



CLEARVIEW

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FARMERS MARKET

SATURDAY MORNING
CREEMORE
9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

SMALL HALLS FESTIVAL

SEPT. 30 – OCT. 2
THROUGHOUT CLEARVIEW

The 2016 events schedule has been released! To view the schedule or to buy tickets, visit: www.smallhallsfestival.ca

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

- September 12th
- September 26th
- October 3rd
- October 24th

For information on Township and community events, please visit:

www.clearview.ca

New LED Street Lights

In early 2015 the Building Department completed a four month LED street light upgrade pilot project in Stayner. The pilot project was focused on measuring the effectiveness and viability of converting all 850 existing street lights throughout the Township to a modern and energy efficient LED model.

RESULTS

During the pilot project, 12 street lights were upgraded to LED models from four different manufacturers. The street lights were monitored for energy consumption, cost savings, illumination capabilities and overall performance. The results indicated that all four LED models outperformed the existing streetlight fixtures. In a direct comparison of the cost, data and operating performance, one specific LED model was selected based upon the quality of light and the overall cost effectiveness. Throughout 2015 the Building Department worked in partnership with Honeywell



to develop a comprehensive upgrade plan. In late 2015, the final plan was passed by Council and was ready for implementation. The approved streetlight fixtures were designed for a quick, seamless retrofit onto the existing pole arms. As a result, the entire upgrade project was completed within the first quarter of 2016.

WHY LED?

As many larger cities and municipalities have completed street lighting upgrade projects, LED fixtures

have proven to be a more dependable and energy-efficient form of lighting compared to traditional streetlights. Although there is a large financial investment required for the upgrades, it is estimated that LED fixtures reduce energy consumption by as much as 70 per cent which results in a large annual cost savings. In addition, the operating life is typically five times longer than standard streetlights.

FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

The proposed financial investment into the upgrade project was budgeted and approved by Council for \$565,674.00. The total benefit from savings in energy consumption and reduced maintenance levels is estimated to be \$65,112.00 annually. In addition to the annual savings, the LED fixtures have a ten year manufacturer's warranty. Based upon the projected numbers, Clearview Township will realize a full cost recovery within approximately nine years.

MAYOR, CHRISTOPHER VANDERKRUYS

Welcome to the Clearview Newsletter!



The goal of this newsletter is to increase communication and awareness around Township business with residents, community partners and key stake holders. The newsletter format is slightly different than the Township's traditional methods of communication. Rather than providing only statistics and numbers, we're providing residents with the story and background information related to specific projects. Our hope is that this newsletter will become a community staple for municipal news and information. We welcome and encourage resident feedback. This year has been exciting for our municipality. With the many challenges, there have also been many successes. We look forward to the rest of the year. Connect with me on Facebook / CVanderkruys and on Twitter @Vanderkruys. Thank you and enjoy your day in Clearview!

MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

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MESSAGE FROM THE CAO - STEPHEN SAGE

Welcome to the rebirth of the Clearview Newsletter.

In 2006 Clearview provided a similar newsletter to all residents that was well received. Council and staff are hopeful that all residents will benefit from this new version! I want to take this opportunity to thank Council for their vision and support to provide better communications to all residents.

As a result, over the past few months the corporation has updated the website, created a strong social media presence and has put in place a communications professional. Within the coming months staff and Council hope to provide more information to our residents explaining future projects and plans.

Over the next few weeks Township staff will be rolling out two new and exciting initiatives. The first initiative is the implementation of Phase 1 of the Clearview Public Transit system. The second initiative is the creation of a new Culture and Sports Hall of Fame program. Keep an eye on www.clearview.ca for details regarding both of these exciting projects! We always look forward to your feedback and encourage residents to contact the municipality with any questions or concerns.



FROM THE COUNCILLORS

DEPUTY MAYOR BARRY BURTON



Welcome to the Clearview Newsletter. Most of what you will read in this newsletter will deal directly with Clearview Township specific issues. As one of your County Councillors, I wish to update you on things happening within Simcoe County and some of the other committees that I participate in. I have many updates regarding the Collingwood Airport, Clearview Youth Services Committee, Committee of Adjustment, Hospital Alliance Committee and various Simcoe County Business. Please look for a copy of the Deputy Mayor Newsletter in mid-September to learn about these topics. If you would like a hard copy, please visit the Township office.

WARD 2 KEVIN ELWOOD



The first half of 2016 has been a busy six months in beautiful Ward 2. County Road 91 west of Duntroon reconstruction has been completed. Thank you to all and especially those residents on 91 who were inconvenienced by the closure for their patience. The Province of Ontario approved the wpd Fairview Wind Turbine project in mid-February. Appeals were filed by multiple parties and written closing submissions and replies are still in process with an anticipated decision expected by mid-August. Another significant undertaking by the Province affecting all Clearview residents is the proposed changes to the Provincial Growth Plans. The proposed changes will result in significant costs to the Township. Ward 2 will be impacted as almost the entire Ward will now be within NEC development control. I encourage all residents to visit the NEC website to review these changes. Enjoy the remainder of your summer, it's been a hot dry one so far.

WARD 4 SHAWN DAVIDSON



Thank you for taking the time to review this newsletter. I hope the information we have provided allows you to stay informed regarding the many important topics of interest. I invite you to speak directly with me should you have a particular question or concern. I am proud to represent Stayner and all of Clearview. Follow me on Facebook /ShawnDavidson and Twitter @shawn4clearview

WARD 1 DOUG MEASURES



It's a beautiful place we call home. A perfect example of this notion was played out in the village of Nottawa recently when a group of neighbours wanted to make an impact on road safety. Speeding and careless drivers on Townley Street have been a concern for years. Perhaps generations! The parents that live nearby to Townley Street and Queen Street contacted me about their concern of speeding cars on the road. They were looking for advice as to how to get a 3-way stop installed. I suggested that a petition be started, and that I would connect with the OPP and our municipal staff. Within a month, we had the Township install one of our newly purchased radar signs. In addition, by the end of June, over 200 signatures were on the petition accompanied with strong community support through Slow Down signs placed alongside the road. In the end, Council debated and passed a resolution that supported the creation of the new 3-way stop at the intersection of Townley Street and Queen Street. The parents and their children witnessed a Council that listened and acted on requests from the neighbourhood.

WARD 3 ROBERT WALKER



Welcome to Ward 3! There are many great things happening within the ward. We recently had our Town Hall Meeting with Ward 4 and had some excellent questions and dialogue. We are presently following up on these. I would like to thank those who were able to attend and support this process.

I would like to invite all residents of Clearview to visit the EcoPark that is off of Mowat Street in Stayner. Park your car, walk and enjoy the nature. This is a real gem.

Till next time, have a great summer and please visit our website for all your information regarding Clearview.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUR COUNCILLOR?

Email council@clearview.ca

or visit www.clearview.ca

for direct contact information



WARD 5 THOM PATERSON



Residents continue to take an active role in the affairs of Avening, Creemore and surrounds. Of note is a resident initiative to calm traffic in Creemore.

Our local merchants and business are in mid-season planning and supporting local events including the Creemore Children's Festival and the Copper Kettle Festival.

Saturday morning is the Creemore Farmers' Market in Ward 5, enjoying a resurgence in more local growers, entertainment and new favourites.

A Ward 5 Town Hall Meeting is planned in early September to address concerns including ATV access, condition of our secondary roads and properties, wind turbines and economic development.

A TRIBUTE TO SHANE SARGANT

In late July, Clearview Township lost a valuable employee, husband, father and active community member.

Shane joined the Municipality in February of 2013 with a strong passion for increasing tourism and events within the community. To say that Shane was instrumental over the past three years in placing Clearview on the event/tourism map would be an extreme understatement.

Most notably, Shane crafted the Small Halls Festival into an award winning event in the province of Ontario. Almost all events, celebrations and parades that occurred in Clearview were influenced by Shane's enthusiasm and expertise.

The inspiration and vision that Shane had will be difficult to replace. In addition to his work at Clearview Township, Shane worked with a number of municipalities across Ontario creating the framework for award winning events such as the Wiarton Willy Festival and Port Colborne's Canal Days.

Shane's presence will be greatly missed throughout the Clearview Township community. On behalf of the entire Clearview Township community, we offer our deepest condolences and support for his wife Kristine and their daughters during this very difficult time.

Shane may no longer be with us, but his legacy will be forever lasting.

WARD 6 CONNIE LEISHMAN



Happy summer everyone! Ward 6 is looking very productive at this time of year with all the crops coming along. You can't help but notice all the activity in Clearview. There are many new homes dotting the rural landscape and lots of progress happening at Cashtown Corners.

All in all, I believe that Clearview is in very good shape. Council is dedicated to keeping costs down and improving communication. The Mayor is dedicated to holding yearly Town Hall Meetings, and I encourage anyone with a voice to come out and get involved.

WARD 7 DEB BRONEE



I am very excited to see the publishing of this newsletter. As a member of the Effective Representation Committee this was one project that members believed was important to communicate with our residents.

I would like to take this space to thank the volunteers that make Clearview a great place to live as without them we would not be able to have the events like the Farmers' Markets or the Small Halls Festival. I encourage everyone to attend the various Clearview events and stay tuned for exciting details about this year's Small Halls Festival.



Mayor Christopher Vanderkruys, Tourism & Recreation Coordinator Shane Sargent and 2015 Small Hall Festival Chair, Councillor Doug Measures accepting the "Best Marketing Campaign" award at the 2016 Festival and Events Ontario awards ceremony.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

ELM STREET BRIDGE

In 2013, the Public Works Department commissioned RJ Burnside to undertake the inspection of the 78 Clearview Township owned bridges and culvert structures. Following the Ministry of Transportation Ontario Structure Inspection Manual, each bridge and culvert structure was rated utilizing the Bridge Condition Index (BCI).

In addition to the BCI rating, the report outlined maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement costs and schedules. The report has provided the Township with important data in creating long term strategies to ensure bridge condition and safety standards are met.

The Elm Street Bridge in Stayner received a BCI rating of 42.4 with a replacement schedule of 1-5 years depending upon the rate of deterioration. Due to the condition and signs of corrosion, rehabilitation was not recommended.

In late 2015, the Public Works Department released a tender for the replacement of the bridge. The project budget was estimated to be \$650,000.00. However, due to the timing of the year only two tenders were received with the lowest price being \$699,622.55, which was approximately \$50,000.00 over budget. Since most large scale construction contractors create their yearly work schedule in January and since the bridge condition was stable, it was



Bridge Condition Index

Rating	Maintenance Schedule
Good: BCI Range 70-100	Maintenance is not usually required within the next five years
Fair: BCI Range 60-70	Maintenance work is usually scheduled within the next five years. This is the ideal time to schedule major bridge repairs to get the most out of bridge spending.
Poor: BCI Less than 60	Maintenance work is usually scheduled within one year

recommended that the tender not be accepted and that another tender be released in January 2016 with the hope of creating a competitive bidding process.

The second tender received eight submissions and a staff recommendation was made and approved by Council to accept the lowest bid at a price of \$552,931.37. The accepted bid will result in an estimated cost savings of \$97,068.63.

The replacement of the Elm Street Bridge started in July of 2016. To help facilitate resident access during the bridge replacement, a temporary walkway and roadway has been created on the rail trail to allow residents to access Highway 26 near Locke Avenue.

In the near future, bridges and large culvert structures will become a growing concern for the municipality. With an average lifespan

of 75 years, many of the Township owned bridges are approaching the end of their useful life. As bridges continue to age, the cost of maintenance will gradually increase. Council and Township staff are working diligently to ensure that bridge maintenance and replacement schedules are followed and that funds are allocated into reserve accounts to ensure a sustainable and long term financial plan.



FIRE DEPARTMENT - ONLINE BURN PERMITS

To help facilitate access to Township services, on May 25th, 2016 the Clearview Fire and Emergency Services Department launched a website based system for the online sale of burn permits.

The online system allows residents to purchase burn permits in a fast and secure manner. Residents can access the system through the Clearview website by visiting: www.clearview.ca/burn-permits

Within the first month, approximately 90 permits were issued by the online system with the majority of permits purchased outside of the Townships regular business hours. With over 1500 burn permits purchased annually, the online system allows for a modern and convenient user experience.

The sale of burn permits provides the Fire and Emergency Services Department with valuable information regarding resident behaviour and trends throughout the Township. Additionally, the information is used to plan emergency service response levels and to help aid in public education around fire regulations and guidelines.

In addition to burn permits, the Township offers online property tax and utility bill payment.

For details, visit: www.clearview.ca/online-services

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT - CEMETERY DATABASE

In the fall of 2015, the Clerk's Department launched a new website: www.clearviewclerk.ca. A key feature of the website is the Cemetery Database that allows the public to search plots within the eight Clearview Township owned cemeteries by interactive map.

The search function provides not only names and dates, but headstone pictures to provide a visual for the public to search their ancestral roots. Each map provides a general layout of the cemetery and special land features to assist in locating headstones for those that are able to visit.

The Clerk's Department started the cemetery project out of a desire from the public to be able to locate relatives and understand the history of each cemetery. With assistance from summer students, the GIS Technician mapped, plotted and gathered information for over 3000 plots.

Through using the system, the public will find that each cemetery has a unique history that illustrates Clearview's past. We encourage the public to visit www.clearviewclerk.ca and explore the features of the new Cemetery Database.

CLEARVIEW PUBLIC LIBRARY

Interested in doing some family or local history research? Clearview Public Library branches provide free access to Ancestry.com and other databases to help you discover your past. All three branches also offer local history collections, including cemetery indexes and church histories, that will help you learn more about our communities and the people who lived in them.

Our Creemore Branch has a microfilm reader and microfilm copies of Stayner and Creemore newspapers going back to their first editions. We have an iPad for you to photograph microfilm pages you want to keep. Users can send these images to their email accounts or print them off. We can also borrow microfilm reels of Ontario Birth/Death/Marriage records from the Archives of Ontario for you to use in the library.

This summer the Creemore Branch will begin providing a dedicated computer workstation for local/family history research. There is no cost to use this computer for genealogy/history searches and it is available to Clearview Public Library members as well as visitors to our Township. The Clearview Public Library Board would like to thank the Purple Hills Arts and Heritage Society for its financial support of this project.

Come in and get your free membership card today and unlock your future by discovering your past.



TOURISM & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PARC PROJECT

In 2012, the Clearview Township Tourism and Recreation Department applied for an Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant for the purpose of creating the Partnering, Advancing, Resourcing Community (PARC) Project.

The goal of the PARC Project was to bring together five local not-for-profit organizations under direction of the Township that were struggling to serve the community. The following five organizations were included within the grant:

- 1) Door Youth Centre
- 2) Stayner Garden Club
- 3) Clearview Community Garden
- 4) Stayner Food Bank
- 5) Stayner Chamber of Commerce

The grant application focused on connecting the strengths, experiences and resources of the five community groups to help ensure longevity and sustainability within the community.

Specifically, the grant application for the PARC Project was focused on the following goals and objectives:

PROJECT GOALS

- to increase community engagement, particularly amongst youth;
- to build capacity within the volunteer sector;
- to establish more efficient, greener and healthier practices within the community.

In early 2013, Clearview Township received notice that the PARC Project successfully received \$315,800 in funding through the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Over the past four years, the PARC Project has become a cornerstone of the Clearview community with over \$100,000 being used to purchase various equipment and program materials. Additionally, eight local students have been hired on returning four month summer contracts to help fulfil the objectives of the overall PARC Project.

All of the students have been directly involved within the Clearview community.



Clearview PARC Project Students and Tourism Assistant Lily White during the unveiling of the new Clearview Community Events Truck. Left to Right: Michaela Verstraten, Lily White, Rebecca Redpath, Kennedy Robinson, Jodie Rawn and Karen Van Staveren

PARC PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

- Introduced the Stayner Farmers Market to the Thursday night Stayner Chamber of Commerce Music programming
- Provided assistance to the Stayner Chamber of Commerce through events, programming and downtown street maintenance
- Worked with the Clearview Community Garden to help increase produce volume for the Stayner Foodbank
- Managed the Clearview Tourism Centre and tourism inquiries
- Worked with staff and students from Stayner Collegiate Institute to promote healthy eating through the greenhouse
- Created marketing material and graphic design work to help promote events and township business

With 2016 being the final year of funding, the Tourism and Recreation Department is planning to submit another grant application to continue the PARC Project on a Clearview wide scale.

The focus will be on increasing the students' involvement within Creemore, New Lowell and Nottawa.



PLANNING DEPARTMENT NEW WEBSITE



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Stayner, Main Street Looking East 1960's

The Planning Department launched its brand new website in late January, 2016. When building the website we knew that, if designed well, the website could be a wealth of information and a worthwhile tool for public engagement. We also knew, however, that we would have to wait to see how our new website performed live.

The new Planning Department website www.clearviewplanning.ca was designed to be an information portal and to connect users with Planning Staff. We've included a handy Planning Calendar that enables users to see up-to-date notices, meeting agendas, and public meeting times. The Document Index contains Planning-related Township By-laws, Planning Act application forms, information request forms, and relevant Township policies. Development projects are showcased in a blogroll and are updated regularly. The Township Official Plan and Zoning By-law are available for download. Users can seamlessly fill out and send a digital information request form to have their specific questions answered by Staff, and there's no need to create an account or log into your email. Most importantly, the main menu features a direct link to contact information for the Planning Department Staff.

After six months of live public usage, we can see that our good intentions to help our customers find the information they need has come to fruition. Statistics reveal that the website has had over 2,500 unique visitors. Staff are very excited to see the user base of the new Clearview Planning website grow. We will continue to serve our customers as best we can – now with the help of our newest public engagement tool www.clearviewplanning.ca.

Did you know?

Clearview Township offers online payments for property taxes, water and sewer bills and burn permits.

Visit: www.clearview.ca/online-services for details!

