



Taxes

2026 Due Dates for Taxes

- March 25 & May 27, 2026
- August 26 & October 28, 2026

Payment Methods:

In Person: Mon-Fri 8:30 am - 4:30 pm at 21 Gordon St E, Teeswater (Cash, Cheque, Debit)

Drop Box: Mildmay – Mac’s Milk (Cheques Only) & Teeswater – Municipal Office (Cheques Only)

Mail: PO Box 540 Teeswater ON N0G 2S0

Pre-Authorized Payment: Both Monthly and Due Date available (forms available at Municipal Office and Municipality of South Bruce Website).

Banks: At most Chartered Banks and Credit Unions, in person, by telephone, internet or bank machines. Late Payments will be subject to penalty of 1.25% on the 1st day of each month.

Property Tax Sale: Under the Municipal Act, 2001, properties with two years of tax arrears may have a Tax Arrears Certificate registered against title. If the arrears are not paid in full within one year of registration, the property may be sold by public sale or tender.

Moving: Please provide your full mailing address to the Municipality if you move or if your address is incomplete on your tax bill. Returned mail remains subject to penalty, interest, and tax sale. Country properties must include more than an RR#

Important Contacts:

MPAC: 1-866-296-6722

OFA Grey-Bruce: 519-364-3050

AGRICORP (Farm tax class): 1-888-247-4999 or contact@agricorp.com or www.ontario.ca/farmtax

Farm Property Owners: Under current taxation policy, farm properties that meet eligibility requirements are classified under the Farm Property Class and taxed at 25% of the municipal residential rate. Existing farm owners purchasing new farmland, and new farmers, must contact Agricorp to apply.

Demolition or Fire: It is your responsibility to notify the Municipal Office Tax Department if you demo any buildings, or loss by fire. A s357 form is required to be completed to adjust assessment if applicable.

Building Permits: If you have recently renovated or constructed a new home or building, you will receive a Supplemental Tax Bill during the year for the new assessment once MPAC assesses the value. These are in addition to your regular tax bill. The following year it will be all on one bill.

MPAC Assessments: When you receive your MPAC Property Assessment Notice, visit www.mpac.ca and log in to AboutMyProperty using your roll number and access key to view your assessment. If you have not received a notice in the past five years, contact MPAC to confirm your mailing address and request an access key.

Payments for Invoices, Registration, and Other Fees

Municipal Office: Cash, Cheque or debit.

Online Banking: Do not use your property tax account to pay other invoices. Set up a separate vendor (South Bruce Accounts Receivable) for non-tax payments and enter your 5-digit customer number (not the invoice number) found at the top of your invoice or statement.

E-Transfer: To ensure payment is applied to the correct customer account, include the customer’s name, customer number, invoice number, and a description of the payment (e.g. burn permit, dog tag) in the e-transfer message.

Did you know that 2026 is a Municipal and School Board Election Year?

Voting Day: Monday, October 26, 2026

Voting Period: October 19–26, 2026 (opens 10:00 a.m., closes 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day)

South Bruce will use internet and telephone voting, as in previous elections.

Voter Eligibility

To vote, you must be a Canadian citizen, 18 years or older, a resident of South Bruce or an owner or tenant of land in South Bruce (or their spouse/partner) and not prohibited from voting by law.

Voters List

Ensure your name and information are correct by visiting www.registertovoteon.ca, emailing info@registertovoteon.ca, or calling 1-866-242-3025.

School Support

Review and update your school support designation before June 1, 2026, to vote for the correct school board. Learn more at www.mpac.ca/schoolsupport.

How to Vote

A Voter Information Letter with voting instructions will be mailed closer to the election. Two Voter Assistance Centres will also be available for internet voting.

Interested in Running for Council?

An information session for potential candidates will be held at the Bruce County Office (30 Park St., Walkerton) on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Nomination forms may be filed with the Clerk from May 1, 2026, until 2:00 p.m. on August 21, 2026.

Watch for updates on the Municipal website and social media!

Public Works

Load Restrictions

During the spring thaw (approx. March 1–April 30), reduced load limits of 5 tonnes per axle are enforced on all municipal roads to prevent damage. Exact dates are based on road conditions and will be posted on the Municipal website and social media

Garbage & Recycling Collection

Please set curbside garbage and recycling out by 7:00 a.m. on collection day. Visit www.southbruce.ca for accepted materials and landfill information.

NEW Blue Box Recycling – Effective Jan. 1, 2026

Blue Box recycling has moved to a Producer Responsibility Model. Residential curbside collection days and bins remain the same. Industrial, commercial, and institutional properties must take recycling to landfill depots.

Newly accepted curbside items include: flattened cardboard (max 24" cut not folded if needed) cartons, plastic bags and overwrap, paper laminate packaging, Styrofoam, aluminum foil and trays, plant pots, toothpaste, deodorant and hand cream tubes. All items must be empty and free of food residue.

Missed Collection?

Recycling: Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling 1-800-794-9770

Garbage: Bruce Service & Rentals 1-800-536-5175

Household Hazardous Waste:

Collection event: August 8, 2026, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Teeswater Shop, 25 Gordon St. E.

Streetlights: Report outages to 519-392-6623 ext. 243

Formosa Grinder Pumps

Alarm or warning light. Call 519-392-6623 After hours: Veolia 519-889-2419

Municipal Drains & Drainage

For cleanouts, maintenance, or repairs, contact the Municipal Office. Conservation Authority and DFO approval is required and may take 18–24 months. All new connections must be approved by the Drainage Superintendent before work begins.

Economic Development

2025 was a successful year with the launch of the Resident & Community Attraction Marketing Campaign, which remains ongoing. South Bruce welcomed two new businesses in Teeswater, celebrated the re-opening of the Mildmay grocery store, and saw continued residential growth, with 800+ housing units in development and a projected 43% population increase by 2046. New residents receive a free welcome package with essential information and a local business coupon booklet. Visit southbruce.ca/economic-development for updated Economic Development information. To receive updates on business resources, grants, and training, or for Economic Development inquiries, contact Rhonda Niesen at 519-392-6623 ext. 241 or rniesen@southbruce.ca. Follow us on social media—exciting things are just getting started

Carbon Monoxide Alarms Outside Bedrooms

Effective January 1, 2026, updates to the Ontario Fire Code require every home to have a working carbon monoxide alarm installed outside bedrooms and on every floor. The only exception is homes with all-electric appliances, no fuel-burning appliances, no fireplace or woodstove, and no attached garage. Most homes have 4–6 fuel-burning appliances, any of which can produce harmful carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless, tasteless gas that can cause serious illness or death. Carbon monoxide alarms are available at local hardware stores—protect your family from the silent killer.

Public Spaces

The Municipality is committed to ensuring public spaces can be enjoyed by everyone. Recreational vehicles are not permitted on municipal property, including parks, ball diamonds, and fairgrounds, as they may cause damage and limit use by others. Please dispose of all garbage and pet waste in provided receptacles. Thank you for helping keep South Bruce a great place to live, work, and play

South Bruce Tourism

The 2026 Visit South Bruce annual event cards have been published and circulated, highlighting events hosted by local volunteer groups. Mark your calendars for the Flavours of South Bruce Dinner on Sunday, July 12, and the Vintage Tractor Tour on Sunday, June 21. To join the Tourism Committee, contact Rhonda Niesen at 519-392-6623 ext. 241 or rniesen@southbruce.ca.

Message from the CAO

South Bruce continues to grow as a welcoming and vibrant community. Over the past years, Council and staff have supported residential development, advanced infrastructure projects, and strengthened our local economy.

As we move forward, Council and staff remain committed to sustained growth, strong community connections, and services that support residents and businesses. This newsletter provides a snapshot of key municipal updates, and I encourage you to visit www.southbruce.ca or follow us on social media to stay informed.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to build a strong future for South Bruce
Warm Regards.

Leanne Martin