

Upcoming Council Meetings

The next regularly scheduled Meeting(s) of Council will take place:
Wednesday, January 11th
1:00pm Public Session
Township Administration Centre Council Chambers

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 Council meetings, please visit our website.

Upcoming Advisory Body Meetings

The next regularly scheduled meeting(s) of Council's Advisory Bodies are as follows:

Committee of Adjustment
Thursday, January 19th | 10:00am
Township Administration Centre Council Chambers

Dates and times for all meetings of Council's Advisory Bodies are subject to change. Please visit our website for a complete schedule.

All-Terrain Vehicle Usage

A reminder that All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's), as defined in the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), are permitted on roadways under the jurisdiction of the Township of Oro-Medonte **between the hours of 6:00am and 10:00pm through March 15, 2012.**

The boundaries within which ATV use is permitted are as follows:

Northern Boundary – Highway 11
Southern Boundary – Lake Simcoe
Western Boundary – Line 1 South
Eastern Boundary – Line 14 South from Highway 11 to the Rail Trail. The boundary then continues from Line 15 South from the Rail Trail to Lake Simcoe.

Operation of ATV's is limited to the travelled portion of municipal roadways. Please visit our website for more information about the provisions of the Township's By-law, including a map detailing the permitted areas for use of ATV's, a list of the areas where ATV use is not permitted, as well as important Highway Traffic Act information related to ATV use (Ontario Regulation 316/3).

Winter Recreational Parking

Parking is permitted for winter recreational activities at the following locations:

- The east side of 5/6 Sideroad | from 50 metres north of Ridge Road West to the Rail Trail
- The north side of Black Forest Lane | 140 metres from the intersection of Ridge Road West and Black Forest Lane to the cul-de-sac.
- The north side of Lakeshore Road East | 125 metres east of Line 12 South to 125 metres west of Line 13 South
- The north side of Lakeshore Road West | 470 metres west of Line 7 South, westerly for a distance of 930 metres
- The east side of Line 6 South | Lakeshore Road West to Lake Simcoe
- The east side of Line 11 South | Hawkestone Wharf Gate northerly for 150 metres
- The east side of Line 14 South | 50 metres north of Lakeshore Road East, northerly for a distance of 528 metres

Please visit our website for maps of the locations listed above.

New Canine Control By-Law In Effect

The Township has enacted a new Canine Control By-law No. 2011-177.

Notable changes to the By-law include:

- Defining and recognizing a Farm Working Dog, Hunting Dog, Livestock Guardian Dog, Police Working Dog and Canine Service Animal.
- A Dangerous Dog provision. A dog may be declared a dangerous dog if found to be aggressive, bite or attack a person or domestic animal, has killed a person or domestic animal, or has been declared dangerous in another Municipality. Such a dog would be issued a Notice to Muzzle, resulting in restrictions placed on the dog. The owner of the dog would have a chance to appeal such order.
- Dogs surrendered to the pound shall not be released from the pound until a valid Canine Release Form has been issued by the Municipal Law Enforcement Officer.
- Fees are as follows:

o For one (1) dog (male or female)	\$25.00
o For one (1) dog (spayed or neutered)	\$20.00
o For one (1) dog (spayed or neutered and micro-chipped)	\$15.00
o Replacement dog tag	\$3.50
o For one (1) dangerous dog	\$200.00

Canine Service Animals, Police Working Dogs, Livestock Guardian Dogs, and Dangerous Dogs may only be licensed, and replacement dog tags shall only be issued, at the Township Administration Centre.

Appeal Committee

The Dangerous Dog provision includes an appeal process. If the owner of a dog that has been served a Notice to Muzzle wishes to appeal such notice, an Application for Hearing would be submitted and a hearing would be conducted by the Appeal Committee. The Appeal Committee consists of one (1) member of Council, the Director, Corporate Services/Clerk or designate, and one (1) member of the public who resides in the Township.

The Township is seeking one (1) member of the public who may have experience with dogs and is interested in volunteering as a member of the Appeal Committee. The deadline to submit an application is 4:30pm on Friday, January 27th, 2012. For further information on the Appeal Committee please contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Division.

By-law No. 2011-177 can be reviewed in its entirety on the Township's website. If you have any questions related to this matter, please contact the Municipal Law Enforcement Division.



Oro-Medonte Businesses Sweep Local Tourism Excellence Awards

With premier golf and ski resorts, first-rate bed and breakfasts, major entertainment events and many providers of popular recreational activities all calling Oro-Medonte home and attracting thousands of visitors to our region each and every season, the tourism industry in the Township is thriving.

The high caliber of tourism-related businesses operating in Oro-Medonte was proven in mid-November as local businesses fared exceptionally well at the 2011 Toast to Tourism Excellence Awards held by Tourism Barrie, a destination marketing organization serving Barrie and the surrounding areas.

In fact, it was a clean sweep of the awards for businesses based in the Township!

Born to Ride Bicycle, a company located in Horseshoe Valley that promotes cycling as a way of life and offers bicycle rentals, repairs, and guided tours throughout Oro-Medonte and neighboring areas, took home the Marketing Excellence award.

The award winner for New Tourism Product was the highly entertaining CMT Music Festival, held in the Township in late-August. Featuring some of the top acts from the country music scene, the festival was a hit with the thousands of visitors who flocked to Oro-Medonte to enjoy a weekend of entertainment.

Finally, Forks in the Trail Bed & Breakfast received top honours in the category of Website Excellence. Nestled in the hills of Horseshoe Valley in the heart of the Township on Bass Lake Sideroad West, Forks in the Trail provides guests with an exceptional B&B experience.

The Township extends its congratulations to each of these businesses for being recognized for their excellence in the local tourism industry.

To find out more about how the Township is working to support the various sectors of our local economy, contact Donna Hewitt, Director, Corporate & Strategic Initiatives at the Township Administration Centre today.



BI-WEEKLY TOWNSHIP NEWS THAT MATTERS TO YOU!



Tow Truck By-Law In Effect as of January 13th

A reminder that effective January 13th, 2012, Towing By-law 2011-093 comes into effect. Township staff, the Ontario Provincial Police and the Ministry of Transportation will be acting in partnership to ensure compliance with the By-law.

The By-law requires that all Tow Truck Companies, Tow Truck Owners, and Tow Truck Drivers must be licensed to operate in Oro-Medonte. The licensed operators will be issued a decal for their vehicle and compound, as well as photo identification.

Contact the Township Administration Centre if you have any questions or concerns.



Toy & Pet Food Drive Recap

The Township of Oro-Medonte held its annual Toy & Pet Food drive leading up to the holiday season and once again it was a tremendous success. Staff and visitors to the Township Administration Centre and Oro-Medonte Community Centre generously donated dozens of new, unwrapped children's toys in support of the Barrie Women & Children's Shelter/Crisis Centre. In addition, nearly 100 pounds of pet food and treats, along with pet care supplies, were donated to help the animals being cared for at the Orillia SPCA.

The Township would like to thank everyone who made a donation and helped spread some holiday cheer to those less fortunate.



Fire Facts

Candle Safety

- ✓ Buy quality candles that are smoke-free and drip-free.
- ✓ Secure candles in a sturdy holder in a location where they cannot be knocked over.
- ✓ Place a glass shade or hurricane chimney over candles.
- ✓ Make sure lit candles are kept out of reach of children and pets.
- ✓ Keep combustible materials, including decorative items and wreaths, away from lit candles.
- ✓ When you go out, blow out! Always blow out candles before leaving the room.

Visit www.ofm.gov.on.ca for more fire safety information.
Source: Office of the Fire Marshal



Community Outdoor Rinks

Community Outdoor Ice Rinks are available for use dependent upon weather and ice conditions at seven locations throughout Oro-Medonte:

- **Hawkestone Community Hall** – 3 Allen Street
- **Horseshoe Valley Memorial Park** – 3387 Line 4 North
- **Ramey Memorial Park** – 5464 Line 8 North
- **Ravines of Oro-Medonte** – 8 Blackcomb Drive
- **Shanty Bay Park** – 1950 Ridge Road West
- **Shelswell Park** – 118 Lakeshore Road
- **Sweetwater Park** – 3353 Line 6 North

Each Community Outdoor Ice Rink is made available through the hard work and dedication of Outdoor Rinks Committee volunteers from across the Township. These committees are a great way for you to get involved and make a difference in your community. If you are interested in joining an Outdoor Rink Committee contact the Recreation & Community Services Department at the Township Administration Centre.

Ice users can help provide a safe and fun environment by:

- Shoveling the snow before and after use;
- Respecting other users by sharing the ice;
- Reporting any concerns to the Township's Recreation & Community Services Department; and
- Volunteering with their local Outdoor Rink Committee to help flood and maintain the ice.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Moonstone Family Skate Day

Bring your family out to the Moonstone Family Skate Day for an afternoon of fun.

Saturday, January 21st
1:00pm – 3:00pm
Ramey Memorial Park
5464 Line 8 North



P.A. Day Skate

Looking for something to do with your kids while they're off school for the day? Enjoy a skate at the Oro-Medonte Community Centre Arena free of charge during this Special Skating Event.

Friday, January 27th
11:30am – 12:20pm
Oro-Medonte Community Centre Arena
Located at Highway 11 and Line 4 North

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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