Township of Oro-Medonte

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News from Council

Many Milestones Celebrated

Mayor Harry Hughes and members of Council attended a number of milestone celebrations in recent months, presenting the guests of honour with certificates to help commemorate their special occasions.

Among those celebrating major milestones were:

- William May – 75th Birthday
- Evelyn Perkin – 85th Birthday
- Bernal & Carole Livingston – 50th Wedding Anniversary
- William & Jane Dixon – 60th Wedding Anniversary
- Dave & Helen Macdonald – 60th Wedding Anniversary
- Jim & Shirley Partridge – 60th Wedding Anniversary

A very special congratulations from Members of Council and Township staff to all those who have recently celebrated a milestone event!

If you or a loved one have a milestone birthday or anniversary upcoming and would like to arrange to have a certificate presented by the Mayor and/or a Member of Council in recognition of the event, contact the Township Administration Centre.

Coulson Church Celebrates 130 Years

A milestone of another sort was recognized over the Thanksgiving weekend as the 130th anniversary of the Coulson Church was celebrated during a candlelight service on the evening of October 9th. While no longer an active church, the Walker Family generously opened the building to members of the public to allow the community to celebrate its history and importance to long-time residents of the Township. Every pew of the renovated hall was filled for the service as guests sang hymns and reminisced in the building for the first time in more than 45 years.

Remembrance Day Services Held to Honour Heroes

In keeping with tradition, local Remembrance Day services were held on November 6 – the Sunday prior to Remembrance Day – to honour those who have fought and died for our country. Members of Council were joined by dozens of citizens for services at both the Warminster Legion and Old Town Hall where wreaths were laid to pay tribute to the men and women who made such significant sacrifices in the name of freedom.

Local Girl Receives National Honour

Madison Bolyea, a Grade 4 student at Guthrie Public recently received national recognition for her entry in the Royal Canadian Legion's Remembrance Day Colour Poster competition. One of more than 100,000 entries into the contest, Madison's poster was selected as the 1st place prize winner in the Primary Division! Madison's poster will remain on display at the Canadian War Museum in Ottawa until May of 2012.

On November 9th, Oro-Medonte Council held a special presentation to recognize Madison's accomplishment and her contribution to keeping the efforts and sacrifices of Canada's war veterans front of mind in the community.

Congratulations Madison!

Help Spread Some Holiday Cheer!

Join Township staff and Members of Council in supporting those less fortunate this holiday season. The Township Administration Centre will be accepting donations of new, unwrapped children's toys to be delivered to the Barrie Women & Children's Crisis Centre to help give kids in need the holiday joy they deserve. In addition, donations of treats and food for our furry friends at the Orillia SPCA are also being accepted.

Donations are being accepted until December 14th, so the next time you are at the Township Administration Centre be sure to bring a gift to put under the tree and help spread some holiday cheer!

Recreation & Community Services Brochure

The winter 2011 edition of the Township's Recreation & Community Services brochure is now available. Check your mailbox, local community hall, or the Township's website for information about the exciting programs that are being offered to residents of all ages and abilities this winter. Spaces are limited so register early to avoid disappointment!

Winter Reminders

Off Road Vehicles

From January 1st through March 15th each year, the operation of an Off-Road Vehicle is permitted on limited sections of Municipal roads for the purpose of winter recreational activities between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Off-Road Vehicles must follow all provisions of the Township's By-law No. 2010-189 and the *Highway Traffic Act*. The By-law indicating these sections can be reviewed on the Township website under the "Bylaws" tab.

Pushing of Snow

Winter will soon be upon us and the Municipal Law Enforcement Division would like to remind all residents that it is an offence to push snow onto Municipal Property as per By-law No. 2008-159. The fine for such an offence is $100.00 plus a Victim Fine Surcharge.

Winter Parking Restrictions

A reminder that By-law No. 2009-022 prohibits the parking of vehicles, whether attended or unattended between October 15th and April 30th inclusive, in such a manner as to interfere with winter road maintenance. Any vehicle found to have interfered with winter road maintenance will be issued a parking infraction with a set fine of $100.00.

There are permitted parking zones on Municipal roads for individuals engaging in winter recreational activities on Lake Simcoe. Maps indicating the specific zones can be reviewed on the Township's website.

Corporate Services

Township's "Towing By-Law" comes into effect January 13, 2012

The Towing By-law requires that all Tow Truck Companies, Tow Truck Owners and Tow Truck Drivers, be licensed with the Township. The licensed operators will be issued a decal for their vehicle and compound, as well as photo identification.

Township staff, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Ministry of Transportation will be acting in partnership to ensure compliance with the By-law. All questions and concerns are to be forwarded to the Township Administration Centre.

Council Meeting Schedule

Regularly scheduled Meetings of Council for the months of December and January will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday, December 7th – 10:00am Public Session
Wednesday, December 14th – 7:00pm Public Session
Wednesday, December 21st – 7:00pm Recognition

Wednesday, January 11th – 7:00pm Public Session
Wednesday, January 25th – 7:00pm Public Session

All meeting times are subject to change and Special Meetings of Council may also be called on an as needed basis. For a complete schedule of 2011 and 2012 Council meetings, please visit our website.

Upcoming Office Closures

The Township Administration Office will be closed as of 4:30pm on Friday, December 23rd, 2011 through Monday, January 2nd, 2012 for the Holiday Break. Normal business hours will resume at 8:30am on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Submit Your Community Event

Is your community group or organization hosting an event that you want the Township to know about? If so, let us help you get the word out by submitting information about your community event!

To have your event posted on the Township's website and/or in Township publications, please visit the Community Events page on our website to fill out and submit the online form. Be sure to fill in all of the required fields. Please note that all submissions are subject to review, editing and approval by the Township prior to posting and/or publication.

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