



Adjala-Tosorontio is Ready to Tackle Winter Weather



November 15th marks the start of the winter control period in Adjala-Tosorontio. During this time our Public Works Department performs a wide range of winter control operations including weather monitoring, road patrolling, snow removal and surface treatment. “Our crews are prepared to respond to whatever conditions winter throws our way” says Interim Public Works Supervisor John Willmetts. At the first sign of incoming weather our fleet will mobilize, salting the roads as a first line of defence. Plowing begins when snow is approximately 8-10 cm deep, depending on the class of the road.

“Each truck is equipped with a spreader that applies a sand and salt mix to the road surface, and a one-way plow and wing to move snow off of roadways and shoulders” states Mr. Willmetts. Two graders are used on gravel surfaces to break up ice accumulated from conditions such as severe freezing rain.

Spanning over 370 square kilometers and encompassing approximately 612 lane kilometers of roadways, conditions across the Township can vary drastically. “Our winter patrollers have to be alert and communicate conditions with our team regularly” notes Mr. Willmetts. In order to cover all roadways efficiently the Township has created 9 set routes, with each route taking approximately 4 hours to complete. “Winter storms can happen at any time” Mr. Willmetts states, “our crews must navigate unmaintained roads, and often zero visibility so we can provide the safest possible roads for our residents.”

“Our crews do a great job responding to winter weather, but our residents have a role to play too” says Interim CAO Eric Wargel. Residents can help by remaining compliant with our Parking By-law, which prohibits street parking from December 1st to April 15th. Additionally, should you come across a plow while driving remain patient - remember they are working to ensure you get to and from your destination safely.”

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We Want to Hear From You!

Your Voice Adj-Tos lets you express ideas and contribute to your community. We invite you to participate in our conversations and offer feedback on initiatives and projects that seek to shape our future.



**Connecting Your Voice
to Build a Safe and
Welcoming Community.**



Message from Mayor Scott W. Anderson

This is the second edition of the newsletter since bringing it back after a long hiatus. After the first edition in the summer, I received a lot of compliments and suggestions to continue a printed newsletter to bridge the gap with other forms of media in the community. Based on feedback from residents we have revamped the paper size and format. We continue to make improvements and welcome contributions and ideas from the community.

Council recently adopted our new Strategic Plan for 2024 to 2028. The Strategic Plan serves as a roadmap for our future, guiding decision-making to ensure the Township fulfills its vision “to build a safe and welcoming community, close to nature, rich in history, with opportunities for all.” The Plan outlines strategic priorities, goals, and initiatives designed to help us achieve this vision over the current Council term and beyond. Our goals focus on enhancing operations & governance, developing future-focused financial planning, improving infrastructure, sustaining our environment, and refining communications to ensure community vitality and economic resilience.

Members of Council recognized early in this term the need for good planning to make sound decisions for our Township and community. We have completed the Strategic Plan, a Parks Master Plan, Fire Master Plan and are currently undertaking an Official Plan Update along with road & infrastructure needs and engineering standards studies. Being prepared for the needs of our community will serve us well when preparing our annual budgets and seeking financial assistance & grants from the province and federal levels of government.

Recently, the Township has made

considerable investments to our Fire Department and to our road network, amongst other departments. We replaced Pump 22 at Station 2 in Loretto with a brand-new tanker-pumper and continue to purchase specialized equipment for our firefighters. Station 2 also received a long overdue reconstruction of the parking lot.

Over the past construction season, microsurfacing was completed on roads in five hamlets to seal and repair cracks preserving the roads for a longer period of time. Concession Road 3 was paved from Sideroad 5 Tosorontio to County Road 5. To reduce annual maintenance costs, tar and chip was applied to three road segments including Ballycroy Road, Concession Road 3 south and north of County Road 1, and Sunnidale-Tosorontio Townline. We have also started a much needed watermain replacement in the Loretto Heights subdivision. Council will continue to make capital investments throughout the Township within the 2025 Budget.

As I’ve said before, every day I am reminded of the remarkable kindness and commitment shown by our residents, volunteers, Township Staff and Firefighters. A community is built by the people who share their talents, heart, and encouragement, making Adjala-Tosorontio a great place to call home!

2025 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

Regular Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, with Closed Session starting at 5:30 p.m. when required, and Open Session starting at 6:30 p.m. Residents may attend the meeting in person in Council Chamber at the Township's Municipal Centre or watch the live stream.

The 2025 Regular Council Meeting Schedule was approved by Council on October 9, 2024. The January Regular Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 with the agenda published on Thursday, January 9, 2025. All other Regular Council Meetings will take place on the second Wednesday of each month, in accordance with the Township’s Procedure By-law.

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| • Tuesday, January 14, 2025 | • Wednesday, May 14, 2025 | • Wednesday, September 10, 2025 |
| • Wednesday, February 12, 2025 | • Wednesday, June 11, 2025 | • Wednesday, October 8, 2025 |
| • Wednesday, March 12, 2025 | • Wednesday, July 9, 2025 | • Wednesday, November 12, 2025 |
| • Wednesday, April 9, 2025 | • Wednesday, August 13, 2025 | • Wednesday, December 10, 2025 |



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Hamlet History

Keenansville was registered as a village on July 30, 1860, following the establishment of a post office in 1855. The hamlet was named after Robert Keenan, a native of County Tyrone in Ireland. Robert Keenan's brother James would later become the first Reeve of Adjala Township. Keenansville is located on the Bailey Creek, which provided water power for the operation of a sawmill and a three-storey wollen mill. Two streets made up the hamlet - Victoria, running east and west and Marie, running north and south. The west side of Marie Street housed several businesses including a general store, post office, private bank, telegraph office, conveyancing business and a printing press. This printing press would be the birth place of a local newspaper "The South Simcoe Observer", later named the Cardwell Sentinel. Also located in the village was a school (S.S. No.3), two hotels, a blacksmith and a cobblers shop. Further south on Marie Street stood the Morrow Farms, home to the areas' fair grounds. The grounds and large fair building would soon become the home of the Adjala Agricultural Fair, showcasing crocheted goods, needle works, crafts, wooden ware, vegetables and fruits. The once thriving village saw its population dwindle as youth moved towards larger cities, with Keenansville lacking railroad facilities, and limited industries.

Municipal Water and Wastewater Billing and Usage

The Township owns six water systems within the municipality. Each household on a water system is billed at a flat rate plus a per cubic meter (m³) rate. The cubic meter rate is calculated based on household consumption as registered by your water meter. Wastewater rates are calculated using the same household consumption amount. However, different flat and per cubic meter rates apply. The more water a household consumes, the higher your bill will be.

2025 Water and Wastewater Rates

Water Rate	2025
Monthly Base Rate	\$11.27
Meter Rate (per m³)	\$4.76

Wastewater Rate	2025
Monthly Base Rate	\$43.29
Meter Rate (per m³)	\$5.63

Water and Wastewater charges are issued on one bill, each quarter. The 2025 Water and Wastewater due dates are as follows:

- January 31, 2025
- April 30, 2025
- July 31, 2025
- October 31, 2025

Did you Know?

The Township has an agreement with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) to operate our municipal water and wastewater systems on our behalf. This includes regular monitoring services and water testing to ensure compliance with provincial safety standards and legislative requirements.

Municipal Property Tax

Tax bills are issued twice per year (Interim and Final), with each bill having two installments to be paid on or before the due date. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) classifies properties and assigns a Current Value Assessment (CVA) to your property. These values are provided to the Township on the annual assessment rolls and used by the Township, County and the Province when calculating property taxes and education taxes.

	Residential, Farm and Managed Forest	Commercial and Industrial
Interim Bill	Installment 1 Due March 31, 2025	March 31, 2025
	Installment 2 Due May 30, 2025	May 30, 2025
Final Bill	Installment 3 Due July 31, 2025	August 29, 2025
	Installment 4 Due September 29, 2025	October 31, 2025

Province to Phase in New 2024 Building Code

The Province of Ontario has released a new Building Code to reduce regulatory burdens for the construction industry, increase the safety and quality of buildings, and make it easier to build housing. This edition streamlines processes and increases harmonization with the National Construction Codes by eliminating technical variations between the provincial and national requirements.

The 2024 Building Code comes into effect on January 1, 2025, with a three-month grace period until March 31, 2025 for certain designs that are already underway. Please take careful note of the following transition period dates:

December 31, 2024

- Until December 31, 2024 permit applications submitted will use the 2012 Building Code.

January 1, 2025

- Beginning January 1, 2025 permit applications may be submitted using the new 2024 Building Code. Applications may be submitted using the 2012 Building Code if the applicant can show that their working drawings were substantially complete by December 31, 2024.

March 31, 2025

- Applications using the 2012 Building Code must be submitted by March 31, 2025 and construction must begin within 6 months of permit issuance.

April 1, 2025

- End of the three-month grace period. All permit applications submitted will use the 2024 Building Code.



ATFD Fire Prevention Week Open House Sees Big Turnout

On October 6th, the Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department (ATFD) kicked off Fire Prevention Week 2024 with its annual Open House. Over 200 hundred residents stopped by - despite the rain - to meet Township Firefighters, Members of Council and to learn about fire safety! “This years event was a great success” said Fire Chief Matt Poliziani. “A big thanks goes out to the local vendors who supported this event!” Held from October 6-12, the Fire Prevention Week theme for 2024 “Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you™” focused on educating everyone on the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home. Chief Poliziani noted “Fires move fast, and every second counts. Working smoke alarms give you the best chance of getting out safely.” In fact, according to the National Fire Protection Association, working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire in half. “Our department offers residents free home inspection and Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm Installation. I encourage residents to contact us if they have questions about their homes current life safety devices” he added. To setup a review of your life safety devices contact the ATFD by phone at 705-434-5055 ext. 229 or by email at fire@adjtos.ca.



Firefighters Sophie Villanovich and Paul Wales demonstrate how to use fire extinguishers with some young residents.



Medical Priority Dispatch System



The Ontario Government
is changing how 911 calls
are dispatched across
Simcoe County

Scan QR code
to learn more



simcoe.ca/MPDS



Above: ATFD Firefighters host a “Water Party” on June 18, 2024 at Central Park in Everett. In the summer months it is common to find the Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department flowing water to cool off residents on hot days. Such events provide an informal opportunity for public education and relationship building between ATFD Firefighters and the community.

To the Left: Starting November 2024, the Ontario Government is changing how 911 calls are dispatched across Simcoe County by implementing the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS). This system allows dispatch to determine which 911 callers need help first, based on how serious a person’s medical condition is. Visit simcoe.ca/MPDS for more information.

Start Your Next Learning Journey

Did you know as an Adjala-Tosorontio resident you have access to community libraries in the Town of New Tecumseth, the Township of Clearview and the Township of Essa?

Libraries have so much to offer! Access to board games, tech items, 3D printing, popular movies, novels, magazines and more! Explore the programs and services your closest library has available today!

New Tecumseth Public Library



Branch Locations:

- Alliston
- Tottenham
- Beeton

Clearview Public Library



Branch Locations:

- Stayner
- Creemore

Essa Public Library



Branch Locations:

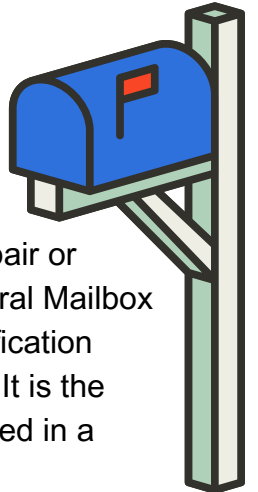
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Simcoe County Archives

The Simcoe County Archives (SCA) have been collecting, preserving, and making available records pertaining to the history of Simcoe County since 1966. As a regional archives, SCA manages the permanent records of the County of Simcoe along with its constituent municipalities. Online exhibits are available for individuals to dive into Simcoe County's history!

Winter Operations and Your Mailbox

Winter weather brings with it a specific set of challenges. In some cases this may result in damage to rural mailboxes. Where a collision between a mailbox and a plow has occurred, the Township will repair or replace the damaged mailbox. However, if damage has occurred due to the weight of snow or ice coming off of the plow, the Township will not repair or replace your mailbox. Canada Post provides residents with Rural Mailbox Guidelines that specify the height, setbacks, placement, identification requirements and resident responsibilities for snow clearance. It is the responsibility of the resident to ensure the mailbox is constructed in a suitable location and is well maintained.



Upcoming Events In Our Community

The following events have been submitted by local community groups. For additional information on events listed, please contact the community group directly. Are you a local community group wanting to be featured in our Spring 2025 Newsletter Edition? Contact customerservice@adjtos.ca to be added to our mailing list. Submissions are subject to review and discretion of the Editor.

November

Rosemont Town Lighting Night - The Rosemont General Store, the Rosemont Hall and the Globe Restaurant will be hosting the Annual Town Lighting Event on Friday, November 15th at 5 p.m.

Alliston & District Humane Society Holiday Family and Pet Photos - On Saturday, November 16th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., join the Alliston & District Humane Society (ADHS) for Holiday Family and Pet Photos. The cost is \$45 with all proceeds going to the ADHS.

Hockley Historic Community Hall & Church Heritage Ceremony - Celebrate with the Hockley Historic Community Hall & Church and the Town of Mono Heritage Advisory Committee on Sunday, November 17th at 2 p.m. as the Hockley Community Hall & Church receive Heritage Designation under the Ontario Heritage Act.

December

Lisle Community Hall Santa Claus Parade - The Lisle Community Hall will be hosting its annual Santa Claus Parade on Sunday, December 1st at 1:30 p.m. Visit the Lisle Community Hall Facebook page for parade details and route.

Alliston & District Humane Society Holly Jolly Holiday Open House - The Alliston & District Humane Society will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, December 15th from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by for a tour of the facility and to meet the animals and volunteers.

Hockley Historic Community Hall & Church Christmas Concert - Enjoy an evening of music, light refreshments and an abundance of Christmas cheer on Sunday, December 15th at 7 p.m. as the Hockley Historic Community Hall & Church hosts a Christmas Concert.

Kids Corner!

School Bus Safety Tips for Winter Weather

As riders of the bus, you have an important role to play! Make sure you get on and off the bus safely with these winter school bus safety tips!

- Allow extra time to get to your bus stop.
- Use the handrail when boarding and exiting the bus.
- Allow the bus to come to a complete stop before walking toward the door.
- Wear warm, bright clothing so the bus can see you.
- Never play or stand on snowbanks.
- Don't throw snowballs at the bus or others.
- Don't slide on snow or ice patches.



Winter Word Search

Find and circle all of the words hidden in the box! Words may be placed horizontally, vertically, diagonal and backwards or forwards.

	Q	B	S	S	N	K	T	O	J	U
BOOTS	V	P	L	E	U	A	L	B	Z	S
BUS	W	A	I	V	H	B	W	A	N	T
GLOVES	H	S	P	O	A	B	Z	O	W	S
HAT	T	D	P	L	M	O	W	U	C	F
ICE	T	E	E	G	U	T	I	C	E	K
SLIPPERY	D	J	R	T	L	L	A	B	O	F
SNOW	G	C	Y	B	J	B	Y	C	N	C
VISIBLE	J	S	T	O	O	B	S	E	F	V
WALK	U	Q	E	L	B	I	S	I	V	K

Youth Calls for the Return of Music Extracurricular Programs in Schools

Music has been a part of society that has brought people together ever since the Stone Age. And recently it has been something thrown out due to desperate charges. But no matter what, there are still some ways to implement music back into the lives of children as a whole.

Only one of these could be a simple instruction to give the option to let kids bring musical equipment to school. Guitars, Ukuleles, Recorders, Bongos! And just get a supervisor to maintain the noise level, because no one will be able to hear themselves in an area of brash noise.

If a musical coach is available, someone who can teach music, then use them! Music is all around us, there are many people I know who have a musical background that still don't have the educational output to let their talents thrive.

Overall, this is just one of the ways I think we can improve music education in schools that have less funding. It's easy to brush off certain things but you need to realize there are many ways to make changes.

Jack B., Grade 7

Adjala-Tosorontio Youth Soccer Program a Great Success!

The Adjala-Tosorontio Soccer Program wrapped up its first full season at Warden's Park. Run by parents and volunteers, the recreational league provided 225 kids ages four to fourteen with basic soccer skills, exercise and fun! A special thanks goes to program sponsors, coaches and volunteers! For information on registration for 2025, follow Adjala-Tosorontio Soccer on Facebook or send an email to adjtosoccer@gmail.com. If you're interested in helping out next year, please reach out!

Community Contacts

Township Services

Report a Concern

705-434-5055
www.adjtos.ca/report

Ontario Clean Water Agency

1-866-775-7712 (Non-Emergency)
1-800-461-9675 (After Hours Emergency)

Canine Control

705-220-6890

County of Simcoe

Service Simcoe

705-735-6901
Toll Free: 1-800-263-3199

Garbage and Recycling

Tosorontio Landfill
• 6815 Concession Road 4, Everett
Hours:
• Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Government Services

Terry Dowdall, MP Simcoe-Grey

705-435-1809

Brian Sauderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey

705-435-4087

Education Services

Simcoe County District School Board

705-728-7570

Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board

705-722-3555

Health & Emergency Services

For Police, Fire and Ambulance
Emergencies dial 9-1-1

Nottawasaga O.P.P (Non-Emergency)

705-434-1939

Health811 (Telehealth Ontario)

Dial 8-1-1

Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Cookstown

705-458-1103
Health Connection: 1-877-721-7520

Community Services

Nottawasaga Futures

705-502-0311

211 Ontario

Dial 2-1-1
www.211ontario.ca



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- Chief Administrative Officer
- Public Works Supervisor
- Equipment Operator
- Communications Officer

Upcoming Employment Opportunities:

- Deputy Treasurer
- Infrastructure & Development Director



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