



From The By-Law Office

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Welcome to the fourth edition of "From The By-Law Office," an insert designed to pass on information relating to issues the Marathon By-Law Office is currently dealing with. The objective is simple - information is knowledge and it is the hope of this office that the knowledge acquired here translates into understanding and ultimately voluntary compliance with Marathon's by-laws. By-laws have been enacted as a formal body of rules to maintain order and a certain quality of life, expected and warranted by every resident of our community.

Winter Parking

Winter parking regulations are now in effect until April 1, 2012. This means there is no parking on any street in Marathon from 2:00 AM to 12:00



noon. This is necessary to allow municipal snow clearing equipment to navigate our thoroughfares safely and efficiently. Vehicles parked on the road compel the ploughs to maneuver around the obstruction causing undue delays, not to mention the increased risk of clipping the automobile with the plough's blade.

Non compliance to this particular bylaw could affect the vehicle's owner in a number of ways including: having the vehicle towed away at his/her expense; incurring damage to his/her vehicle; and finally, the driver is greeted by a mountain of snow under which his/her vehicle awaits to be dug out.

There are some exceptions so please refer to our Winter Road Maintenance Bylaw which can be found on the Town of Marathon website at

www.marathon.ca.



THE TOWN'S WEBSITE

Speaking of our website, we encourage our residents to visit it from time to time and avail themselves of the information which can be found there. The site is always being updated with upcoming events, bylaws, brochures, forms and applications; all with the view of assisting our residents when having to deal with municipal affairs. You can also find hiking, walking, street and snowmobile trail maps plus firearm boundaries, and the Town's official plan and zoning as it relates to land use.

If you know of someone coming to Marathon for a visit, extended stay or employment, you may want to suggest they glean the site for all sorts of information and news.



This includes our business directory which will allow them to contact services prior to their arrival which translates to a more productive and enjoyable stay.

If that is not enough, anyone can subscribe to the monthly E mail newsletter on our website which is full of timely information. This feature is new and people living in Marathon, or have moved away or even business owners who want to stay current and informed about what is happening in our great community have already signed on.



Take advantage of this free service brought to you by "The Corporation".

Mutt Matters

It must be the change in weather, or the time of year, or maybe it's just plain laziness affecting some dog owners when it comes to letting their dog out. It seems they just can't bring themselves to tie up Rover in their yard, leaving the animal to wander onto the neighbours' property to do its business after which it takes a running/sniffing tour of the local doggy attractions.

Since our last information letter, we have observed, tracked, chased and apprehended more canines than normal. One animal running loose was unfortunately killed by a motorist who was surprised by the animal darting across a road. To those who condone the practice of tying up their dog, you are not doing the family pet any service by letting it run on its own. It's irresponsible and needlessly endangers the dog, not to mention the strain it puts on neighbourhood relationships. Tie The Pooch Up!!!



The by-law office is responsible for the enforcement of by-laws, lottery licensing and animal control.

If you have any questions relating to these matters please contact Bryan Thomson at:
Tel: 807-229-1340 ext. 2250
Fax: 807-229-1999
E-mail: bylaw@marathon.ca



2012 Budget Consultations

A public meeting will be held at the Town Hall Council Chambers from 5:00—7:00 p.m.



Monday, November 7, 2011

This public meeting is intended to give residents and businesses of Marathon an opportunity to have input into the 2012 Municipal Budget. Ideas, suggestions and comments are all welcome.

Comments can also be sent to:

**2012 Budget Consultations
c/o Brian Tocheri, CAO/Clerk
Town of Marathon
P.O. Bag TM, 4 Hemlo Drive**

The new 2012 dog tags will be going on sale December 1 until December 31 at an early bird discount. A tag for an unaltered dog will cost you \$18.00, while for an altered animal the fee is only \$13.00 (HST exempt). If your dog gets away from you or escapes the confines of your home, that tag will help insure your best friend's prompt return once found. No tag means the pound and costs - your choice.

"The great pleasure of a dog is that you may make a fool of yourself with him and not only will he not scold you but he will make a fool of himself too." Samuel Butler



CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR YOUR POOCH?????!!!!!!

HAVE A GREAT WINTER & HOLIDAY SEASON