BURPEE & MILLS NEWSLETTER

**February 2022**

**Council Report:**

 The next regular meeting of municipal council will be held Tu**esday, March 1st at 7:30 p.m.**

The Burpee & Mills Township office is open to the public. During regular business hours please press the intercom button or call 705-282-0624 for assistance.The office is open Monday to Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is closed from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m. for lunch.

The gym, hall and public washrooms remain closed**.**

**New Trailer By-law:**

 The new Trailer By-law 02-2022 for Burpee and Mills Township has been approved by council and can be found on the Burpee and Mills website for viewing at [www.burpeemills.com](http://www.burpeemills.com).

**Fire Team Report:**

**Checking Your Home Heating System**

It’s important to understand your role in maintaining your home heating system.

* Examine the heating system for signs of deterioration, such as water stains, corrosion or leakage. Clean the furnace air filters in forced-air systems frequently. 
* Keep the area around the furnace free from materials or chemicals. 
* Ensure outlets and cold air outlets are not covered  Make sure walls, obstructions or new renovations do not block the heating system’s air supply.

**Steps to Carbon Monoxide Safety**

CO exposure is a common, but deadly hazard in your home. Follow these three steps to keep your house safe this winter.

1. Eliminate CO at the source.  Get your home’s fuel-burning appliances and equipment inspected by a certified technician who works for a TSSA-registered heating contractor.
2. Ensure your home has certified CO alarms.  They will warn you of rising CO levels, giving you time to take potentially life-saving action.  Install them in the correct location – follow manufacturer’s instructions or ask your local fire department – it can be the difference of life and death.
3. Know the symptoms of CO poisoning.  They are similar to the flu – nausea, headache, burning eyes, confusion and drowsiness – except there is no fever.  If they appear, immediately get everyone, including pets, outside to fresh air and call 911 and/or your local fire department.

**Dog Tags:**

 Its time to purchase your 2022 dog tags. Tags are $4:00 for the year and are available at the municipal office.

**Municipal Snow Removal:**

Residents are requested **NOT** to push any snow from their driveways onto municipal roadways. These snow banks may freeze and create a serious hazard to the municipal snow plow and any other vehicles when they hit these obstructions. Residents are also reminded not to park vehicles on the road allowance that could hinder the snow plow.

**Island-Wide Snow Sculpture Challenge:**

 Winter is long so let’s make the best of it. Build some type of snow structure and enter the Island-wide snow sculpture contest. It can be big or small, but get outside and have some fun with family and friends. Email a photo of your creation by 12:00 noon February 22nd, 2022.to info@assiginack.ca

 **Canada's Year of the Garden - "A Year to Plant Red":**

          The Canadian Garden Council has proclaimed 2022, Canada's "Year of the Garden". Communities across Canada are encouraged to participate in initiating gardening projects.  You may join the celebration by signing up your garden as a Year of Celebration Garden.  Plant red and show your Canadian garden pride. For More details see:[**https://gardenscanada.ca/year-of-the-garden/**](https://gardenscanada.ca/year-of-the-garden/)

**Job Opportunity:**

 The position of Transfer Station Attendant is now open. Applicants may submit their resume to the municipal office by email to burpeemills@vianet.ca by **Tuesday, February 15th.**