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CHISHOLM NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 2026

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 2026:

Council Meeting: Tues. Jan 27 @ 7:00 p.m.
Finance Comm. Thurs. Jan. 29 @ 7:00 p.m.

February 2026:

Rec. Comm. Wed. Feb. 4 @ 7:00 p.m.
Council: Tues. Feb. 10 & 24 @ 7:00 p.m.
Finance Comm. Thurs. Feb. 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

Agenda, Minutes and the Zoom link can be found on the website under "Your Government / Meetings Agendas".

Zoom Meeting ID: 836 5238 6073
Passcode: 123456



The office will be
CLOSED on Monday,
February 16, 2026 for
Family Day.

NEW LANDFILL HOURS

EFFECTIVE: FEB. 18, 2026

Wed.: 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sat.: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**** YEAR-ROUND ****

2026 INTERIM TAX BILLS - REMINDER

The 2026 Interim Tax Bills will be mailed out in February with two installment dates of March 27, 2026 and May 27, 2026.

Payment can be made by cash, cheque, online, or debit (not credit). If you pay online, your roll number would be your "account number" (most financial institutes require the full 19 digits, with no spaces, decimals etc.)

NOTE: If your Property Taxes are paid directly through your bank with your mortgage, please remember the Tax Bills get mailed directly to them for payment. Please email admin@chisholm.ca if you would like to receive copies of your Tax Bills.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Rec. Committee is looking for new members and volunteers. If you are interested, please contact the office at 705-724-3526 or email admin@chisholm.ca with your contact information.

Please note that you do not need to be a committee member in order to volunteer.

DIGITAL UPDATES

If you would like to receive email notifications of events and activities, please email admin@chisholm.ca to be added to the list.

REC. COMMITTEE – SUNDAY DROP IN CARD GAMES ARE BACK!

Card games will take place in Council Chambers every other Sunday from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The games are currently scheduled as listed below (subject to change):

- January 25;
- February 8 & 22;
- March 8 & 22;
- April 19 (Note: only one game for the month of April due to Easter); and
- May 3 (last week).

Come out and enjoy the company while playing a hand or two! Put in your toonie per game and you could win the jackpot!

MESSAGE FROM THE CHISHOLM FIRE DEPT.

Ontario Fire Code Update: Expanded Carbon Monoxide Alarm Requirements

Effective January 1, 2026, updates to the Ontario Fire Code have expanded carbon monoxide (CO) alarm requirements. CO alarms are now required on every storey of a home, not just near sleeping areas. This change improves early detection and enhances overall household safety.

Often referred to as the "silent killer," carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless gas produced by the incomplete combustion of fuels, including propane and natural gas, oil, and wood. Common sources include furnaces, stoves and ovens, gas-powered water heaters, clothes dryers, wood stoves, and — if your home has an attached garage — vehicle exhaust.

To ensure your alarms are functioning properly:

Test alarms once a month by pressing and holding the Test/Reset button until you hear a loud alarm pattern (typically four beeps, a pause, then four beeps).

After testing, the alarm should return to monitoring mode.

If the alarm does not sound, replace the batteries, clean the unit, and if it still fails, replace the alarm entirely.

When purchasing a carbon monoxide alarm, look for approved certification marks such as CSA, ULC, or ETL. These marks confirm the device has been independently tested and meets national safety and performance standards.

When replacing smoke alarms, opt for combination smoke/CO alarms as a convenient way to upgrade protection.

For more information, call the Township Office at (705) 724-3526. Ask for Fire Prevention Officer Kathleen Palmieri, or Fire Chief Ray Ford.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us protect you and your family.

VALENTINES CARD MAKING WORKSHOP



The Rec. Comm. is hosting a card making workshop where all of the cards made will be given to local senior residents.

Date: Sat. Feb. 7, 2026
Time: 1:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers
 2847 Chiswick Line

This event is for all ages – come for an hour.... or come in for a few minutes, any help would be greatly appreciated!

FAMILY DAY BONFIRE & SKATING



Date: Mon., Feb. 16, 2026
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Orange Park (tennis courts)

The Recreation Committee would like to invite everyone to drop by for a **FREE** bonfire, hot dogs and hot chocolate!

Some members of the Fire Dept. will be there to join in on the skating, and the new rescue truck will be there as well to check out!

What a great opportunity to check out the outdoor rink (weather permitting).

Please continue to watch the township website and Facebook pages for updates and changes.

2026 DOG TAGS

According to By-law 2010-06, all dog owners must purchase a dog tag for each dog they possess on or before March 31st. **Dog License fees are as follows:**

After March 31st

1 dog	\$10.00	\$30.00
2 dogs	\$25.00	\$45.00
3 dogs	\$50.00	\$70.00

The dog tags are available for purchase at the office or you can complete the attached form and mail it in along with payment made payable to the Township of Chisholm.

Please note: Maximum three (3) dogs per household as per By-law 210-06.

CHISHOLM DOG TAGS 2026

NAME: _____
 PHONE: _____

ADDRESS _____

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Breed			
Colour			
Age			
Sex			
Dog's Name			
New Tag #			

MESSAGE FROM THE CHISHOLM FIRE DEPT. GOT A SNOW DAY? MAKE YOUR 72 HOUR KIT

Snow days – when you are stuck at home with the kids because the buses are not running – are a perfect time to assemble your 72-hour home emergency kit. Plus, you can get the little ones to help, and reassure them that no matter what happens, you have a plan.

The kit should contain at least three days of supplies, in case there is a serious disruption like an ice storm or wildfire, heavy blizzard or tornado. As a bonus, you can put together a "go-bag", in the case the emergency requires you to leave home.

First, get the kids to help with the essentials:

- food (non-perishable and easy-to-prepare items, enough for three days) and a manual can opener
- bottled or bagged water (4 litres per person for each day) and backup water purification tablets
- medication(s)
- toilet paper and other personal items such as soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, etc.
- back up chargers and power banks for cell phone or mobile device
- cash
- portable light source such as a flashlight, headlamp or glow stick
- radio (crank or battery)
- extra batteries
- first-aid kit
- candles and matches/lighter
- hand sanitizer or moist towelettes
- important papers such as a copy of your emergency plan, identification, contact lists, copies of prescriptions, etc.
- extra car keys and house keys
- whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
- zip-lock bag (to keep things dry)
- garbage bags and duct tape

Then consider extra items you might need:

- items for babies and small children such as diapers, formula, bottles, baby food, etc.
- comfort and sentimental items such as photos of loved ones, irreplaceable items, etc.
- prescription medication
- medical supplies, equipment and copies of care/support plans including contact information for doctors or specialists
- extra pair of glasses or contact lenses and solution (if applicable)
- pet supplies
- any other items specific to your household's needs

Even if it is not a school day, it is always a good time to learn, and a key lesson is that having a plan always beats having no plan.