Hi, just a reminder that you're receiving this email because you have expressed an interest in the Township of Selwyn. Don't forget to add twpsel@nexicom.net to your address book so we'll be sure to land in your inbox!

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PolarFest is this Weekend - February 1st-3rd!

An exciting winter carnival offering a weekend full of laughter, friendly competition and the enjoyment of winter for the whole family! Get out and enjoy activities such as the Opening Ceremonies with night hike and fireworks, ice carvings, candle light skate, pancake breakfast, 5km polar run, the BEL Rotary Polar Plunge & more!

There are TONS of events going on throughout the weekend! Visit the PolarFest website for a full list of events and details!
Get ready to roll...

We challenge YOU to the 3rd Annual Snowman Building Contest, in celebration of PolarFest 2019!

If you think you can build the best snowman in Selwyn Township, then this is the contest for you!

Make sure your snowman is ready for PolarFest weekend, February 1st-3rd, 2019. Take a picture of yourself and your awesome snowman. Make sure you tag Polarfest - Selwyn Township or email your photo to Tiffany Jacobs.

A prize will be awarded to the best, most creative snowman!

Polar Plunge
Join the wild and crazy plungers who will be 'Freezin' for a Reason' and raising money in support of their favourite charities!

Sunday, February 3rd
beginning at 2:00PM
at the BEL Rotary Park in Ennismore (just across the Causeway)

Want to take the Plunge?
It's never too late to sign up and don't forget to dress up! This year's theme is "Hockey Time!"
Plunge in Canada." For more information, visit the [BEL Rotary Polar Plunge website](http://www.belrotaryplunge.com).

*There are so many reasons for you to come chill with us for PolarFest 2019!*

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**Office Closed - Family Day**

The Municipal office (1310 Centre Line) and all Selwyn Library branches will be closed Monday, February 18th and will reopen on Tuesday, February 19th.

**Garbage and Recycling Collection**
There are **no changes** to garbage or recycling collection. Please have all items out for collection by 7:00AM.

**Landfill Hours**
The Smith Landfill (1480 County Road 18) is CLOSED on Monday, February 18th.

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**2019 Interim Tax Bill and Landfill Pass**

The 2019 interim tax bill was mailed out to property owners late January. Keep a look out for yours! This will include two (2) installments that are due on:

- Monday, March 4th, 2019; and

**Inside there are two (2) 2019 Landfill Passes! Keep them safe - a replacement pass will cost $10.00.**

Make paying your taxes easy... it's not too late to sign up for pre-authorized payments or to set-up online or telephone banking payments. If you have any questions about your tax bill, payment options or any of the items enclosed in your tax bill, please contact the

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Are you Interested in Serving on a Municipal Committee?

Selwyn Township is now accepting applications for the following Committees:

- Heritage Committee
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee
- Economic Development and Business Committee

If you are interested in serving on any of the Boards or Committees listed below, written applications (clearly marked as to contents) should be forwarded to the Selwyn Municipal Office by 12 Noon next Friday, February 1st.

For more information and for the application form, please visit the Selwyn Township website.

Committee Applications Are Open!

February Council Meetings:

February 12, 2019 - 5:00 PM - Council Meeting
February 26, 2019 - 6:00 PM - Council Meeting

Don't forget! You can now live stream Council and Committee of Adjustment meetings! Watch Council business from the comfort of your home by visiting the Township website. Think you missed something at a past Council Meeting? Recordings of past meetings are also available!
Building Code Corner *NEW*

Every month, the Township of Selwyn Building Department will create an article on topics related to the building code and building permits. With this being our first article, we will begin with the most frequently asked question: "When do I need a building permit?"

While this may appear to be a simple common sense question, it's crucial to understand what the Ontario Building Code and the Ontario Building Code Act define as a "building". A "building" is defined as:

a) A structure occupying an area greater than 10 square meters (108 square feet) consisting of a wall, roof and floor or any of them or a structural system serving the function thereof including all plumbing, works, fixtures and service systems appurtenant thereto,
b) A structure occupying an area of ten square meters (108 square feet) or less that contains plumbing, including the plumbing appurtenant thereto,
c) Plumbing not located in a structure,
d) A sewage system, or
e) Structures designated in the building code.

As is evident, the definition of "building" includes aspects that some would not initially consider as a building. This misunderstanding often means people will build without a permit. Without question, if you plan to undertake a project that falls into the definition of "building", you are required to apply for a building permit. If you are unsure if a building permit is required for your project, feel free to contact our Building Department and we would be happy to assist you and answer any questions you have.

Next month, we will look at projects that do not require a building permit, but are still subject to zoning By-laws.

Career Fair & Community Information Session - March 6th, 2019
Come one, come all to the Career Fair & Community Information session!

Wednesday, March 6th from 12:30PM to 4:30PM at the Lakefield Royal Canadian Legion (10 Nicholls Street, Lakefield).

This is a FREE event for job seekers of all ages, employers and community agencies. For additional information, please contact Debbie at 705-740-2577 ext. 5212.

This event has been organized by the City and County of Peterborough, Agilec, the Municipality of Trent Lakes and the Township of Selwyn.

It's Time to Renew your Dog License!

Dog tag renewals are $15.00 until March 31st, 2019 and then the cost goes up to $25.00! Tags which are lost or need to be replaced because of wear or damage may be purchased at the municipal office for $10.00 each.

Winter Parking Regulations

We remind everyone that there is no parking on all Township roads overnight during the winter season to allow for safe and effective snow clearing.

Ice Safety
There are a number of water bodies in our Township and surrounding area. We want to make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable winter.

**Ice Thickness Guidelines - For new, clear ice only:**

3" or less - STAY OFF
4" - Ice fishing or other activities on foot
5" - Snowmobile or ATV
8" to 12" - Car or small pick-up truck
12" to 15" - Medium truck

Many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe. White ice or "snow ice" is only about half as strong as new clear ice.

**Youth Shinny Hockey - Every PA Day & Snow Day!**

Looking for something for your child to do during their PA Day or Snow Day? Every PA Day and Snow Day, enjoy shinny hockey at the Ennismore Community Centre from 9:00 AM to 12:00 Noon!

The cost is $5.00 per person and full equipment is mandatory!

- 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM: For players age 8 & under
- 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM: For players age 9 to 11
- 11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon: For players age 12 & over
FREE Public Skating Schedule

Come out skating for FREE thanks to our generous sponsors! Remember to support our local businesses who have kindly supported our community.

Lakefield-Smith Community Centre - Saturdays from 12 Noon to 1:00 PM

- February 2nd: Craftworks at the Barn
- February 9th: Henderson Recreation Equipment
- February 16th: Logan Tree Experts
- **Family Day - February 18th: Selwyn Outreach Centre**
- February 23rd: McLeod's EcoWater

Ennismore Community Centre - Sundays from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

- February 3rd: Brad Sinclair of Royal LePage
- February 10th: Reach Harbour Marina
- February 17th: Ennismore Optimist Club
- February 24th: Bridgenorth Dental Clinic

Check out the [Township website](#) for more information.

FREE Senior Skating!
We invite all seniors to lace up their skates and come out to FREE public skating!

Every Monday from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at the Ennismore Community Centre located at 520 Ennis Road in Ennismore. Sponsored by The Gardens of Peterborough: Retirement Residences

Every Tuesday & Friday from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre located at 20 Concession Street in Lakefield. Sponsored by The Regency of Lakefield

A BIG thank you to our two sponsors, whose generosity will allow FREE seniors skating all season at both arenas!

Winter Walking Drop-In

Tie up the laces on your running shoes and take advantage of the winter walking drop-in at the Ennismore Community Centre (553 Ennis Road). The doors are open for residents to enjoy an indoor walking space during the winter months at no charge!

Every week, Monday through Thursday from 7:00AM to 12 Noon.

For more information, please contact Tiffany Jacobs at 705-292-9507.

Selwyn Public Library - News & Events

Home Library Service
The Selwyn Public Library and Community Care Chemung are offering a new service which provides delivery of library materials to home-bound persons residing in Bridgenorth and Ennismore. For more information, please email Kelsey Locklin or contact the Ennismore Library.
Blind Date with a Book
It's that time of year again, Blind Date with a Book! Each library has a display of books wrapped up concealing the titles. What is revealed is a short description of what the book is about. Those adventurous enough will checkout one of these books, take it home, unwrap it and discover what book they have to read.

Will it be love at first read, a curiosity that grows into love or just not your cup of tea? Visit one of the library branches to find out!

Coffee House
Come share your talent - artists, poets, musicians and storytellers are all welcome! The Lakefield Library now hosts a monthly Coffee House on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00PM in the Centennial Room, until May 2019. No registration required and refreshments will be provided! For more information, please email Kacie Gardiner or contact the Lakefield Library.

Technology Workshops are BACK!
FREE Technology workshops will be held every Tuesday and Thursday throughout February! For a complete list of topic dates, times and descriptions, please visit the Selwyn Public Library website. To register, email Melissa Hewitt or sign-up at the Bridgenorth Library.

Introduction to Naturopathy!
On Thursday, February 28th at 1:00PM, learn about the benefits of Naturopathy from the Healthy Foundations Naturopathic Clinic. Their presentation will take place below the Ennismore Library, in the Optimist Hall. Register in advance with the Ennismore Library.

Scrabble Club
Do you love to play Scrabble? Join us at the Bridgenorth Library on the second and last Tuesday of every month beginning at 2:00 PM. Please register in advance by contacting the Bridgenorth Library or email Heather.

One-on-One Tech Support
Do you need one-on-one tech support? Look no further! One-on-ones can be booked at all three library branches. Check with each branch for dates and times! Bridgenorth: Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays; Lakefield: Thursdays & Saturdays; Ennismore: Mondays. A big thank you to Community Foundation of Greater Peterborough for making this possible!
Art Display - Call for Entries
The Bridgenorth Library invites local artists to submit samples of their work for display! Submissions will be accepted until March 30th. More information and entry forms are available at the Bridgenorth Library or by visiting the [Selwyn Public Library website](https://www.selwynlibrary.ca).

Children's Programs

**Polarfest Family Event**

Visiting the ice sculptures in the park? **Sat, Feb 2**
Warm up with us by dropping in for LEGO play and colouring.
1:00pm-4:00pm.
Ages 4+. Lakefield Library.

**Saturday Storytime (All Ages, Drop In)**
Join us on the third Saturday of every month from 10:30AM to 11:15AM for songs, stories and snacks at the Regency Retirement Home in Lakefield. This program runs from September to March, with an additional date on April 19th! No registration necessary!

**Spring Storytime**
Join us for stories, songs, games and crafts! Beginning on March 26th, enjoy Spring Storytime for children ages 3 and up! This program runs for 7 weeks and will be held on Tuesdays in Lakefield and Wednesdays in Bridgenorth from 10:30AM-11:15AM. Registration is now available on the [Selwyn Public Library website](https://www.selwynlibrary.ca).

**March Break Programs**

March break programs will be running from Friday, March 8th through Friday, March 15th. Program information will be available mid-February and will include visits from the Code Mobile, Kawartha Wildlife Centre, Fancy Nancy and more! Keep an eye on the [Selwyn Public Library website](https://www.selwynlibrary.ca) or visit your local branch for details.

Registration is now ONLINE for all children's programs. *Spaces are limited.* For more program information or to register, please visit the [Selwyn Library website](https://www.selwynlibrary.ca) or call the Library where the program is taking place.

If a program you're trying to register for is full, please add yourself to the waitlist!

Bridgenorth: 705-292-5065
Ennismore: 705-292-8022
Lakefield: 705-652-8623

News/Public Notices on the Website
For the most current information on community events, planning applications, open houses, upcoming meetings etc. check the News and Public Notices section on our website.

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