

News from Council

Lake Simcoe Regional Airport Expansion

– From Dreams to Reality



On February 24, Mayor Hughes joined Simcoe North MP Bruce Stanton, Barrie MP Patrick Brown, Simcoe North MPP Garfield Dunlop, Lake Simcoe Regional Airport (LSRA) Board members and staff from the City of Barrie and Township of Oro-Medonte to celebrate the progress made on the expansion and upgrades at the LSRA as a result of funding received through the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

The airport's expansion includes extending the runway to 6000 feet, developing a parallel taxiway, a new maintenance facility and a commercial lot, expanding the terminal building, apron and parking lot, and upgrading the sanitary sewer and water system to accommodate future growth. Work is anticipated to be completed by the end of October. The LSRA recently added charter company, Presidential Air, as a tenant and is aiming to attract more businesses to its facilities in the future, generating employment opportunities and adding value for local companies.

Maple Trees Available

The Huronia Woodland Owners Association is distributing 2,500 maple trees for planting throughout Simcoe County. Now in its fifth year, the program is partially funded by the Township of Oro-Medonte as an environmental initiative. To order your trees, please contact Bruce Keeling at 705-487-3970.

Still Don't Have High Speed?

The County of Simcoe is entering the final stages of Rural Connections Broadband program and invite residents and business owners who do not currently have high speed Internet available in their area, to register with their program. Please visit the Township's website at www.oro-medonte.ca for more information and/or to register.

Corporate Services

Council's Advisory Bodies

Council will be considering appointments to its various advisory bodies, including the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Recreation Technical Support Group. If you are interested in submitting an application to participate on Council's advisory bodies, please visit the Township website for further information.



Upcoming Office Closures

The Township Administration Centre will be closed on Friday, April 22, 2011 for Good Friday and Monday, April 25, 2011 for Easter Monday.

Fire & Emergency Services

The 10/7 Replacement Rule



Do you believe that smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms last forever? The fact is they don't.

Even though an alarm may sound when you push the test button or replace the batteries, an outdated alarm does not provide the level of protection you need as sensors weaken and can become obstructed over time.

Oro-Medonte Fire & Emergency Services would like to remind residents that all smoke alarms need to be replaced every 10 years. Depending upon the manufacturer, carbon monoxide (CO) alarms need to be replaced every 5-7 years. Check the age of every alarm in your home and if they exceed these age limits, replace them immediately!

Battle of the Badges



The *Battle of the Badges* charity hockey game returns to the Oro-Medonte Community Arena on Friday, April 8th, at 8:00pm as members of the Oro-Medonte Firefighters Association faceoff against officers from the Barrie detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police in support of the Simcoe Muskoka Regional Cancer Centre. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are available in advance or at the door. Visit www.battleofthebadges.net for more information.

Recreation & Community Services

2011 Seasonal Parking Passes Are Now Available

Due to the popularity of Bayview Memorial Park, the Line 9 Boat Launch, and their respective adjacent streets, a non-resident parking fee has been established and is enforced in the summer months. To avoid a non-refundable fine and/or tow, all residents/property owners must have a valid Resident Parking Pass clearly displayed in their vehicle when parking at these locations on all Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays from Victoria Day Weekend (Saturday, May 21, 2011) through Labour Day (Monday, September 5, 2011). Parking Passes are available at the Township Administration Centre and are limited to two (2) per household. Residents impacted by permit parking restrictions on streets bordering Bayview Memorial Park can contact the Township to obtain temporary day passes for gatherings.

Community Keen-Agers Club

The Community Keen-Agers Club is a drop-in program designed for participants to access at their leisure at Hawkestone Hall every Thursday from 10:00am – 12:00pm. An opportunity for social interaction with peers, activities range from computer training to hiking and vary weekly. Stay tuned for a calendar of activities available through the program!



Recreation and Community Services Spring/Summer Brochure

The Spring/Summer Recreation & Community Services brochure is now available on the Township's website and at the Administration Centre, and features an array of programs for residents of all ages. Be sure to get your brochure today and register for some fantastic 'healthy living' programs.

Summer Day Camps

The Township of Oro-Medonte is pleased to offer summer day camp programs again this year. Each week of camp will have a distinctive theme, with no two weeks being the same. New camps for 2011 include Canada's Best Athlete Sports Camp and Summer Art Camp with the MacLaren Art Centre. More information is available in the Spring/Summer edition of the Recreation & Community Services Brochure. Every camp is promised to be awesome, so sign up today!

Transportation & Environmental Services

2011 Pitch-In Canada Week

Monday, April 18 – Sunday, April 24



www.pitch-in.ca

Help clean up the Township's park lands, walking paths and roadsides by participating in "Pitch-In Canada Week". Free yellow garbage bags and gloves are available at the Township Administration Centre. Just place any garbage collected in the yellow bags along the roadside for pick up by the Township's waste management contractor.

Annual and Summary Reports

Copies of the Annual Report and Summary Report for all municipally owned and operated water systems, prepared in accordance with Ministry of the Environment requirements, are available free of charge from the Township Administration Office, on the Township's website or by contacting the Transportation & Environmental Services Department.

Leaf and Yard Waste Collection

Residents are reminded that the week of May 16th, 2011 is Leaf and Yard Waste Collection. For more information, please refer to the County of Simcoe's 2011 Waste Management Calendar or contact its Customer Service Centre at 705-735-6901 or 800-263-3199.

Selling Your Home? Get Your Final Water Meter Reading

If you are selling your home, please contact the Transportation & Environmental Services Department prior to the closing date to arrange for a final reading of your water meter.

Damage to Sod

During the winter months, sod damage may occur as a result of snowplowing as it is difficult to determine the exact location of the edge of the road. Should you notice sod that is located in the right-of-way that has been damaged by the Township's snowplows, please contact the Transportation & Environmental Services Department and your address will be added to a list for repairs in the spring when materials are available.