



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**
HAPPY NEW YEAR

H-B-M HAPPENINGS



Township of Havelock-Belmont-Methuen

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HOLIDAY HOURS:

MUNICIPAL OFFICE

The Township Office will be closed from Wednesday, December 24th, 2025, at 12:00pm (noon) and will reopen Friday, January 2nd, 2026, at 8:30am.

VILLAGE CURBSIDE GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Garbage Pickup

- Thursday, December 25th – collection moves to Friday, December 26th
- Thursday, January 1st – collection moves to Friday, January 2nd

Recycling

- Thursday, December 25th – collection moves to Saturday, December 27th
- Thursday, January 1st collection moves to Saturday, January 3rd

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

6th Line - Open Standard 'Winter Hours'

West Kosh, Oak Lake, Jack Lake

- Open Sunday, December 21st, 28th - standard 'Winter Hours'
- Open Wednesday, December 24th, 31st - standard 'Winter Hours'

All Transfer Stations Closed

- Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Years Day

FIRE SAFETY:

KEEP FIRE SAFETY IN MIND AS TEMPERATURES DROP!

Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Fire & Emergency Services is urging everyone to keep fire safety in mind as the temperatures turn colder.

We often see more home fires during the winter months due to heating equipment and appliances, pay close attention to potential fire hazards such as fireplaces, furnaces, chimneys and vents, and space heaters.

There are some simple things people can do to stay fire safe during the colder months:

- Have all fuel-burning appliances inspected annually by a registered fuel contractor.
- Keep chimneys and intake/exhaust vents for furnaces and heating appliances free of debris, ice and snow accumulations to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) build-up from inefficient combustion.
- Burn dry, well-seasoned wood in fireplaces and woodstoves to reduce the risk of excessive creosote build-up in chimneys.
- Allow ashes from your fireplace or woodstove to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid. Keep the container outside.
- Keep space heaters at least one meter (3 feet) away from anything that can burn, including curtains, upholstery and clothing.
- Replace worn or damaged electrical wires and connections on vehicles and extension cords and use the proper gauge extension cord for vehicle block heaters.
- Consider using approved timers for vehicle block heaters rather than leaving heaters on all night.
- Ensure that vehicles are not left running inside any garage or building.
- Ensure there is a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside all sleeping areas of your home.
- Install CO alarms outside all sleeping areas to alert you to the presence of this deadly gas.

The Members of The Havelock-Belmont-Methuen Fire Department wishes everyone a Safe and Merry Christmas!

COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE:

Please note all meetings are hybrid, which means they are open to the public within Council Chamber and virtually via zoom. All regular meetings will begin at 9:30am.

- Tuesday, December 2, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting
 - Tuesday, December 16, 2025 – Regular Council Meeting
- Meeting dates are subject to change, please visit the Township website <https://events.hbmtwp.ca/council> for more information.

PARKS, RECREATION, & FACILITIES:

Skate Sharpening \$5.00, Hockey Tape: \$3.00 (Black, White & Clear)

Public Skating Schedule • Sundays from 1 – 3pm • Tuesdays from 5 – 6pm

Holiday Skating Sponsorship Opportunity

Support your local community and gain great business exposure by sponsoring one or more scheduled Holiday Family Skating sessions. To sponsor contact Josh Storey, Supervisor, Parks, Recreation, and Facilities at jstorey@hbmtwp.ca or call 705-778-2891.

WINTER MAINTENANCE - NOTICE:

As per By-law 2024-33, no overnight parking is permitted on Village streets from November 1st to April 15th between the hours of 10pm – 7am. Vehicles in violation will be ticketed, and/or towed.

BUILDING AND PLANNING:

Have questions about zoning, building proposals, or septic systems? You can easily submit inquiries to HBM Township's Building and Planning Department through the Property Information Inquiry Form at www.hbmtwp.ca. Find it on the homepage or under Building/By-law Enforcement and Planning.