3690
Land Registry	519-376-1637
MPAC	519-371-9432 or 1-866-296-6722
OMAFRA	1-800-469-2285
Public Health	519-376-9420
Saugeen Economic Development	519-799-5750
SMART (Saugeen Mobility & Regional Transit)	519-881-2504 or 1-866-981-2504
Saugeen Valley Conservation	519-367-3040

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## Municipality of West Grey Winter 2018 Newsletter



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*West  
Grey*

## Mayor's Message

With the holiday season wrapped up, and New Year's resolutions still on track, it's important to reflect on the year that was and focus on the work ahead. As I think about our accomplishments in 2017, I am reminded time and again that our successes happen only through the dedicated service of West Grey staff, the commitment of countless volunteers, the partnerships we have formed, and Council's collaborative working style. I want to thank all who help build this community.

As we enter into the final year of this Council term, we are focused on the three priorities of the **Action Plan**.

### Goal A, Financial Sustainability

Council passed what I describe as a responsible budget. This budget is in line with our municipal responsibilities to deliver service, maintain our assets and ensure our fiscal viability now, and into the future. The Association of Municipalities of Ontario noted that municipalities deliver "the majority of

day-to-day services while only receiving nine cents of every tax dollar". This reality means it is vital that we focus our budgets on our core services and priorities and we challenge the other orders of government to focus on theirs. Throughout 2018 you will see your tax dollars hard at work. Reconstruction in downtown Durham will include new water main, sanitary and sidewalk work. The bridge repair program will continue, with a focus on Glenelg. More maintenance and investment is planned for community centres, arenas and playgrounds throughout West Grey and our libraries will continue fostering learning and innovation. West Grey police are dedicated to serving this community and being involved in events across the municipality, and, as always, our dedicated volunteer firefighters remain ready to answer the call.

### Goal B, Economic Development

Council is committed to supporting our local economy and West Grey is at the table. We now participate in a number of economic development forums, task forces and committees. We are looking for ways to improve how we support our local businesses and how we attract even more opportunities.

### Goal C, Communications

Enhanced communication is the third priority in the **Action Plan**, which means we will be timely with information sharing, we will look for more ways to connect, and we will provide more opportunities to provide input.

On behalf of Council and staff, our best wishes for a wonderful 2018.

- Mayor Kevin Eccles

2018 Council Meeting	
10:00 am	7:00 pm
Mon., February 5	Mon., February 19
Mon., March 5	Mon., March 19
Mon., April 2	Mon., April 16
Mon., May 7	Thurs., May 22
Mon., June 4	Mon., June 18
Wed., July 4	Mon., July 16
Wed., August 8	Thurs., August 23
Wed., September 5	Mon., September 17
Mon., October 1	Mon., October 15
Mon., November 5	Mon., November 19
Mon., December 3	Mon., December 17

### COW Meetings (Staff Reports & Delegations only):

last Monday of each month: 9:00 am

### COW Meetings (Committee Reports only):

2<sup>nd</sup> Monday am of each month (Committee of Adjustment & COW (Planning) in pm).

**Watch pre-recorded Council meetings or check municipal calendar at [westgrey.com](http://westgrey.com).**



## Vote 2018

The Municipality of West Grey will be using the internet and telephone voting method for the 2018 municipal election. **Paper ballots will not be used.** Voters will receive a notice by mail providing complete instructions, dates and a secure PIN number. Voters are encouraged to vote using either the internet or telephone from October 12 to October 22. There is no need to wait to vote on election day as there will be no polls. A help desk will be available at the municipal office to provide assistance. See the tutorial video at [westgrey.com](http://westgrey.com) to see how to cast your vote.

**Watch for updates on the Election page!**

**On the list to Vote? Coming this spring!!**

HAVE YOUR SAY.  
LOG ON TODAY.



### Fire Safety Checklist

- \* Have you checked your Smoke and CO alarms for batteries and dates? Do you have one on every level and outside of sleeping areas?
- \* Have you reviewed your family's fire escape plan? Do you know two ways out of every room?
- \* Has your chimney been cleaned & serviced lately?

### Winter Notice

**Do not** park a vehicle on a roadway between 12:00 midnight & 7:00 a.m. from November 15 to April 15 of the following year.

**Do not** deposit snow or ice on a roadway.

**Do** ensure that recycling & garbage is placed in a location that does not interfere with snow clearing operations.

**Check out the Road Conditions page at [westgrey.com](http://westgrey.com).**

**ICE &  
SNOW  
TAKE IT  
SLOW**

## Get Active In West Grey

### Normanby Arena

112102 Grey Rd 3, 519-665-7850

[normanbyarena@westgrey.com](mailto:normanbyarena@westgrey.com)

**Public Skating** (ends March 28)

Saturday: 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

### Durham Arena

451 Saddler St W, 519-369-5771

[durhamarena@westgrey.com](mailto:durhamarena@westgrey.com)

**Public Skating** (ends March 28)

Saturday: 6:30 pm-8:00 pm

**Adult Noon Skate-Free**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

12:00 to 1:00 pm

**Tiny Tots Skate-Free**

Monday: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Thursday: 9:30 am to 10:30 am

### Neustadt Arena

210 Forler St, 519-799-5356

[normanbyarena@westgrey.com](mailto:normanbyarena@westgrey.com)

**Roller Skating:** (Phone to Confirm)

Friday (Yr Round): 7:00 to 9:30 pm

**Walking Track**

Monday to Friday: 8:30 am-10:00 am

**Pickle Ball** (ends May 31)

Monday & Thursday: 7:00 pm-9:30 pm

Tuesday: 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Wednesday: 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Nelson Granger: 519-799-5732

[martee@wightman.ca](mailto:martee@wightman.ca)

### Durham Fitness Centre

245 Elm St E, 519-369-6361

[durhamfitcentre@eastlink.ca](mailto:durhamfitcentre@eastlink.ca)

[durhamfitnesscentre.ca](http://durhamfitnesscentre.ca)

**Submit your community event at [westgrey.com](http://westgrey.com). Contact the municipal office and have your event displayed on the E-sign.**

**Submit your business or search for a business by category at [westgrey.com](http://westgrey.com).**



Visit your local library. Lots of activities!  
 Get up-to-date info on events, activities,  
 crafts, games at your local library branch.  
[westgreylibrary.com](http://westgreylibrary.com)  
[info@westgreylibrary.com](mailto:info@westgreylibrary.com)

Branch	Location	Contact
Durham	453 Grafraxa S	519-369-2107
Normanby, Aytton	610 Alfred	519-665-2342
Neustadt	511 Mill	519-799-5830
Elmwood Resource Centre	12 Dirstein St S	519-369-2107

**2018 Capital Budget Highlights**  
**Your tax dollars at work!**

- ◆ Fire equipment for three stations
- ◆ Two additional police vehicles
- ◆ Bridge rehab program continues
- ◆ Various sidewalk replacements
- ◆ Reconstruction work Bruce & Lambton Streets
- ◆ New grader
- ◆ Almost \$300,000 in arena, park and playground upgrades and repairs

**Property Tax Arrears?**  
**We're here to help!**

A Tax Arrears Certificate can now be registered in the second year of arrears (2016 or earlier). We can help you **avoid a tax sale** by entering into an agreeable payment schedule.

Multiple payment options are available, such as **pre-authorized payment plan** and have your payments automatically withdrawn on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Please contact us to discuss your options.

**Convenient Ways to Pay**

**Pre-Authorized Payments (PAP)**

Tax & water installments can be withdrawn automatically from your bank account on a quarterly or monthly basis. It's a **free service!**

**Join the  
 1410 PAP  
 Subscribers!**

Application forms at [westgrey.com](http://westgrey.com) (Forms & Applications Section) or at the Municipal Office.

**Pay Bills Any Time of the Day!**

Add **West Grey Taxes** or **West Grey Water** to your payee list for Telebanking or Online Banking. Include all digits of your account number. For multiple properties, payments must be submitted individually.

**7050 Property Tax Bills**  
**1389 Water Bills**

**2018 Property Tax Due Dates:**

- February 27
- May 30
- August 30
- October 30

**2018 Water & Sewer Due Dates:**

- January 30
- April 27
- July 30
- October 30



**Hey, don't forget about me!**

All dogs in West Grey require a dog tag licence for the current calendar year. Contact the Municipal Office if your dog is not yet registered. Get canine regulations & info at **"Canine Connection"** at [westgrey.com](http://westgrey.com).

**1682  
 Dog Tags Sold in 2017**