



Council Communiqué

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Change Smoke Alarm Batteries

Tweed Fire Department recommends residents replace the old batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms when they change their clocks.

To survive a fire, you need an early warning signal and the knowledge of what to do when the smoke alarms sound. It's the law in Ontario to have working smoke alarms on every storey of the home and outside all sleeping areas. For added protection, it is recommended to also install alarms inside all bedrooms.

Mayor Updates

Wow, what a year! It was one of the most challenging years as Mayor. Who would have thought that we would still be in the same position we were last March? With two lockdowns and a stay-at-home order behind us we must remain diligent to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus.

I have to thank our whole Municipality for following public health guidelines and keeping our community safe. A big thank you to all the health care workers and other essential workers. This includes our local businesses who have been through so many changes - two lockdowns and curbside service. Thank you for taking such great care of our community and keeping us safe.

Our Municipal staff have carried on throughout this ever changing environment. Municipal services needed to continue so I thank staff of all departments for adjusting to different work schedules. I appreciate the hard work and dedication of the Municipal staff.

Council also had to adapt. Who would have thought we would hold a virtual Council Meeting? I thank my fellow Councillors for adjusting from in-person meetings to virtual and back again.

Great infrastructure

We have still accomplished many projects over the last 11 months. Despite the pandemic and lockdowns, we have been able to complete some significant infrastructure projects. 2020 saw the completion and opening of Boundary Bridge on Hawkins Bay Road, the reconstruction of 5kms of Marlbank Road, a new sand dome at the Stoco Works Yard, the rehabilitation of the Andy Brown Memorial Dome, as well as the initial stages towards the construction of the 3rd lagoon cell for the Village of Tweed.

Amazing News

We received funding for the expansion of our Waste Water System. This funding is essential for future development and will have tremendous economic impacts and reduce environmental

concerns. This Council had committed to go ahead with the expansion in our term so the funding announcement is an added bonus for our wastewater system users.

Parks & Recreation

Our Parks & Recreation Department had to make many adjustments both in the summer and now at the Arena. Discussions continue about what will be able to take place this coming year. Community Development took on the role of creating unique local experiences for residents including most recently our Valentines Day dinner package.

Council passed a very difficult 2021 Budget. Highlights of this budget are on the reverse side of this newsletter.

I am not sure what this spring and summer will look like. We have to wait and see, but I urge all residents to practise due diligence and continue to follow all the Public Health guidelines to keep our community safe.

Memories Project

The Hastings County Historical Society is announcing a new project for the preservation of local history in Hastings County. Beginning in 2021, the Society is seeking to capture stories and memories from its citizens. The way of life as it was once lived in the County (even the more recent events i.e. coping with the pandemic) can make for interesting and invaluable stories for future generations.

Interested citizens are asked to write stories of 250 – 400 words, but more or less is welcome. The stories may be typed or neatly hand-written and mailed or e-mailed to the Hastings County Historical Society beginning in January 2021.

Mail: Hastings County Historical Society 254 Pinnacle Street, 2nd floor Belleville, Ontario K8N3B1 E-mail: info@hastingshistory.ca

If you require an accessible version of this newsletter please contact the Municipal Office to obtain a copy.

**2021 Budget
Highlights**

For a full list of the Capital projects for this year please visit our website and download a copy of the Municipal Budget.

Copies of the Budget are also available at the Municipal Office.

Roads— *Napanee Rd, Greatrix Bridge, Actinolite Streets, Gallagher Rd, Old Troy Rd, Declair Rd, Marlbank Road Guardrails*

Water & Sewer – *\$3.1 Million Lagoon Expansion & Development*

Parks & Arena— *Kiwanis Playground, Arena condenser replacement, Arena accessibility upgrades.*

Admin Office— *Admin. Building Roof, IT Infrastructure upgrades*

REMINDERS

Only clear garbage bags are to be used for waste disposal in the Municipality of Tweed.

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Dog Tags can be purchased at the Municipal Office for \$15.00 until April 1st. After April 1st Dog Tags are \$45.00.

**Parking By-law Update**

The new parking By-law was passed in November of 2020. The new By-law includes fines for parking violations throughout the Municipality of Tweed.

The Municipality of Tweed’s By-law Officer will be patrolling the entire Municipality to enforce the the new parking By-law.

Fines have increased for

various parking violations.

If you are fined under the By-law for a contravention, you will be issued a Provincial Offences Ticket. The ticket contains a voluntary payment option which can be made within 10 days of issue to the Municipality of Tweed. If you do not remit payment within 10 days, the larger set fine of the violation will apply.

If you wish to challenge the ticket you may do so at the Ontario Court of Justice (P.O.A. Office) in Belleville.

The parking By-law keeps our hydrants clear, our accessible spaces open to those who require them, and allows civic operations such as snow plowing and removal to occur without hazards.

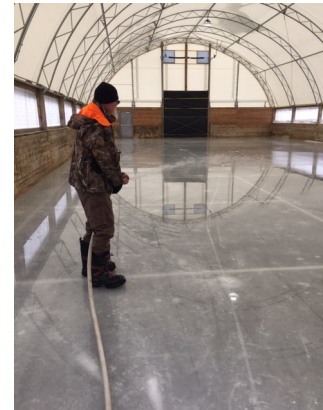
**Completed Municipal Projects**



Marlbank Road Guardrails



Senior Outdoor Fitness Equipment and Shelter



Andy Brown Memorial Dome



Coverall Sand Dome at the Public Works Stoco Garage



Marlbank Storage Building



Hawkins Bay Bridge