

Council Notes

MERRICKVILLE - WOLFORD

2013 Budgets Passed

Council has passed the 2013 budget with a 2.5 % increase. This is an increase of about \$41.00 for the year on a home valued at 200,000.00 This increase represents the municipal portion of the tax bill and does not reflect the School Boards or County levies.

In addition, Council passed the 2013 Environment Budget with a 10% increase to water and sewer rates. The Environment Budget, which represents the operation of the water and sewer treatment plants must be kept separate from general taxation and is required by the province to be self-sustaining.

In 2010 there was a reduction in the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund – a grant that assists municipalities in paying for services downloaded by the Province. This payment was decreased again in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

In 2009 the municipality received \$557,000.00. In 2013 it will receive \$409,000.00. This decrease is equivalent to a 5.95% increase in the tax rate.

Copies of the 2013 Budgets are posted on the website or are available at the municipal office.



Dog Tags

The cost of dog tags increases May 1, 2013 so be sure to get your new tags before the end of April.

Tagging your dog allows Animal Control Officers to return a lost or stray pet to you. Without tags, animals are taken to the OSPCA in Brockville.

Also, be reminded there is a by-law regarding "poop and scoop". Please clean up after your pet.

Capital Work 2013

Office complex—conversion to gas furnace—\$18,000.00

Fire department— Mobile Ready rack, Hose rack, Personal Protective Equipment, Brush Truck contribution— Total—\$48,400.00

Public Works—Wolford Garage—internet access and laptop,
Line paving Roses Bridge and Kilmarnock, 2 blocks paving in the Merrickville Ward—Church Street, Read Street surface treatment maintenance, Barber Road Bridge, Roses Bridge Road repairs, bridge repairs and maintenance, renovation of old sewage treatment plant for storage, renovation of Public Works office and Washrooms—total—\$139,000.00

Community Centre—Renovation to kitchen, washrooms and conversion to gas furnace— \$145,000.00 (partial government funding)

Community Centre Grounds—Barn/Fence/Bleacher repairs—\$37,200.00 (partial government funding)

Centennial Hall—Washroom and kitchen renovations—\$60,000.00 (partial government funding)

Wolford—Playstructure, tennis court rehabilitation—\$100,000.00 (partial government funding)

Merrickville-Wolford Pitch-In Week of April 21 – 27, 2013



Clean up the roads and streets of
Merrickville-Wolford

YELLOW garbage bags and
CLEAR recycling bags
from Pitch-In Canada
are available at
the Municipal Office during
regular office hours between
April 15 – 26, 2013

Maximum of 2 Yellow and
1 Clear bags per household

Dispose of Yellow garbage bags free
of charge with regular household
waste by May 4, 2013

Put recyclable items in the Clear bags

Send photos of your clean up team and the most unusual items
found to the Environment Advisory Committee at

pitchin.mw@gmail.com