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Staff Changes at the Township

On January 24, 2007, one of our staff members Stacey Wilker, announced an addition to our population in the village of Hickson. Congratulations to the Wilker Family on the birth of "Nathan Christopher George".

While Stacey is on her maternity leave, Stacy Weicker will be filling in, bringing with her an excellent knowledge of the Township and her accounting expertise.

All the Best to everyone!

Hickson Lions Club Success

Congratulations are in order for the Hickson and District Lions Club. After many, many hours of volunteer efforts and dedication, the Club is now debt-free.

In 1996, the tennis courts in Hickson Park had become a health and safety concern, so the Lions Club presented Council with a three-phase plan for improvements. With a cost of \$100,000 for their whole plan, the Lions Club could commit to only one phase, however, Council proceeded to suggest the club do all three phases at once and offered to debenture the cost. With some funds already raised and with the help of public donations and numerous fundraisers, the club has been able to raise enough money so that 10 years later, in December 2006, the \$62,000 debenture was paid off.

Never ones to shy away from a challenge, President Heather Lovie says their next project will be announced at the Lions Daze celebrations in July.

At the February 21st Council Meeting, Mayor Don McKay ripped up the mortgage and offered congratulations to club members pictured below: Brad Smith, Jim Harmer, Kris Hohl, Scott Hohl, Randy Berg and Heather Lovie. Absent: Geraldine Cucksey, Lawrence & Dianne Clark, Jim Butt, Sherri-Lynn Thompson, John Tipping, Clarence Pletsch and Laverne McBurney.



2007 Budget

Township Council has started working on the 2007 Budget and Capital Forecast. Over the next several meetings, Council will be reviewing the budget documents in greater detail and providing direction on priorities for expenditures. The Budget process is a public one and Council encourages residents to provide their comments. The main forum for Public Comment is the Public Meeting that Council must hold for the Budget. Prior to the Public Meeting, residents can view the budget online, contact a Councillor, submit a written comment or email their comments to 2007budget@twp.ezt.on.ca

Following is a Budget timeline that Council has established:

- * February 7 Council Meeting - First Look at Capital Items
- * February 21 Council Meeting - Additional Review
- * March 7 Council Meeting - Additional Review
- * March 8 Police Budget Presentation—Woodstock City Hall
- * March 21 Council Meeting - Detailed Council Budget Review; direction from Council on budget to present at April 4 Public Meeting
- * April 4 Council Meeting - Budget and User Fees Public Meeting
- * April 4 Approval "in principle" subject to comments from the Public Meeting



Voluntary Inspection Program

Heat recovery ventilators

are a part of many newer homes' heating, cooling and ventilating systems. Ontario's Electrical Safety Authority and the Ontario Fire Marshal's Office are concerned about the potential fire hazards associated with motors overheating in certain heat recovery systems. There are 232,753 affected units in Canada. It has been reported that a very small percentage may have fan motor failure. There have been six reported incidences in Ontario.

Venmar ventilation is implementing a Safety Upgrade Program for certain models of Heat Recovery Ventilators produced and installed between 1991 and 2001. Nutech R. Holdings Inc. is conducting a voluntary inspection program for residential air to air heat exchangers (Heat Recovery Ventilators) as they may pose a potential fire hazard.

Complete information regarding brand names, model numbers and contacts can be found on the CSA web site: www.csainternational.org/product_recalls/search.

Consumers should check their HRV's, usually located near the furnace.

Contacts:

Venmar Ventilation
1-866-441-4645 or
electronically at
www.venmar.ca.

Nutech
1-866-557-0535 or visit their
web site at
www.hrvinfo.com.

Any questions regarding this bulletin, you may contact
Township Fire Chief Scott Alexander at 519-462-2697.

Agricultural Emergencies

Disaster preparedness is important for all animals, but it is particularly important for livestock because of the animal's size and the requirements needed to shelter or transport them.

Disasters can happen anywhere and include barn fires, hazardous materials spills, propane line explosions, and train derailments, all of which may necessitate evacuation. It is imperative that you be prepared to protect your livestock, whether by evacuating or by sheltering in place.

Make a disaster plan to protect your property, your facilities, and your animals. Your plan should include a farm disaster kit, personal emergency survival kit as well as a list of emergency telephone numbers, including those of your employees, neighbors and veterinarians. Include a contact person **outside the disaster area.**

Perform regular safety checks on all utilities, buildings, and facilities on your farm.

Post emergency telephone numbers at each telephone and at each entrance.

Emergency telephone numbers should include those of the veterinarian, emergency response personnel, and qualified livestock handlers.

Keep your barn's address clearly posted to relay to the 911 operator .



FARM DISASTER KIT

Make a disaster kit so you have supplies on hand in the event of an emergency.

Place the kit in a central location and let everyone know where it is.

Check the contents regularly to ensure fresh and complete supplies.

Include the following items :

- Copies or computer files of all livestock
- Records of feedings, vaccinations and tests
- Proof of ownership for all animals
- Supplies for temporary identifications of your animals (plastic neckbands; permanent markers to label your animals with your name and contact number)
- Basic first aid kit
- Handling equipment such as halters, cages and appropriate tools for each kind of animal
- Water, feed and buckets
- Tools and supplies needed for sanitation
- Cell phone, flash lights, portable radio, extra batteries
- Safety and emergency items for your vehicles and trailers
- Food, water and your own personal emergency kit for your family

It is strongly recommended that a copy of ownership of livestock also be stored at an off site location

Updates from Tavistock and District Recreation Centre

- * There is some exciting playoff Hockey happening now; don't miss the excitement!
- * Spring ice time will be available until Friday May 25th.
- * Summer ice time will be available for renting again on July 22nd. For rental rates, available booking times, inquires for the Memorial Hall or Queens Park, please contact the Arena at 519.655.2102.

Message From The Mayor



It's Budget Time 2007!

Your Council and Staff are wrestling to balance the ever increasing service demands and their cost implications on our small municipality. In the end, everyone wants to compare the budget percentage increase with a norm considered to be 3%.

I would like to challenge you to consider value for service and to compare the actual total dollar amount for municipal services. The median household in East Zorra-Tavistock is assessed at \$141,000. For this median house, we are looking at a tax levy requiring \$200 for capital improvements (including drainage projects), \$182 for Police Services, \$150 for Public Works, \$65 for Administration and Facilities,

\$49 for Fire and Tiered Emergency Response, with another \$50 required to cover Parks and Recreation, Council and Building and Protective Services. Consider the value of these services then compare the cost to neighbouring municipalities. This year our percentage increase may be higher than others, however, our total cost is still one of the lowest around. Would you prefer a 3% increase on \$1000 or a \$100 increase resulting in a total cost under \$700?

On another note, congratulations to the Hickson Lions Club and to all who have been involved. Every dollar given to our local Service Clubs enriches the lives of all residents. Please continue to support your community volunteers.

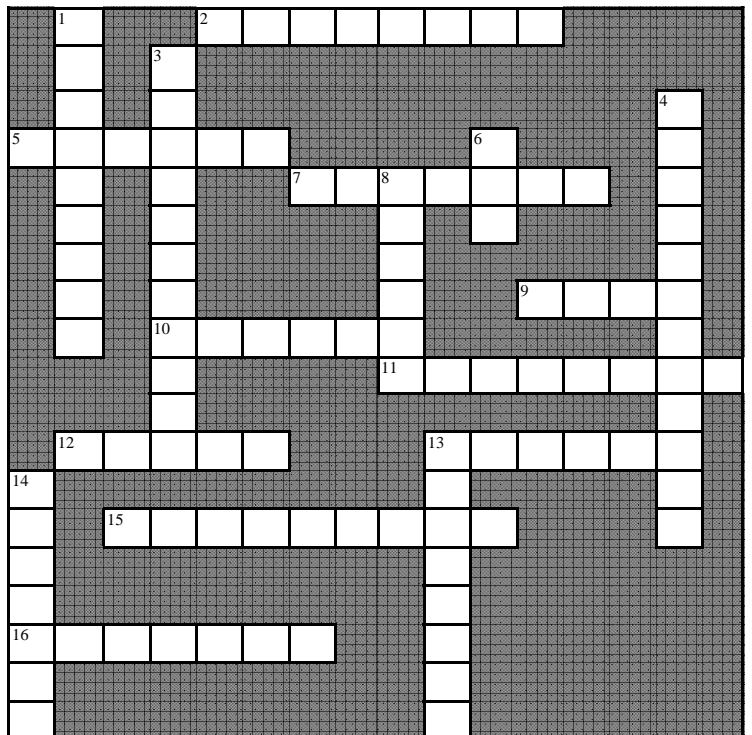
East Zorra-Tavistock—Test your Knowledge

ACROSS

- 2. Winter of 1977 saw one of these.
- 5. In 1928, stone for the CPR road bed was drawn from this now famous swimming hole
- 7. Prior to 1975, Innerkip was known as a Police "blank"
- 9. Name of the Clerk-Treasurer in 1977
- 10. Highway 59 was originally which concession
- 11. Tim Horton's was erected on this old "bed"
- 12. Mayor's title in 1930
- 13. Where was the first Holstein herd introduced in Oxford County
- 15. To preserve the rural roads during Spring break-up, we impose this (2 words)
- 16. Original use of Braemar Valley Park (2 words)

DOWN

- 1. Type of Fire Departments in East Zorra Tavistock
- 3. Economic mainstay of rural East Zorra-Tavistock
- 4. The new home of the water tower used at Borden's Milk Factory in Hickson (2 words)
- 6. Lorne Junker and ST Loveys provided this service for turnip growers
- 8. George Rockett processed this commodity in Cassel
- 13. What was the name of the Tavern located at Lot 33 Concession 12
- 14. In 1905, the Township Office moved here from Strathallan



Answers will be posted on our website!

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Council meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am and the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. All meetings are open to the public.

From the Public Works Department

9-1-1 Signs and Posts

Particularly after the winter months, it is time to take a look at your 9-1-1 sign and reassess its' condition. Each property owner is responsible for the maintenance of the civic address (9-1-1) sign placed on their property. In case of damage to the plate or the post, repairs must be done promptly, and at the owners' expense. Otherwise, township employees will do the work, and all costs incurred will be billed to the property owner.

Load Restriction

Load Restrictions on Township roadways take effect March 1st and run until the end of April. In accordance with By-Law #2005-46, during this time, most vehicles are restricted to 5 tonnes for each axle. Fuel and feed trucks are limited to 7.5 tones per axle and milk trucks are exempt. The reason for the load restriction is to minimize the deterioration of the road during the spring thaw. Equipment exceeding the weight restriction causes extensive damage to the roads, resulting in very high maintenance costs and increased liability.

Tree Planting Program

Planting trees have many benefits. Trees contribute aesthetic value and provide living space and food sources for wildlife. Did you know that in 50 years one tree can remove 60,000 pounds of air pollution? Native species trees require less water, can tolerate periods of drought and are more pest tolerant. Trees also incept water and store some of it, reducing storm water runoff and the possibility of flooding. Every year, the Public Works Department orders trees to be planted throughout the Township. This year, a total of 150 trees of different varieties have been purchased. If you have any requests regarding this program, you can contact the Public Works Manager at 519.462.2697.

Roadside Burning

Did you know that, although burning the dead grass along roadsides speeds new growth in the Spring, it also kills our newly planted trees? This has happened in several areas in the township, and only serves to increase the cost of our tree replacement program. We ask that you kindly refrain from burning along the roadsides, and save our trees.

Roadside Mowing

The Roads Department would like to thank those landowners who mow the roadside along their properties. We encourage the continuation of this practice—it saves taxes and beautifies the Township.

Office and Facility Contacts

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Tavistock & District Recreation Centre

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Innerkip Community Centre

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County of Oxford

Phone: 519.539.9800

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Upcoming events and meetings can be viewed on the Township website at www.twp.ezt.on.ca