

Town of Goderich NEWSLETTER

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Participate in Council Meetings

Did you know, the Town of Goderich has the following processes in place for the public to provide input into Council meetings?

- Appearing as a delegation to Council;
- Submission of correspondence/letters to Council; Contact the Director of Legislative Services/Clerk at afisher@goderich.ca or by calling 519-524-8344
- Submission of petitions to Council in accordance with the Petition Policy;
- On the Council Agenda during Public Comments Relating to Agenda Items- This is an opportunity for members of the public to speak to any item of business that appears on the agenda - a maximum of 3 minutes per person;
- Contacting Council Members via email, phone, or in person in advance of the meeting;
- Submission of verbal and/or written comments as part of a statutory public meeting.

Upcoming Council Meetings:

4 PM Town Hall, Council Chambers

June 17

July 13

August..... 10

View Agendas and Minutes at

<https://www.goderich.ca/council-and-committees/council-and-committee-meetings/>

Upcoming Events

BIA Thursday Night Concerts....Begins May 28, Performance Stage

Huron County Pride Festival.....June 6-7, Lions Harbour Park

BIA Youth Festival.....June 13, Performance Stage

Goderich Lions Club BBQ.....June 28, Lions Harbour Park

Canada Day Fireworks.....June 30, Waterfront

Website Updates

Our new corporate and tourism websites are now live! We are excited to share a refreshed platform that is designed to be more helpful, user-friendly, and easier to navigate.

**GODERICH SALT & HARVEST
FESTIVAL**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

SEPTEMBER 3 - SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

The Goderich Salt & Harvest Festival is looking for volunteers to help make our festival the best it can be!

All our great volunteers will receive custom SALTED merchandise and volunteers dedicating 4 or more hours will also enjoy free tickets to the BIG concert on September 5!

Want to join? Drop us a line at:
SALTFESTVOLUNTEERS@GMAIL.COM

Upcoming Election

The next Municipal and School Board Election will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026. You are eligible to vote in the municipal and school board election in the Town of Goderich if, on October 26, 2026, you:

- Are a Canadian Citizen
- Are at least 18 years old
- Reside in Goderich, or are the owner or tenant of land in Goderich or the spouse of such owner or tenant
- Are not prohibited from voting (a person who is serving a sentence of imprisonment in a penal or correctional institution, a corporation, a person acting as executor or trustee in any other representative capacity, except as a voting proxy, a person who was convicted of corrupt practices as defined in the Municipal Elections Act)

Are you on the Voters List? You can use Elections Ontario's Voter Registration application to confirm, update, or add information if you:

- Have changed your name or address
- Own or rent a new property
- No longer own or rent a property
- Want to remove your information from the Voters List



To check if you are on the list, or to update, or add your name to the list, visit [RegisterToVoteOn.ca](https://www.registertovoteon.ca) or call 1-866-242-3025.

Updating Your School Support

Property owners in Ontario must designate support for a school system, even if they do not have children or if their children do not currently attend school. This designation appears on your Property Assessment Notice. You can update your school support designation through MPAC's Online School Support Tool by visiting:

<https://www.mpac.ca/en/MakingChangesUpdates/SchoolSupportDesignation>

Nominations

Nomination registration as a candidate in the municipal and school board election opened May 1, 2026, and closes August 21, 2026, at 2 PM. More information can be found at the Elections page on the Town's website -

<https://www.goderich.ca/town-hall/elections/>

Learn more about being a municipal councillor by visiting: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-municipal-councillors-guide>

For more information about the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election, please contact the Town of Goderich Elections Team at vote@goderich.ca.

2026 Interim Tax Bills

The 2026 property tax rates have now been finalized, with a 3.0% increase to the Town portion, a 2.78% increase to the County of Huron portion, and no change to the education portion. The next installment due date is June 30, 2026.

Emergency Management Highlights

Be Prepared

Are you ready for emergencies in your area? Would your child, home alone after school, know what to do if severe weather struck? Do they know who to contact if you are unavailable or cell phones are down?

Learn the steps to be prepared.

- Build an emergency grab-and-go bag
- Stock emergency supplies
- Create an emergency communication plan
- Create an evacuation plan
- Keep your vehicle's gas tank half full
- Know where to look for, or listen to, emergency messages



For more information on how to Be Prepared for a fire, severe weather, power outage, or an evacuation order, visit <https://www.goderich.ca/living-here/fire-and-emergency-management/>

Accessibility

The Town of Goderich is dedicated to meeting the needs of all residents by providing accessible services and facilities. We understand and embrace the diverse needs of our community to ensure inclusivity for all.

Did you know that you can book a floating wheelchair or beach wheelchair during the summer months? Learn more by visiting: <https://www.goderich.ca/en/stay-and-play/beach-wheelchair.aspx>

Perhaps you are holding an event and would like to know the [Best Practices for Accessible Event Planning](#)? Or how to Build Inclusive Volunteer Practices? For information and resources to help you remove barriers, visit <https://www.goderich.ca/town-hall/accessibility/>

Community Safety and Well-Being for Huron

The Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for Huron identifies four (4) priority areas to address in our community. These priority areas are based on community input and information obtained through community organizations.

- Mental Health and Addictions
- Housing Stability and Homelessness
- Domestic and Family Violence
- Community Safety and Security

For information on the Plan, the Priority Areas, and to find local resources, supports and information, visit www.cswbhuron.ca. We are stronger, together!

Tourism & Events Highlights

Goderich Salt & Harvest Festival

The Goderich Salt & Harvest Festival is back for another year! The fourth annual event will take place September 3 - 6, 2026. Plans include: Free entrance to Salted Market, Above Ground Salt Experience, Mine Rescue Demonstrations, Virtual Reality Mine Images, Salty Basin Beer Garden, Salt Walk, Farmers' Market, Flea Market, Petting Zoo, Wagon Rides, Family Photo Booth, Inflatables, and more. Events that have fees: BIA Friday Night Concert, Battle of the Bands, Saturday Compass Minerals Concert - Retrospect, Guided Tours & Tastings. For more information visit www.saltedgoderich.ca.

The Goderich Salt & Harvest Festival is looking for volunteers to help make our festival the best it can be! All our great volunteers will receive custom SALTED merchandise and volunteers dedicating 4 (four) or more hours will also enjoy a free ticket to the Saturday evening concert on September 5! If you are interested, email saltfestvolunteers@gmail.com.



SALTED GODERICH, ONTARIO		PRICE LIST		GODERICH Canada's Prettiest Town	
T-Shirts	\$20 ^{+HST}	YETI Mug	\$55 ^{+HST}		
Long Sleeve	\$25 ^{+HST}	Canvas Bag	\$10 ^{+HST}		
Hoodie	\$45 ^{+HST}	Vintage Post Cards	\$2 ^{+HST}		
Art Print	\$40 ^{+HST}	SALTED Koozie	\$5 ^{+HST}		
Ball Cap	\$20 ^{+HST}	SALTED Post Card	\$1 ^{+HST}		
Toque	\$15 ^{+HST}	Vinyl Sticker	\$.89 ^{+HST}		
Socks	\$10 ^{+HST}	Landmarks Button	\$5 ^{+HST}		
Sunglasses	\$10 ^{+HST}	Landmarks Magnet	\$5 ^{+HST}		
Lego Set	\$30 ^{+HST}	Keychain	\$3 ^{+HST}		
Ornament	\$5 ^{+HST}	Tube Scarf	\$10 ^{+HST}		

Tourism Information Centre:

33 St. David Street

Hours:

9 AM - 5PM

Closed on Wednesdays

tourism@goderich.ca

519-524-6600

Goderich and Salted Branded Merchandise

The Goderich Tourism Information Centre has all kinds of branded Goderich gear for sale. We carry two (2) unique lines - official Town of Goderich items and SALTED merchandise. In response to customer requests, we expanded our offerings this past year and now stock youth sizes. We carry SALTED Ts in youth S-L and limited edition "Goderich means the world to me" shirts (designed by a Goderich youth) in sizes 3T-5T and youth XS-XL.

We have a variety of adult sized t-shirts in stock, but please note that size availability for our SALTED sweaters and long sleeves is limited. LEGO lighthouse restocks are in the works. Tried and true staples like Yetis, socks, keychains, and sunglasses are always in stock.

Parks & Public Works Highlights

Parks Department

The Town of Goderich Parks Department is looking for volunteer gardeners to help keep our parks, planters, and public green spaces looking their best for the upcoming season. Whether you are an experienced gardener or simply enjoy working outdoors, volunteers play an important role in supporting beautification efforts across the community through planting, weeding and general garden care. If you are interested in lending a hand this season, please contact nfeagan@goderich.ca to learn more and register.

The Town of Goderich is now accepting requests for fall boulevard tree plantings. Boulevard trees help enhance our streetscapes, provide shade, support local biodiversity, and strengthen our community's urban canopy for future generations. Residents interested in having a tree considered for the municipal boulevard in front of their property are invited to submit a request for review. Approvals are subject to site conditions including underground/overhead utilities, spacing, sightlines, and sidewalk clearance. To apply for a boulevard tree planting this fall, please fill out the online tree request found on the Town of Goderich website at www.goderich.ca.

Public Works

The Town of Goderich Yard Waste Depot is now open. Located at the Public Works Centre (361 Cambridge Street), the depot is open seven days (7) a week from 7 AM to 6 PM. Town of Goderich residents are welcome to drop off acceptable yard waste such as garden waste, grass, and twigs (less than 2 m in length and 2 cm in diameter), including material from spring and fall yard cleanups. Please note that plastic bags, stumps, and branches are not permitted.

To report a pothole or other road surface concern, please complete the [Road Defect Report Form](#) on the Town of Goderich website. Submitting the form helps staff confirm the location and details quickly so the issue can be assessed and scheduled for repair as conditions and resources allow.

Public Works would like to remind residents that when weather conditions permit this spring, crews will be repairing sod damage on boulevards resulting from municipal winter maintenance. This work will be scheduled to align with suitable temperatures and ground conditions to support successful restoration. If you are aware of a specific location we may have missed, please email smcgregor@goderich.ca with the location.



Boost your Business Brand at Bannister Park!

Want to connect with our vibrant community? Seize the chance to showcase your business brand with the Town's Banner Advertising Program.

Make a splash by purchasing a custom 4' x 8' mesh banner to be displayed on the baseball or soccer field fencing at Bannister Park.

Here's how it works:

Placement	Cost	Commitment
Choose between the outfield fencing of the high-traffic Hyundai diamond or the sideline fencing of our soccer field.	A one-time purchase of your banner, plus an annual advertising fee of \$500.	Enjoy this unique exposure with a 3 year commitment.

For more information, reach out today at recreation@goderich.ca or 519-524-8344 x 504

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