



TOWNSHIP OF
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TAVISTOCK

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Council and Staff would like to wish you a Safe and Happy Holiday Season

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Christmas Holiday Information

The Hickson Municipal office will close on Friday December 21st at 4:30 pm and reopen Wednesday January 2, 2008 at 8:30 am. This closure includes General Administration, Building Department, Roads Administration and Fire Administration. Emergency Services and Road Maintenance operations are not affected by this closure.

Real Christmas trees can be dropped off at the Yard Waste Depots to be mulched. Please remove all decorations and plastic bags used to transport trees.

Garbage & Recycling over the Holiday Season

- Dec. 25th: collection changed to Dec. 24th
- Dec. 26th: collection changed to Dec. 27th
- Dec. 27th: collection changed to Dec. 28th
- Jan. 1st: collection changed to Jan. 2nd
- Jan. 2nd: collection changed to Jan. 3rd
- Jan. 3rd: collection changed to Jan. 4th

Please have your garbage and/or recycling out to the curb by 7:00 am. Remember that only gift boxes are recyclable - not gift wrap!

Arena will be closed as follows:

Dec. 24th at 4:00 pm
Dec. 25th and 26th all day
Dec. 31st at 4:00 pm
Jan. 1st all day

Free Holiday Skates as follows:

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| Dec. 24th | 1 pm - 3 pm | Tim Hortons |
| Dec. 28th | 1 pm - 3 pm | Tim Hortons |
| Dec. 31st | 1 pm - 3 pm | Tim Hortons |
| Jan. 2nd | 1 pm - 3 pm | Tim Hortons |
| Jan. 4th | 12:30 pm - 2 pm | Zehrs Automotive |

Staying Informed

Communication is an important part of providing service to Township citizens. It is a constant struggle to balance the cost of providing information with the coverage various mediums achieve, and to comply with legislation. The following article describes some of the services you may or may not be aware of, that the Township uses to provide you with Township information.

Website:

The Township's website (www.twp.ezt.on.ca) is one of the main ways information is provided to the public. The website contains contact information, Council agendas and minutes, information on services and "Latest

Updates!". The website is an easy, relatively low cost way to get a lot of information out to a potentially large audience.

Keep Me Informed:

If you have an email account, you should check out this service. This is our email news distribution system. The stories here are usually the same as the ones offered on the website's "Latest Updates" page, but they're delivered right to your inbox!

To subscribe, simply send an email to: kmi@twp.ezt.on.ca and tell us you want to sign up. If you have more than one email account or have a data enabled phone, feel free to add that address as well.

Are you Prepared?



With the winter season fast approaching, we would like to remind all residents to ensure that your 72 hour Emergency Kit is well stocked.

We also recommend that you have an emergency kit in your car.

Keep an eye on the weather as winter storms approach and check the following websites for forecast information.

www.weatheroffice.gc.ca or www.theweathernetwork.com



The Province of Ontario is offering free flu vaccinations to all adults and children over 6 months of age. As part of their Pandemic Influenza Plan, the County of Oxford Public Health and Emergency Services strongly recommends the flu vaccine as the most effective prevention strategy.

Many Clinics have been set up throughout the County in the month of November in which the Public can receive their flu shot. If you were not able to attend these clinics, you could try contacting your physician's office. For clinics still available in the month of November, you can visit: www.county.oxford.on.ca/site/587/default.aspx



Is Your Wood Stove Safe?



Follow the Manufacturer's Instructions

Carefully follow the manufacturer's instructions for installing and maintaining your chimney or appliance. If you do not have instructions, call the manufacturer. For masonry chimneys, call the builder.

Inspect and Clean your Chimney Regularly

The Ontario Fire Code requires homeowners to maintain the safety of their chimneys and inspect them at least once a year. Your chimney could have a problem you cannot see. If in doubt, consult a WETT (Wood Energy Technical Training) certified chimney sweep.

Check Stovepipes and Connections

Ensure screws are located at every joint. Also look for leaching (dark staining or white powder) at every joint. This could be a sign of chimney trouble; consult a WETT certified chimney sweep.

Check for Creosote

Creosote can form quickly and is a major

cause of chimney fires.

Check chimney and flue pipes often and clean when necessary; never let creosote or soot build up.

Check Walls for Excessive Heat

If the wall is very hot, it could be a sign of improper installation of the chimney or stove pipe. Check with a WETT certified chimney sweep.

Install a Rain Cap

A rain cap should be installed on top of all metal and masonry chimneys. If you have a spark screen around the chimney cap inspect it regularly for blockage.

Watch for Smoke coming into the Room

This could indicate a blockage in the chimney or a faulty damper control mechanism.

Protect Floors and Walls from Heat and Sparks

Keep combustibles safely away from your appliance. Always use

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Winter Parking & Snow Removal

There is **No Parking** on any roadway in Innerkip and Tavistock from **November 15th through April 15th from 1:30 am to 6:00 am**. If required, this time is used for snow removal operations in these areas.

There are several areas in Tavistock where residents and businesses must clear snow and ice from the sidewalk.

By-law #16-91 states in part that sidewalks on Hope St., Maria St. and Woodstock St. shall be cleared of snow and ice prior to 10:00 am every day except Sundays and Statutory Holidays, and as often as necessary to keep the sidewalks cleared of snow and ice between the hours of 10:00 am and 6:00 pm. While these areas are the only regulated areas, it is appreciated when residents keep sidewalks in front of their property clear. This practice makes for a safer walking environment for everyone; children on their way to school, seniors out for a walk, or those getting some exercise.

And finally, please **do not push snow or ice on the road or sidewalk** when clearing your driveway. This applies everywhere; in town and in the rural areas. This practice endangers the safety of the motoring public, as well as snow removal equipment and its operators. Hazards created by pushing snow onto the road include:

A fine for illegal parking is \$50. If you park in a Fire Route or Handicapped zone, fines are \$300.

- frozen snow piles can cause extensive damage to snow removal equipment and injury to the operators,
- greatly increases the chance of an accident for the motoring public

- people pushing snow onto the road could be involved in an accident
- causes increased drifting in the area
- snow piles cause drainage obstruction in the spring run-off.

We appreciate your co-operation in this matter. It will assist us greatly in providing a safe and reliable road system to our ratepayers.

Message From The Mayor



The Christmas season is fast approaching. Most people are planning to celebrate with family and friends and enjoy the abundance of food and presents. However, many in our community face the season alone and in need of emotional and physical support. I know we all contribute through our taxes to government social service programs which significantly benefit the daily lives of the recipients. Unfortunately, there is still a huge gap between real human needs and the services delivered. I do not pretend to have the perfect solution; however, I do have a suggestion. Recently I read a book by Catherine Whitmire entitled, "Practicing Peace, a devotional walk through the Quaker tradition." She clearly challenges the reader to realize that community

solutions start with individual devotion. The following prayer in her book challenged my heart and I trust will inspire yours. If we start each day with this reminder I am confident we will better meet the needs of our fellow neighbours:

*I ask for daily bread, but not for wealth, lest I forget the poor.
I ask for strength, but not for power, lest I despise the meek.
I ask for wisdom, but not for learning, lest I scorn the simple.
I ask for a clean name, but not for fame, lest I condemn the lowly.
I ask for peace of mind, but not for idle hours, lest I fail to hearken to the call of duty.*

May East Zorra-Tavistock enjoy the best Christmas Season ever by ensuring everyone among us is content to be at home for the holidays in our community.

Merry Christmas!

Is Your Wood Stove Safe?

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a properly fitting screen for your fireplace.
Regularly Check for Signs of Problems
Your heating appliance, flue pipes and chimney can deteriorate over time. Look for corrosion or rust stains on the outer shell of a metal chimney and check for bulges or corrosion in its liner. Loose bricks, crumbling mortar, broken liners, dark

stains or white powder indicate problems with masonry chimneys. These should be fixed immediately by a qualified mason.
For more information, you can contact Fire Chief Scott Alexander at 519.462.2697.

Hamlets & Villages - Present & Historical

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The words you are searching for depict historical placenames in East Zorra-Tavistock as well as the present ones you will easily recognize. You may be surprised to learn what early settlers proposed for naming Innerkip and Hickson! Do you know which two names Tavistock was called prior to 1857?

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| Tavistock | Havelock Corner |
| Hickson | Walmer |
| Tolgate | Huntingford |
| Cassel | Strathallen |
| Freiburg | Braemar |
| Inkerman | South Zorra |
| Innerkip | Melrose |
| Harwood Corners | Punkeydoodles Corners |

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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.

Staying Informed

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RSS:

RSS (or "Really Simple Syndication") is a way for people to keep up with us on their own schedule. By using one of many "feed aggregators" a selection of news stories can be delivered right to your desktop or homepage.

Many news companies offer "feeds" of their content; it's something that we think will only get more popular. You can subscribe to our news feed at

<http://feeds.twp.ezt.on.ca/tezt> using a feed aggregator of your choice.

Newsletter:

If you are reading this article, you have received the EaZy Talk newsletter. It is published four times a year by the Township, mailed to every home and business in the Township, posted on the website and made available at various locations throughout the Municipality.

Stories include messages from the different departments, timely safety information, a message from the Mayor, contact information and much more. When we look at coverage versus cost, the newsletter is one of the most cost effective ways of communicating with residents.

Events Listings:

We do our best to stay up to date on events happening within the community and put them on our website. Events are posted as soon as we get them, so check back if you're ever looking for details on a community event. If you have a community event you would like added, please send details to the Township.

Hickson & Tavistock Firehalls:

The illuminated roadside signs located at the

Hickson and Tavistock Firehalls are used to communicate important Fire Safety messages throughout the year. The Township is required by the Fire Marshall's office to provide Fire Prevention and Education information and this is one of several methods to do so. The signs are also used from time to time for other important community events.

Newspaper Advertising:

The Township advertises some events and notices in the Woodstock Sentinel Review and the Tavistock Gazette. On occasion other newspapers such as the Stratford Beacon Herald, New Hamburg Independent and Ayr News may be used as well. Due to the fact that coverage is quite focused and not everyone subscribes, it is used mainly for notices that require publication in a newspaper and for items that the Township needs to get out to the public between newsletters.

Radio:

Occasionally the Township will use Radio Stations to communicate important information to Township residents. Typically these messages will be emergency situations, road closures or other situations that require getting a message out quickly. The Township would typically use 104.7 Heart FM, 1240 AM CJCS, 96.7 FM CHYM and 92.7 FM BX93.

Contact Us:

Of course, you can always contact Staff or Councillors if you require information. It is only one click away on the Township Website.

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