



Taxes

2026 DUE DATES for Taxes:
August 26, 2026 & October 28, 2026

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 banking 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 farmland, 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.

The 2026 Municipal Election is fast approaching. South Bruce residents are encouraged to familiarize themselves with key dates, voting methods, and voter registration requirements.

2026 Municipal Election – October 2026

Running For Council or School Board Trustee:
Individuals interested in running for Council or as a School Board Trustee may file a nomination with the Clerk during regular business hours at the Municipal Office. Nominations must be filed by Friday August 21, 2026, at 2 PM. For more information, contact Clerk, Vivian Kennedy, at vkennedy@southbruce.ca or call the Municipal Office 519-392-6623.

Key Dates – 2026

August 21, 2026	Nomination Day (last day to file nominations or withdraw candidacy) before 2 PM
October 19, 2026	Advance Voting Opens at 10 AM
October 26, 2026	Voting Day Closes at 8 PM
November 16 2026	Inaugural Meeting - Council term begins

Voting Information:
Eligible electors will be able to vote by Internet or Telephone from 10 AM on October 19, 2026, until 8 PM on October 26, 2026. Voting can be completed from any computer or telephone. Eligible electors will receive voting information by mail, including instructions and a Personal Identification Number (PIN).

Voter’s List & Assistance:
Eligible electors are responsible for ensuring they are on the Voter’s List. Visit <https://www.registertovoteon.ca/> to verify your information or contact the Municipal Office after August 14th. Voter Assistance/Revision Centers will be available to help electors, add electors and update voter information. Locations and hours will be posted on the municipal website in October.

VOTE EARLY! Voting begins October 19th, 2026, at 10 AM.

Stay On The Leash	South Bruce Tourism
We kindly remind all dog owners to keep their pets on a leash when in public areas, including parks, sidewalks, trails and fairgrounds. 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. Even the most well-behaved dogs can become distracted or excited. By keeping your dog on a leash, you are helping us maintain a clean, safe and welcoming community for everyone.	Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and our website: www.visitsouthbruce.ca for up-to-date community events. If you have great ideas that you would like to share to help promote South Bruce, we are always open to new committee members. Reach out to Rhonda at rniesen@southbruce.ca or 519-392-6623 ext. 241

Treasury

2026 BUDGET:

The total tax rate and average residential tax bill will increase by 2.87% for 2026. The impact on individual tax bills may vary depending on changes in property assessment values. Based on the Municipality’s asset portfolio, the estimated replacement value of municipal infrastructure exceeds \$400 million. This includes assets like roads, bridges, equipment, water systems, wastewater systems, facilities, and parks. To maintain and replace these assets over the long term and ensure local services remain reliable and sustainable for future generations, Council continues to increase annual contributions to capital reserves and infrastructure replacement programs. The Municipality currently faces an estimated annual infrastructure funding shortfall of more than \$6 million.

The initial 2026 budget includes \$10.77 million in capital spending. Major projects planned for the year include the extension of the sanitary force main in Formosa, final completion of the Teeswater-Formosa sewage treatment plant expansion, completion of the new water tower and well in Teeswater, and resurfacing sections of Huron-Bruce Road, Concession 12E Carrick, and Concession 2 Culross. Additionally, a new accessible washroom is being added to the TCCC lobby along with new skate-safe flooring. Capital projects are expected to be funded through Municipal Reserves (\$3.694 million), Government Grants (\$2.668 million), Other Capital Contributions (\$1.7 million), Sale of Equipment (\$40,000), and new borrowing (\$2.66 million). Full details of the 2026 Capital and Operating Budgets are available on the Municipality’s website under ‘Taxes and Finances’.

Several provincial and federal funding programs have been approved to help offset costs to the municipal taxpayer in 2026, including:

- \$948,800 in Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding to directly offset taxes.
- \$1,133,000 in Ontario Community Infrastructure Funding for roads resurfacing on Concession 12E Carrick and Concession 2 Culross.
- \$175,000 in Canada Community-Building Funds for roads resurfacing on Huron-Bruce Road.
- \$950,000 in Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program funding to support the water tower and well project in Teeswater.

User Fees and Charges have been adjusted in various service areas for 2026 to help offset inflationary costs and maintain service delivery. Applicable charges will appear as separate line-items on the final tax bill. Overall, user fees levied on the tax bill have decreased by \$3 for 2026.

- Garbage and recycling collection fees have been reduced to \$45.00 per year for applicable properties to reflect new changes in the Ontario-wide recycling program.
- Streetlighting fees remain at \$54.00 per year for applicable properties.
- Water user fees are at a base rate of \$670.00 per year for properties connected to the Teeswater or Mildmay water distribution systems.
- Wastewater user fees are at a base rate of \$798.00 per year for properties connected to the Teeswater or Mildmay sanitary sewer systems.

2025 YEAR END: The 2025 audited financial statements will be made available on the Municipality’s website upon completion www.southbruce.ca.

Economic Development

While the first half of 2026 brought the unfortunate closure of the BMO Bank and Midwest Co-op in Mildmay, it has also been a period of significant growth across South Bruce. We have welcomed four new businesses – Teeswater Hair Lounge, AA Photography, Labour of Love Bakery, and Hometown Mechanics. Major investments include Bernie McGlynn Lumber’s new sawmill, the expansion of the product line at Teeswater Co-op/ACES, the announcement of a new school and 39 licensed childcare spaces in Mildmay, and the opening of Little Cubs Learning Centre this fall, offering 19 licensed childcare spaces, before – and – after school care, in Teeswater. Housing growth continues with Teeswater Meadows apartments opening in July and the Edgeview condominium development underway in Mildmay.

Watch for our Growing with Purpose Business Attraction Marketing Campaign, featuring available storefront advertising, new print marketing materials, promotional videos, and updated Economic Development webpages at www.southbruce.ca/invest. Stay tuned for more information on our Business & Community Networking Evening this Fall.

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 who is 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 leaf collection will take place at the end of October and beginning of November. Leaves MUST be placed in biodegradable paper bags. Material in plastic bags will NOT be collected. Pick up dates will be posted on our municipal website and social media platforms.

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 AM and 6 AM in accordance with By-Law 2012-40. Vehicles may be ticketed and towed at the owner’s expense.