

A letter from your Mayor

June 2021



2021 has been another tough year for all of us with the current ongoing pandemic. Council had worked hard, alongside staff, to come up with a budget that will help sustain our Township infrastructure. 17 projects from the 2021 Capital budget are in progress, representing over two million dollars in needed infrastructure investments.

Partnerships with other levels of government have resulted in investments in our community. Thank you to the The County of Simcoe for paying 100% of the costs for all the new signs Township-wide with our new logo, and also for the new electronic sign at the main Municipal office. Accessible play equipment will be installed at Lisle Memorial Park, Everett Park and Wardens Park with assistance of a grant. Our commitment to financial stability was further demonstrated through the Council decision to adopt new water and wastewater user fees to pay for capital repairs and annual maintenance, rather than continue to borrow from tax reserves that are critically low. This approved financial plan, prepared by Watson and Associates (Township Economists), keeps water and wastewater rates unchanged for 2021 (\$4.54 per cubic metre and \$1313 annual rate respectively). This fee to pay for annual costs should keep the systems sustainable for 2021. Council will continue to be cautious on new developments to ensure that financial sustainability is considered. More information on water, wastewater and paving activities are available on the Mayor's Updates page of our website. In development news, on May 11, 2021, the County of Simcoe approved an amendment to the Everett Secondary Area Official Plan (OPA 15). After much deliberation and discussion between the Township and the County of Simcoe, as well as public input, the boundary was reduced from the original proposal and further guidelines have been created for future development in this area.

In community news, our Township Council and staff were recognized by Vianet Director Brian McCullagh for moving quickly with approvals and projects for fibre optic expansion at the federal government's Universal Broadband Fund event. Your Council will continue to work with all telecom carriers and levels of government to get fibre to as many residents as possible. Our Farmers Market will be going online on the Township website on July 1st, supporting our local farmers, artisans and maker community. Thanks to the residents of Lisle, Glencairn and Loretto for participating in the new community/pollinator gardens.

Lastly, I would like to recognize two residents of our Township: Ms. Amanda Tremblay for publishing her book "Saga of the Dark Prince" available for sale online at Chapters; and sheep farmer, Ms. Shelagh Finn of Lamb Lady Farm, for receiving the award for Top Prolific Flock in Ontario by GenOvis Canada.

We can only do so much every year, while trying to keep taxes affordable. Council voted against taking a cost of living increase this year as many residents are struggling. I thank staff for working hard within this budget, and Council who supported this budget to move the Township forward.

Best,

Floyd Pinto, Mayor



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Your Property Tax Information

Tax bills are issued twice per year with each bill having two installment due dates. Payments must be received on or before the due date. It is the property owner's responsibility to ensure payments are received by the due date. Late payment charges are subject to penalties of 1.25% added on the first day of default. Staff do not have the authority to waive penalty charges. Canada Post is not an agent for the municipality; therefore, penalty cannot be waived if the payment is not received on time.

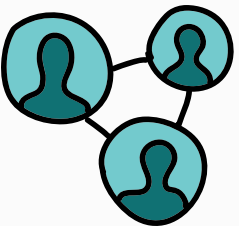
Final Tax Due Dates	1st Installment Due	2nd Installment Due
Residential, Farm and Managed Forest	July 30, 2021	September 30, 2021
Commercial and Industrial	August 31, 2021	October 29, 2021

Payments may be made at your financial institution, on our website www.adjtos.ca (pre-authorized payment, VISA or Mastercard), by cheque (mail or dropbox at Township Office), cash or debit (at Township office, please check www.adjtos.ca for hours if available).

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for assessing and classifying all properties within the Township. Please consult www.mpac.ca for more information.

Staffing Updates

We are excited to announce that we are almost at full capacity. The Township has operated with several vacant positions for some time and we are grateful to staff for the way they willingly stepped up to assume extra duties and help cover operations while these key positions were vacant. In addition, a new Bylaw officer has been hired to educate our community and enforce our bylaws.



Roads projects underway

- Hard-top conversion & bridge rehab on Con Rd 4, N of 25 SDRD Adj - \$350,000
- Replacement of poor condition Structural Culvert #64 on Con Rd 6 - \$539,500
- 4 bridge structure rehabs to extend asset life - \$548,500
 - 2 structures on Con Rd 7 over Keenansville Cr and Bailey Cr Tributary
 - 2 structures on Con Rd 2 and 5 SDRD over Sheldon Creek
- Con Rd 2 surface treatment from 5 SDRD Tos to Boyne River Rd
- Various road maintenance work across the Township, including preparatory work for gravel road hard top conversions in 2022 (Con Rd 7 north of 5 Sideroad Adj, and Con Rd 7 north of Cty Rd 5)

Fleet Updates

- Replacement of one ton truck with plow wing and salt box - \$75,000
- Replacement of flail boom for tree trimming - \$53,000
- Replacement of truck water tank - \$50,000
- Replacement of CAT loader for south works yard - \$240,000
- Replacement of plow truck - \$312,000
- Building/Bylaw vehicle - budgeted \$42,000 (staff saved \$13,265)



Facility Updates

- Fire Station Everett - roof and ceiling repairs - \$60,000
- Fire Station Loretto - Ceiling and insulation repairs - \$ 45,000
- Baseball diamonds - Haley Park/John Irwin Park - repair/replace - \$25,000
- Baseball diamonds - John Irwin Park - dugout repair and replacement - \$30,000
- Replace Township office network server - \$13,000

Visit us online to:

- Pay your Property Taxes or Water bills
- Apply for a burn permit or dog licence
- NEW - pay your parking ticket
- Report a Concern

Did You Know?

Approximately 39 cents of every dollar paid in property taxes stays in the Township. The remaining 61 cents is paid to Simcoe County and the publicly funded school boards.

