



Taxes

2025 DUE DATES for Taxes:
(Wednesdays) August 27, 2025 & October 29, 2025

PAYMENT METHODS
In Person: Mon- Fri 8:30am-4:30pm 21 Gordon St E, Teeswater (Cash, Cheque, Debit)
Drop Box (Cheques only): Mac’s Milk, Mildmay, Municipal Office, Teeswater
Mail: P.O. Box 540, Teeswater, ON N0G 2S0
Pre-Authorized Payment: Both monthly and due date (forms available at Municipal Office and Website)
Banks: At most Chartered Banks and Credit Unions, in person, by telephone, or internet banking and bank machines
Late Payments subject to Penalty of 1.25% on the 1st day of each month. (15% annual)
Moving: Please provide your mailing address to the Municipality if you move or if your address is incomplete on your tax bill. Returned mail is still subject to penalty and interest charges, and tax sale.
Farm Property Owners: Under current taxation policy, farm properties meeting eligibility requirements will be identified for Farm Property Class and be taxed at 25% of municipal residential tax rate. Existing farm owners purchasing new farm land, or new farmers should contact AGRICORP to apply for Farm Property Tax Class. It is your responsibility to notify the Municipal Office if you demo any buildings.
Important Numbers:
OFA Grey-Bruce – 519-364-3050
AGRICORP 1-888-247-4999 contact@agricorp.com website: www.ontario.ca/farmtax
MPAC – 1-866-296-6722 website: www.mpac.ca
New Property Owners: Please notify the Municipal office of your mailing address to ensure you receive future mailings. If your bank is paying your taxes, call the office to be sure you have been set up for mortgage payments. Missing a due date results in a penalty charge.
Building Permit: If you have recently renovated or constructed a new home or building, you will receive a SUPPLEMENTAL BILL. These are in addition to your regular tax bill.
MPAC Assessments: Learn how your property is assessed. When MPAC mails you your Property Assessment Notice, sign into ‘AboutMyProperty’ on mpac.ca and use your Access Key password on your assessment notice to see how MPAC has assessed your property and buildings. For additional assistance, call MPAC 1-866-296-6722. MPAC also needs your updated mailing address so you can receive assessment notices.

Building

Development Charges in South Bruce – Effective August 1, 2025

Starting August 1, 2025, the Municipality of South Bruce will begin collecting development charges on eligible residential building permits. These fees will help fund the infrastructure and services needed to support a growing community, ensuring new development contributes a share to the services all residents rely on.

Revenue from the development charges will be invested in the following areas:

- Fire Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Works
- Water Services
- Wastewater Services
- Administration

For full details, please visit:
www.southbruce.ca/building/development-charges

Planning to Build?
Apply for your building permit online at ca.cloudpermit.com. This platform allows you to submit your application and track its status anytime, anywhere.

Public Works

Debris on Roads & Road Allowances:
Please do not deposit any type of garbage, manure, mud, rocks or brush, etc. onto roads or road allowances. Anyone found to be doing this will be asked to remove it immediately. If it is not removed, Municipal staff will remove it at the owner’s expense.

Fall Leaf Pick Up:
Annual curbside leaf collection will take place on October 20, 2025, and November 10, 2025. Leaves **MUST** be placed in biodegradable paper bags. Material in plastic bags will **NOT** be collected. All items must be at the curb by 8:00 a.m.

Winter Parking Restrictions:
To allow for safe plowing and snow removal, please remember that parking is prohibited on any street or municipal parking lot from November 1 to March 31 between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. in accordance with By-Law 2012-40. Vehicles may be ticketed and towed at the owner’s expense.

Depositing Snow on Roadways:
Please do not deposit snow or ice on a roadway or street. Under the Highway Traffic Act, you can be fined, and you may also be held liable in case of a collision.

By-Law

We kindly remind all dog owners to keep their pets on a leash when in public areas, including parks, sidewalks and trails. Allowing a dog to run at large could result in a \$150 fine. Unleashed dogs can unintentionally cause accidents, frighten others or become involved in conflicts with other animals. By keeping your dog leashed, you’re helping us maintain a clean, safe and welcoming community for everyone.

Treasury

2024 YEAR END: The Municipality of South Bruce ended the year 2024 with an operating cash surplus of \$439,090 which will be contributed to reserves as part of the 2025 budget. The 2024 Audited Financial Statements will be made available, upon completion, on the Municipality’s website www.southbruce.ca.

2025 BUDGET: The tax rate and average residential tax bill will increase 4.08%. However, the impact on individual tax bills may vary based on changes to property assessment values. To help close the ongoing infrastructure gap and ensure local services remain reliable and sustainable for future generations. Council continues to increase capital funding transfers. According to the most recent Asset Management Plan, South Bruce faces an estimated annual infrastructure funding shortfall of \$5.3 million

The initial 2025 budget includes \$13.244 million in capital spending. A few major projects planned for the year include the replacement of the Bannerman bridge on Concession 14 Culross, completion of the Teeswater-Formosa sewage treatment plant expansion, and sanitary sewer upgrades in Mildmay. In addition, work has begun for a new water tower and well in Teeswater which will be included in an amended version of the budget. Complete details of the 2025 Capital and Operating Budgets are available on the Municipality’s website under Taxes and Finances. Capital projects are expected to be funded through the following sources: Municipal Reserves of \$3.515 million, Government Grants \$3.278 million, Other Capital Contributions \$4.877 million; Community Well Being Donations \$804,273, Community Donations & Fundraising \$332,924, Sale of Land & Equipment \$44,500, and new debt of \$392,042.

Several **Government Funding Programs** have been approved to help offset costs to the municipal taxpayer in 2025. A few of the funding programs include:

- \$868,000 of Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding to help directly offset taxes.
- \$1,137,800 of Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding will be used to help fund the replacement of the Bannerman bridge on Concession 14 Culross.
- \$380,000 of Canada Community-Building Funding will be used to replace asphalt surface on sections of Concession 2 Carrick and the Kinloss Culross boundary.
- \$765,644 of Housing Enabling Water Systems Funding to support sanitary sewer upgrades in Mildmay.

User Fees and Charges have been adjusted in various service areas for 2025 to help offset inflationary costs and maintain service delivery. Applicable items will appear as a separate line-item charge within the final tax bill.

- Garbage and recycling collection fees remain at \$89.00/year for applicable properties.
- Streetlighting fees remain at \$54.00/year for applicable properties.
- Water user fees – Base rate of \$645.00/yr for properties connected to the Teeswater or Mildmay water distribution systems.
- Wastewater user fees – Council has imposed a uniform base rate of \$782.00/yr for properties connected to the Teeswater or Mildmay sanitary sewer systems.

Your Attention to Fire Safety Protects You and the Entire Community

Check & Test your Smoke & CO Alarms: Every household **MUST** have working Smoke & CO alarms. It’s The **LAW!** Alarms are required on every level and outside all sleeping areas. Rake a few minutes to test your alarms, change the batteries and replace the alarm if expired. The maximum life expectancy of an alarm is 7-10 years.

Burn Permits: if you live in a rural area and are planning to burn brush, you **MUST** apply for a burn permit before lighting any outdoor fires. Burn permits help ensure public safety and reduce the risk of uncontrolled fires. Apply by calling 519-392-6623.

Practice Fire Safety: Create and review a Home Fire Safety Plan with your family. Keep fire extinguishers accessible and know how to use them, store flammable materials safely, and never leave open flames unattended.

Introducing the South Bruce Senior Connection – Coming This September!

We’re excited to announce the launch of the South Bruce Seniors Connect- a brand-new program starting this September - March, made possible through funding from the **Ministry for Senior and Accessibility’s Seniors Community Grant**. This program is designed to bring seniors together through meaningful opportunities for social connection, physical activity, and creativity. Each week at least one program will be offered on a local South Bruce community – ranging from community luncheons, to light exercise classes, to coffee and tea socials or arts and crafts sessions.

The *South Bruce Senior Connection* is your one-stop source for senior – focused events that support wellbeing and help you stay connected with other in your area.

Economic Development

Watch your inbox and community bulletin boards for more details – we look forward to welcoming you this September! Check out and share our: It All Starts Here video series promoting the resident/lifestyle of South Bruce living. These videos have been launched on our social media platforms and on our website.

The new resident welcome guide was launched January and was created to provide new residents with important information to help them feel at home in their community faster. If you are a new resident or know someone who is, please visit the municipal office for your welcome guide.

SAVE THE DATE: Our South Bruce Business Networking evening is scheduled for Thurs. Oct. 23rd with various keynote speakers and full course meal. Learn tips, tricks and resources on how to help make your business a success while networking with other businesses

Tourism

Do you have great tourism ideas that you would like to discuss? South Bruce Tourism is always open to new committee members. For more information, contact Rhonda Niesen at 519-392-6623 ext. 241.