



# Council Communicator

*Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield*

Summer 2012

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## Exciting Changes at Ennismore Community Centre!

The next phase of renovations and expansion at the Ennismore Community Centre is now underway, and if you drive past the arena you will see the construction crews hard at work!

Phase 1 renovations, which began in June 2011, have now been completed, and throughout the 2011-2012 ice season many residents enjoyed the new boards, benches and bleachers now in place.

Since the completion of Phase 1 of the project, the Ennismore Community Centre Renovation Project Committee have continued to work diligently towards designing a Community Centre which will not only serve all of the required needs of our community, but also provide an economically sound investment for the Township. The result of all of this hard work was realized on May 7th, 2012 when Council accepted a tender from Kawartha Capital Construction to complete Phase 2.

Phase 2 will see an addition to the building to accommodate accessible washrooms and six new accessible dressing rooms. As well, the removal of the existing dressing rooms in the lower level will allow for the creation of a larger more comfortable lobby, concession and accessible viewing area. An elevator is to be installed to provide access to the upper level, and the auditorium will be completely upgraded to provide an accessible washroom, new catering kitchen and an overall update - creating an inviting space for social functions, meetings, programs and other activities.

Funding for the project will come from a variety of sources:

- Township committed \$2.605 million to the project.
- The Township has also been successful in obtaining two grants:
  - a Community Futures Development Corporation Grant of \$50,000, and
  - a Canada Enabling Accessibility Fund Grant of \$75,000.
- Fundraising and in-kind services will provide



Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Township Municipal Councillors at the Ennismore Community Centre. (l-r) Sherry Senis (Smith Ward), Deputy Mayor Andy Mitchell, Mayor Mary Smith, Anita Locke (Lakefield Ward), and Donna Ballantyne (Ennismore Ward).

the balance of the \$1,000,000 outstanding, and members of the Ennismore Community Centre Renovation Project Committee and the Fundraising Sub-Committee have stated their commitment to this fundraising campaign.

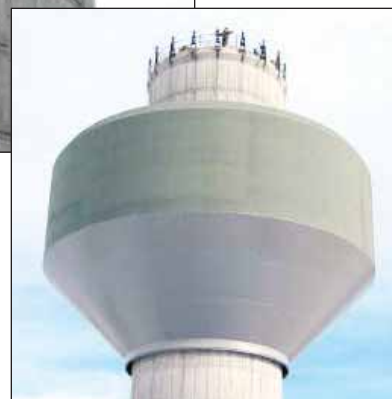
The Fundraising Sub-Committee campaign has already begun, and to date the committee has been successful in raising approximately \$270,000

in donations towards this very aggressive \$1 million goal!

Be sure to watch for details of fundraising programs and events to be released in the coming weeks!

More information is available on the Township website or the Township Facebook page. Please note that the Community Centre will be closed during construction.

## The New Water Tower in Lakefield



The new Lakefield Elevated Water Tower is now complete and is capable of storing 2750 cubic metres of water. The Water Tower was jointly funded by the Federal and Provincial governments as well as local water system customers. The project cost approximately \$5.54 million, which included construction of the road and tower. Look for the tower next time you're in Lakefield.



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The 2012 construction season has already begun with a forecast to complete 25 to 30 kilometres of resurfacing throughout the Township. Tara Road in Ennismore (above) is well underway with curb and gutter installation from Ennis Road to the entrance of the cemetery. The project will be completed with base asphalt. Willcox Street in Bridgenorth will be reconstructed from Ward Street to Charles Street with a sidewalk installation on the north side. Strickland Street in Lakefield will have the sidewalk continued from Prospect Street to Rolliston Street. Gifford Drive in Ennismore will be reconstructed, realigned and finished with a double surface hard-top treatment.

## Peterborough County 2012 Recognition Awards

Each year the County of Peterborough honours individuals and businesses from the eight County Townships at a Recognition Awards Ceremony. The 2012 awards were handed out on May 25, 2012 at the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre.

Receiving recognition for their efforts in the Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield were:

- **Youth:** Thomas Doughty
- **Agricultural Leadership:** Robert & Gail Irvine (Rocky Lane Farm)
- **Business Leadership/Entrepreneurial Innovation:** Emerald Isle Marina Bass Fishing Tournament (Brian and Susan Maybury)
- **Heritage Preservation:** Lakefield United Church
- **Leadership in Arts & Culture:** Stephanie Ford Forrester
- **Acts of Heroism:** Dave Burns
- **Community Volunteer of the Year:** Barbara Smith

The Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield would like to extend its congratulations and appreciation to all the Township recipients!

Citizens are encouraged to consider making nominations in any of the above categories for the upcoming awards ceremony in 2013.

For more information, please go to the County of Peterborough website at [www.county.peterborough.on.ca](http://www.county.peterborough.on.ca) or call (705) 743-0380.

## Contact Information

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**Lakefield Smith Community Centre** ..... (705) 652-7151

**Ennismore Community Centre** ..... (705) 292-8774

**Bridgenorth Library** ..... (705) 292-5065

**Ennismore Library** ..... (705) 292-8022

**Lakefield Library** ..... (705) 652-8623

**Fire Department Administration** ..... (705) 292-7282

**Recycling - BFI (WSI)**..... (705) 742-4268

**Garbage - M & M Disposal**..... (705) 652-3505

**OPP Police Administration**..... (705) 742-0401

**Peterborough Lakefield Police Administration** ..... (705) 876-1122

**Peterborough Humane Society ( Animal Control)** ..... (705) 745-7676

**Otonabee Region Conservation Authority**..... (705) 745-5791

**Trent Severn Waterway** ..... (705) 750-4900

**Municipal Property Assessment Corporation**..... 1-866-296-6722

**Emergency** ..... 911

## Recognition Certificates for Special Events and People

Special people who do exceptional things should get recognized. It may be appropriate for the Municipality to help you recognize a special someone with a Recognition Certificate from the Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield such as:

- A birthday milestone (65+ or another special birthday number)
- Retirement after 20 or more years of service
- An athletic, artistic, career or academic accomplishment
- A 25th or later wedding anniversary
- A special award from a community, church or professional group

The Recognition Certificate will be inscribed with the name of the recipient, details of the accomplishment and signed by your Mayor on behalf of the Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield. If you would like to request a certificate you can visit our website to fill out an application or contact the office.

## Attention Dog Owners!

Does your dog have a current dog tag? Lifetime tags were introduced in 2010 making annual renewals a breeze! Send your payment when you receive your invoice in the mail at the beginning of the year, and know your pet is protected.



If your dog doesn't have a current tag, please come visit us at the office to purchase the lifetime tag.

Township By-laws require that all dogs are licenced. To avoid fines, please visit us today!

Look for your **Free Day Pass** to the Selwyn Beach Conservation Area in your Tax Bill, compliments of the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority and the Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield!



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# Did you know?

## The Township issues...

### Licenses

- Dog Tags - \$15 before March 31, \$20 thereafter
- Marriage Licenses - \$100
- Lottery Licenses - fee based on lottery amount
- Bed & Breakfast Licenses - \$75
- Refreshments Vehicle Licences (visit the Township website for the fee schedule)

### Building & Planning

- Building and Plumbing Permits
- Culvert/Entrance Permits
- Pool Permits
- Minor Variances
- Zoning By-law Amendments

### Other

- Commissioner of Oath - \$10
- Recognition Certificates - No Charge
- Garbage Bag Tags - \$2 each
- Recycling Bins - \$5 each
- Composters
  - Kitchen Catchers \$5.00
  - Garden Earth Composter \$28.25
  - Digester Composter \$45.00
- Water Testing Kit - No Charge

### Parks and Recreation

- Book one of our Facilities
- Book ice time at one of the Arenas
- Call 705-292-9507 for further information on:
  - Community Events
  - The Lakefield Marina
  - Sports Registration
  - Bridgenorth and Lakefield Trails
  - Township Festivals



The Isabel Morris Park project began in the fall of 2011 and is nearing completion. It has seen a tremendous transformation at the water's edge. The work has included significant shoreline restoration work, installation of a pathway system and lighting, canoe launch area and initial components for site drainage. In addition, an investment has been made to ensure native plantings work in concert with the new shoreline restoration material to enhance the protection of the shoreline. These planting beds have been included in the design to not only provide protection of the shoreline buffer zone, but to also introduce park users to the native plant species in our Township. It is anticipated that the project will be completed by early July.

## SGS Plant Expansion

Township Council approved a proposal to construct a 41,000 square foot lab building at the SGS facility in Lakefield. Construction is currently underway with local contractors completing the majority of the work.

The expansion will result in the creation of 60 new medium to high scale jobs for people with metallurgical, geochemical and

environmental expertise.

The Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield is extremely proud to have a company of the size and scope of SGS in our community.

The major expansion will bring new employees and investment to our wonderful municipality. SGS anticipates that the project will be completed by the winter of 2012/2013.

## Sign By-law Update:

Council will be seeking public input during the summer months for the revised draft Sign By-law. It is anticipated that staff will prepare a final draft By-law sometime in the fall after public and industry comments are gathered. For more information or to review the draft Sign By-law please visit the Township website.

## Meet your Councillors: Mayor Mary Smith



Our municipality has a Strategic Plan. It is time for it to be renewed for the 2013-2017 period. There will be public input opportunities coming up this fall and I encourage everyone to contribute your ideas. Community input is essential to set priorities for the future.

Our Strategic Plan doesn't just sit on the shelf. Council and staff use it on a daily basis. The Strategic Plan acts as a guide in decision making and essentially provides a "to do" list for Council and staff. Our Chief Administrative Officer updates Council regularly on the status of the Plan.

Many projects remain to be completed, such as the renovation and addition to the Ennismore Community Centre, an upgrade of the Public Works building on the Centre Line of Smith and the development of a Cultural Centre in

Memorial Hall in Lakefield.

Council is committed to the mission of providing innovative, efficient and effective municipal services. Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield is seen as a leader in the County of Peterborough. Members of Council make a point of complimenting our staff and thanking them for their excellent work.

Deputy Mayor Mitchell and I are well aware of the importance that our County roads, bridges and Causeway have to the transportation network in our Township. We represent your interests at County Council, ensuring these critical transportation links are maintained and upgraded.

Thank you to the many wonderful volunteers in our Township. Your invaluable assistance and commitment makes our community a better place to live.

On a recent trip to Vermont, USA, I attended a council meeting in a small rural municipality. I found it interesting that our municipalities shared similar issues and objectives, such as the rising cost of policing, the need for more affordable housing for seniors and the desire to promote local food and solar energy.

In my role as Mayor, I have the opportunity to attend many meetings and events within the Township and beyond. This provides me with the opportunity to hear citizen concerns and ideas. I encourage you to contact me by e-mail or phone as well.

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Improvements continue at the Ennismore Waterfront Park. Over 50 metres of boardwalk was repaired this spring. Also included, through the tireless efforts of the Ennismore Optimist Club, was the installation of a brand new playground structure. Members of the club coordinated the installation of the structure under the supervision of Henderson Play Structures. An official opening of the playground area was held on Saturday, June 9th. Completion of these two significant projects will provide for greater enjoyment and recreational opportunities while visiting the park.

## *Diversion of Construction Materials, Hazardous Waste from the Township Landfill Site*

The Township is working with M&M Disposal to divert construction and demolition material from the landfill to a sorting plant for recycling. Residents are now asked to separate items for recycling such as:

- untreated wood, plaster and drywall, bricks and concrete, household fixtures such as sinks, toilets, cupboards and countertops

This new more environmentally friendly initiative

reduces the amount of waste at the landfill and extends its useable life.

Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield is also working with Peterborough County on a Hazardous Waste Depot to open in 2013 at our landfill site.

The depot will have the capability to accept such items as electronics, all types of batteries, old cell phones, gas, oil and paint. Stay tuned for more information on another great diversion project.

## **Green Doesn't Always Mean Go...**

The Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Fire Department wants to remind our residents and people traveling on our roads that a flashing green light in a vehicle signifies a volunteer firefighter.

The Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Fire Department is comprised of approximately 90 volunteer firefighters.

Our extremely dedicated group of firefighters respond to their respective halls at all hours of the day to help in an emergency.

In emergencies, seconds count and anything that can be done to get our firefighters to the incident faster is important.

This is why volunteer firefighters are permitted to display a green light in their vehicle. It is common courtesy to pull over to the right and allow them to pass.

Just by allowing them to pass you are helping to save lives and property.

## *Library Strategic Plan Update*

The Library Board recently approved a new Strategic Plan which will guide the Township library system from 2012 until 2016. Our vision sees the library as an essential community hub for all ages and abilities, fostering a love of reading, utilizing innovative technologies and offering a range of programming. To achieve this vision, the Library Board, developed five strategic directions to build on:

- strengthen human resources
- broaden the public's perception of our services
- expand community partnerships
- extend programs and services
- build our technology proficiency and innovation

Libraries are facing many challenges, but with this clear vision, the Library Board is confident that our library service will remain strong and continue to meet the needs of Township residents in the coming years. Copies of the plan are available at our three libraries or on the library website at [www.mypubliclibrary.ca](http://www.mypubliclibrary.ca).

## **Looking for information...try 211!**

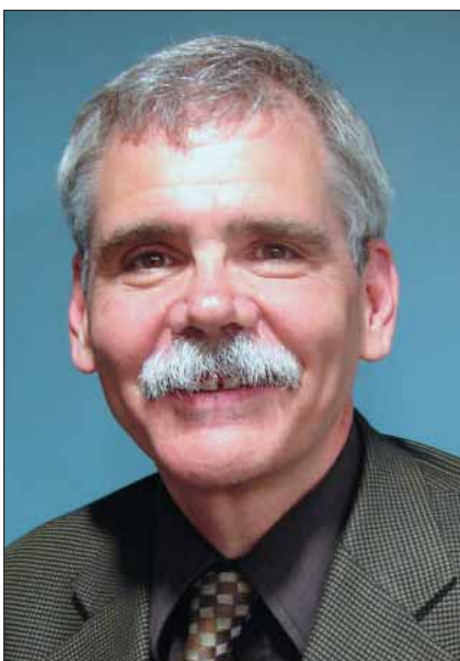
211 is a three-digit phone number that provides information on more than 56,000 services and agencies across Ontario with topics such as social, community, legal, financial assistance, health and government services.

When Ontarians call the confidential 211 phone number they are not sent into the world of automated voice systems but rather to a live person who has information on a wide range of topics. Topics such

as retirement home information, health care, elder abuse, legal issues such as Power of Attorney etc. The service is available 24/7, 365 days a year and in over 150 languages.

Calls are automatically connected with a live person who has been trained to inform callers about the services and programs that are best for them and their loved ones. To find services that can help you call 211 or visit [www.211ontario.ca](http://www.211ontario.ca)

## **Meet your Councillors: Deputy Mayor Andy Mitchell**



Council has been pursuing a number of important initiatives during this term. These have included capital projects such as the new water tower in Lakefield and the refurbishment of the arena in Ennismore. Council is also embarking on a series of future orientated initiatives including a new Recreation Services Plan, an update of the Township Strategic Plan, a new Fire Master Plan and a Community Improvement Plan.

The provision for a Community Improvement Plan is contained in the Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Official Plan and covers specific built-up areas in the Township including the Villages of Lakefield and Bridgenorth as well as the Hamlets of Young's Point and Ennismore. The Township is currently in discussions with Galway - Cavendish & Harvey to consider a joint CIP covering Buckhorn.

Community Improvement Plans promote the maintenance, rehabilitation, redevelopment and revitalization of the physical, social and economic environment in the Township. Unique plans have been developed for each of the four built-up areas and have been largely driven by community residents through two rounds of public consultation.

Each plan contains three broad components; a vision of what residents want the community to be and look like, a set of suggested development guidelines designed to shape the community in line with the vision, and a set of specific recommendations that can be undertaken to achieve the community improvements contemplated by the plan. Specific actions can include such things as new signage, streetscape upgrades, beautifica-

tion initiatives and many others.

Public realm improvements will be undertaken by the Township as part of our capital budget. In addition, a set of financial tools available to the private sector has been developed and money set aside in our 2012 budget to fund early initiatives.

Community Improvement Plans will provide residents the opportunity to build on our strong history and heritage and shape our community to meet the challenges of the future.

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The January 16, 2012 Soup-a-licious event at Cassis Bistro was a huge success. Mayor Mary Smith, Deputy Mayor Andy Mitchell, and Councillor Sherry Senis served up 89 soups raising \$445 for Community Care.

## Municipal Heritage Committee

The Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC) has commenced its second year of identifying and preserving historical buildings and features throughout the Township.

The Committee worked through many initiatives in their first year including the creation of a Designation Matrix, a Design Evaluation Manual complete with a Scoring Sheet, a database to identify designated properties and properties with the potential for designation, and a digital listing of historical properties throughout the municipality.

The Committee also met with other local committees and organizations such as the Smith-Ennismore Historical Society, the Lakefield Historical Society and the Trent Valley Archives to streamline our goals in the field of heritage preservation.

The Committee worked with Kawartha Heritage Conservancy to create a Memorandum of Understanding which facilitates the sharing of natural and cultural resources data.

Committee members have begun research on the Memorial Hall in Lakefield in hopes of having it become the first property designated by the Committee.

A municipal heritage webpage has been launched and is hosted on the Township's website.

If you have questions about the committee or would like more information about designating heritage properties, please contact Robert Lamarre, the Committee's staff liaison, via email at [rlamarre@nexicom.net](mailto:rlamarre@nexicom.net) or phone at (705) 292-9507.

## Affordable Housing Project in Lakefield

The Township recently created three residential lots in Lakefield from an unopened road allowance known as Braden Street. Council is donating one lot to Habitat for Humanity Peterborough and District, with the view to create an affordable single family dwelling.

Several community partners have joined the Township to help make the Habitat for Humanity build possible including the Peterborough Presbytery of the United Church of Canada, several

local contractors and community supporters. The home is expected to be built later this year. A local Committee has been struck and is fundraising and enlisting volunteers! Opportunities to be involved are available through Team-Build-Days, corporation and business sponsorships, fundraising, and community education. The Township recognizes that this is an amazing opportunity for our community to help a family have a home to call their own.

Once the Habitat for Humanity project is complete, the Township will proceed with selling the remaining two residential lots with the view that the net proceeds from the sale will be placed into an Affordable Housing Reserve to support future affordable housing projects in the rural areas of the Township.

For more information on the Habitat for Humanity Lakefield project please visit [www.habitatpeterborough.ca](http://www.habitatpeterborough.ca) or call 705-750-1456



As in previous years, the Public Works Department teamed up with TASSS students to plant 1,000 trees at the Ennismore Pit site. Council would like to thank TASSS students for their continued efforts!



Judging Panel at the 2012 Annual Polar Plunge: (l-r) MPP Jeff Leal, Warden J. Murray Jones, Mayor Mary Smith, and BEL Rotary representative Ruth Kuchinad.

## Meet your Councillors: Sherry Senis, Smith Ward



It's hard to believe a year has gone by since our last Council Communicator.

Staff and Council have again been very productive throughout the year as witnessed by the many articles providing updates in this newsletter. I would like to share what we have been doing on the committees where I am a member.

I am happy to report that Council unanimously endorsed a recommendation from our Smith Ennismore Police Services Board to institute ROAD WATCH, a proven, successful program which gives residents the ability to report dangerous and aggressive driving in our Township directly to the OPP. This will help to ensure safer roads for all. Please see article elsewhere in the Communicator for more details.

As Vice Chair of the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority Board, I am pleased to report that the Board of Directors agreed to provide a one day pass to our residents for the Selwyn Conservation area, which recently was voted as having one of the nicest beaches within a two hour drive of the GTA. It also has great hiking trails and ability to barbeque. Luckily, it is just a short drive for us to visit. Try to check it out this summer/fall.

Our Trails committee has been busy this year providing finishing touches to the B.E.L. Rotary Bridgenorth Trail, being involved in the International Trails Festival this past June, installing "Share the Road" signs on the 7th Line and we are working on recommendations to go forward with a Trails Master Plan for the Township.

Our newly established Fire Steering Committee is working toward providing an updated Fire Master Plan for Council. As always, I welcome your comments, questions, concerns and suggestions. I hope you and yours have a safe, happy, healthy summer.

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## ROAD WATCH<sup>®</sup>

### Program to Reduce Aggressive Driving

The Township recently endorsed a recommendation from the Smith-Ennismore Police Services Board to implement a ROAD WATCH<sup>®</sup> program.

The ROAD WATCH<sup>®</sup> program is a community driven initiative in the O.P.P. enforced Wards of Smith and Ennismore.

ROAD WATCH<sup>®</sup> provides citizens with a means to report dangerous or unlawful driver behaviour such as unsafe lane changes and disobeying traffic lights and stop signs.

The strength in the program lies with citizen involvement, as driver habits and attitudes cannot be altered by traffic enforcement officers alone.



This program allows residents and community participants to report unsafe and aggressive driving practices to the police.

The Citizens Reporting Form is submitted via one of the following methods:

- On-line at [www.roadwatch.ca](http://www.roadwatch.ca)
- Fax to the O.P.P. at 705-742-9427
- Dropped off at any of the approved locations.

The Township will be forwarding information to the Peterborough-Lakefield Police Services Board related to the ROAD WATCH<sup>®</sup> program and request that it consider the program in the Lakefield Ward.

## Accessibility Improvements at Community Policing Office

Plans are being drafted to improve accessibility to 826 Ward St. in Bridgenorth. This Township building is occupied by the OPP Community Policing Office, Causeway Treasure Trove Thrift Shop and the Smith Ennismore Historical Society. Our immediate project list includes a new walkway and ramps with appropriate slopes to meet accessibility guidelines. The parking

layout at the front of the building will be modified to allow for barrier free access to the walkway in appropriate locations along with designated parking spots. Finally, if funding permits, power assisted door operators and controls would be installed at all the front entrances. When complete these initiatives will improve access for all tenants and their visitors.

## Introducing the new Manager of Parks and Recreation



Ed Barber

John's background includes a Physical Education degree from York University coupled with a certificate in Sports Administration.

John has worked in Municipal parks and recreation for over 20 years and for non-profit recreation/leisure service providers like the YMCA.

Please help the Township in welcoming John Sellars to the community.

After 15+ years of hard work we celebrated Ed Barber's retirement at the end of March 2012.

Ed has been a valuable staff member and worked tirelessly to ensure excellent customer service and commitment to his community.

After extensive interviews searching for someone to fill Ed's shoes, the Township hired John Sellars.



John Sellars

## Blue-Green Algae Risks

Last summer, there were a number of reports of blue-green algae blooms in lakes all across Ontario. Blue-green algae are known for rapidly reproducing and collecting to form large, highly visible blooms throughout the water column, on the surface of water as a scum, or on the lake bottom as a mat.

These blooms are not only unsightly and smelly;

some species of cyanobacteria can also release toxins when the cells that make up the bloom rupture or die.

The risk to humans is primarily from drinking water that has been contaminated with toxins from a dense algae bloom. Some individuals are sensitive to contact with blue-green algae, and may develop

a mild skin rash or eye irritation even if there is no toxin produced by the bloom. Some individuals will have no reaction.

For information on precautions you should take before swimming in or consuming water where there has been an algae bloom, go to the Peterborough County-City Health Unit website at [www.pcchu.ca](http://www.pcchu.ca)

## Meet your Councillors: Donna Ballantyne, Ennismore Ward



A lot has happened in the year since we have formally communicated with our ratepayers. I hope that this Council Communicator finds you and your family in good health. As the Ennismore Ward Councillor I try my utmost to solve Township related problems. I am always willing to receive calls or emails from residents who have concerns about conditions in their neighbourhood or Township.

Hopefully we will be able to work as a team, with Township staff, in an attempt to rectify your problems.

In addition to attending regular Council meetings I work on two special committees - the Ennismore Community Centre Renovation Project Committee where I am the Vice Chair and the Trail Committee. We have made excellent gains on

both these projects over the past year. Please see the article on the Ennismore Community Centre for additional project details.

The Township completed a Recreation Services Plan in 2011. This document provides a framework for addressing needs and priorities for parks, recreation facilities, programs and services that will be provided as far into the future as 2021.

I am also a member of the Library Board. This Board is responsible, with the support of Council, for the management of the three branches in our Township. The recent Federal budget announced the cancellation of funding for a program called CAP (Community Access Program). This program helped with the purchase and maintenance of computers in public

libraries. In our three sites we have 18 public computers and open wireless access. The Library Board is committed to ensuring that high speed internet access remains free and accessible in our libraries. This will represent an annual reduction of approximately \$9000 from the library budget. As you can see we will have to do some creative planning. We will place donation boxes in each library. We know that this will not make up the shortfall but we would greatly appreciate any amount that you can donate.

Thanks for your support in making our Township the best it can be!

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Council and local community members tour the Millar Creek Conservation Trail. (L-R): Bob Spearman, Ruth Kuchinad, John Williams, Bruce Bellchambers, Councillor Sherry Senis, Ed Barber, Councillor Donna Ballantyne and Yvonne Spradbrow.

## Township Embarks on Several Solar Projects

The Township has received conditional microFIT contracts from the Ontario Power Authority (OPA) for three separate projects.

While plans are still in the development stage, the goal is to install 10 kW solar systems on the flat roofs of the Lakefield Public Library, Township Municipal Office and Bridgenorth Public Library.

Each site will be set up with the ability to monitor and measure energy generated by the solar panels creating the opportunity to use these installations as demonstration sites for anyone interested in learning about solar panels.

The Township hopes to lead by example and help create awareness and understanding of renewable energy.

These three microFIT projects will only be our starting point in renewable energy generation. The Township also has applications submitted to the OPA for three other projects categorized as FIT projects (all larger than 10kW).

As we await the outcome of these additional applications we look forward to launching our venture into renewable energy generation this summer.

## Memorial Hall Exterior Maintenance

Over the coming months Memorial Hall in Lakefield will receive some necessary repairs to the exterior of the building.

Specifically the shingles need to be replaced, roof ventilation improvements and cornice and window sill repairs.

The work will be done in a manner that will preserve the character of this historic building. We hope that the work can be completed during the summer/fall months.

Sidewalks and building entrances will be protected so that activities in the building can continue without interruption.

Once these improvements are complete, the exterior of the building will be in excellent shape and plans can begin on interior refurbishment in the years to come.

## The Township Champions Sustainable Peterborough

The Township recently became a "Champion" partner with Sustainable Peterborough. Sustainable Peterborough was initiated by an informal group of people concerned with sustainability in the Greater Peterborough Area.

With representation from the City and County of Peterborough, the organization entered into contract with Lura Consulting to facilitate the development of the sustainability planning process in the summer of 2010.

After much public consultation, the plan was created. The Sustainability Plan sets goals, directions, actions, and targets for balancing the environmental, socio-cultural, and economic pillars of sustainability.

The plan recognizes that each of these pillars are interconnected, and the impacts of a decision directed at one pillar are felt in all. The Sustainability Plan accounts for this and actively encourages accountability in decision making across all pillars of sustainability.

The plan explores 10 major themes:

- Agriculture and Local Food
- Energy and Climate Change
- Cultural Assets
- Healthy Communities
- Land Use Planning
- Transportation
- Waste
- Water
- Economic Development and Employment
- Natural Assets

The Township is excited about the initiatives being undertaken by Sustainable Peterborough and was thrilled to join the movement for a more sustainable community planning process by becoming a "Champion" supporter. We encourage you to visit the Sustainable Peterborough website at [www.sustainablepeterborough.ca](http://www.sustainablepeterborough.ca) for full details.

## Meet your Councillors: Anita Locke, Lakefield Ward



Welcome to this edition of the Council Communicator; I trust you will find some interesting information and will celebrate with us as we share the many wonderful things that have been happening. Past issues of the Communicator are available at the municipal office or by visiting the Township website.

I sit on two committees -- the Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC) and the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC).

One of the many exciting initiatives that the AAC has undertaken is a program called "Time in my Shoes". We presented our third such event in June at St. Joseph's School in Douro.

It's an opportunity for students to get hands-on experience of what it is like for persons living with a disability. Events

include wheelchair basketball, sledge floor hockey, wheelchair obstacle course and other activities that we present with the assistance of ParaSport Ontario. Representatives from the CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind) teach children about vision impairments and guide dog etiquette. We receive wonderful staff support from Angela (Township level) and Sally and Lynn (County level).

The MHC has an amazingly, talented group of people who are interested in helping to preserve our local heritage. We've developed an assessment tool which will be used to score heritage sites. We'll be piloting the assessment tool on Lakefield's Memorial Hall. The mandate of the committee is to assist Council in making decisions on any matter relating

to the legal designation and conservation of a property of cultural heritage value or interest, as individual properties or as heritage conservation districts. Thanks to staff members Rob and Carla for their great support.

The new Lakefield Water Tower is being commissioned soon. It's exciting stuff! Be sure to check out the photo in this edition of the Communicator.

Have a great summer!

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Council celebrates the completion of the broadband project which brought high speed internet to over 4500 households in the area. The \$3 million project was a joint partnership with Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, Bell Aliant and the Township.

## Lakefield-Smith Community Centre

2011 saw the completion of a new main front entry for the Lakefield Smith Community Centre. This project also included renovations to the second floor Niels Pind Room.

the accessible viewing area.

It is anticipated that staff will bring forward a design concept and preliminary cost estimates to Council in late spring.

In an effort to continue the updating of the facility, Council has instructed staff to proceed with investigating design options for renovation of the main lobby area, including removal of the concession area, improved traffic flow in the lobby area and improving

Two other initiatives currently underway are upgrades to the dressing room showers and washroom areas and interior arena perimeter lighting. These projects are expected to be completed in late spring.



The Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Volunteer Fire Fighters donated \$3288 for a new Sparky suit. The Sparky suit will be used for fire prevention initiatives. (L-R): Fire Chief Gord Jopling, Ennismore Councillor Donna Ballantyne, Deputy Mayor Andy Mitchell, Sparky, Mayor Mary Smith, Smith Councillor Sherry Senis, Lakefield Councillor Anita Locke and Fire Prevention Officer Mike Cavanagh.

## Communication!

Are you ever looking for information on Township services and can't find it? Do you have an opinion on our Township communicating via social media? With so many ways to communicate information to the public (websites, newspapers, Facebook), the Township has decided to examine what information ratepayers are looking for and how they want to receive it. The Township is in the process of developing a Communication Plan that will provide the foundation for how the Township relays and receives information.

Please take a few moments to fill out this survey and return it to the Municipal Office at 1310 Centre Line or visit the Township website to fill out an electronic version and email the municipality – Thank you!

If you need information on Township programs and services, where do you go to obtain that information? Please list top three answers.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

When looking for Township information, what specific information are you looking for most often? i.e. arena times, road construction etc? Please list top three answers.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

How would you like to receive information from the Township i.e. newsletter, social media etc? Please list top three answers.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your time! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tania Goncalves at the Township Office.

## 2012 Summer Township Festivals

14th Annual Lakefield Jazz, Art & Craft Festival  
July 7  
[www.lakefieldjazzfest.com](http://www.lakefieldjazzfest.com)

Shamrock Festival & Truck & Tractor Pulls  
July 21-22  
[www.ennismorehamrockfestival.com](http://www.ennismorehamrockfestival.com)

## Hours of Operation Municipal Office

Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

## Landfill - New Hours of Operation

**NEW Summer Hours - April 1st to October 31st**  
 Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. **NEW**  
 Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **NEW**

**Winter Hours - November 1st to March 31st**  
 Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## Council Meeting Dates

Regular Council Meetings are held in the Township's Council Chambers at 1310 Centre Line Smith Ward, and everyone is welcome to attend.

### Meetings Beginning at 5pm

September 11, 2012  
 October 9, 2012  
 November 13, 2012

### Meetings Beginning at 7pm\*

July 17, 2012\*  
 August 14, 2012\*  
 September 25, 2012\*  
 October 23, 2012\*  
 November 27, 2012\*  
 December 11, 2012\*

\*Committee of Adjustment meetings also take place on these dates

## Did you know?



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