

# Council Communicator

Township of Selwyn  
Summer 2014



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## The Trail to a Stronger, Healthier Selwyn Township

Over the last year, the Township of Selwyn has been developing a Recreational Trails Master Plan, which looks at existing trails and future trail opportunities. The plan also looks at where trail linkages can be formed, how residents and visitors are using the trails, what changes could be made to the trails and what amenities people would like to see on the trails.

### Check out the Top 10 Priority List, created with your feedback!

1. Trail connections between population centres within the Township.
2. Trail connections between neighbouring communities (e.g. Peterborough).
3. Trail improvements (e.g. dog waste stations, way-finding signage and maps, rest areas, and garbage receptacles).
4. Paved shoulders on major bike routes.
5. Connect existing trails, using off-road opportunities when possible.
6. Celebrate local trail advocates, volunteers and events.
7. Install trail map signs in high-traffic trail locations.
8. Use 'share the road' signs and low posted speeds on popular roads for walking.
9. Continue investing in existing Township trails.
10. Install way-finding and directional signs to identify and promote trails.

Trails are an important part of creating a strong, healthy community. They create friendships, provide networking and exploration opportunities. They promote healthy lifestyles through physical activity, provide affordable and accessible recreation, preserve the natural environment and create educational



Council members at the Bridgenorth Trail. (l-r) Councillors Sherry Senis and Donna Ballantyne, Mayor Mary Smith, Deputy Mayor Andy Mitchell and Councillor Anita Locke.

opportunities for all ages.

With help from community members, avid cyclists, and trail users, the Recreational Trails Master Plan has been completed, with great community engagement. A number of findings came as a surprise to the

Township and may come as a surprise to you as well!

Check it out online at the Township website and see what's in store for the trails within your community!

[www.selwyntownship.ca](http://www.selwyntownship.ca)

## 2014 Municipal & School Board Elections

**Election Day is Monday, October 27th** and there is important information we want you to have to make the process as smooth as possible.

### Are you on the voter list?

Potential electors can visit [selwyntownship.ca](http://selwyntownship.ca) to confirm and/or update your electoral information in a few easy steps.



### Who Can Vote In a Municipal Election?

A person is entitled to vote, if on voting day he or she is:  
a Canadian citizen; at least 18 years old; resides in the local municipality or an owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; and not otherwise prohibited from voting.

### How to vote:

The Township will use the convenient mail-in-ballot method as used for past elections. Eligible electors will receive an election kit by mail prior to Election Day. The kit includes an election ballot and all the necessary information to complete and

return the ballot.

You can mail your ballot by the deadline noted in the information package or you can drop off your ballot up to and including Election Day October 27th, 2014 until 8:00pm.

If you don't receive a ballot kit or need a replacement kit or need to update the kit, please contact the Municipal Office.

The Municipal Office will be open on October 27th, 2014 until 8:00pm. We want your vote to count!

### What are the Offices for Selwyn Council?

The Township of Selwyn has five Council members:

**At Large Election** (Every elector can vote for these candidates)

- Mayor
- Deputy Mayor

**Ward Election** (Only Ward Electors vote for these candidates)

- Councillor Ennismore Ward (Ward 10)

- Councillor Smith Ward (Ward 20)
- Councillor Lakefield Ward (Ward 30)

### Interested in running for Council?

In order to become a candidate you must be an eligible elector and file a "Nomination Paper" with the Clerk. Nominations may be filed by candidates between Monday and Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm at the Municipal Office. **The deadline to file a nomination paper is 2:00 pm on September 12th, 2014.**

### Want to know who is running for Council?

Check our website for current candidate nominations. Over the course of the next few months, the website will be updated on a regular basis to keep candidates and voters up-to-date.

For all information related to voting and running for Council please visit: [www.selwyntownship.ca](http://www.selwyntownship.ca) or call Angela Chittick, Clerk/Returning Officer at 705-292-9507.



[www.selwyntownship.ca](http://www.selwyntownship.ca)



### View Your Parks & Recreation Guide Online!

The new Parks and Recreation Guide can be viewed online at [www.selwynthownship.ca](http://www.selwynthownship.ca). The guide provides a list of events, festivals, committees, clubs, activities and more! The guide can also be found at various locations throughout the Township. Please call the office for more information 705-292-9507.

## Selwyn Recognition Awards Recipients

Each year the County of Peterborough honours individuals and businesses from the eight County Townships at a Recognition Awards Ceremony. The 2014 Awards were handed out on May 23, 2014 at the Peterborough Curling Club.

Receiving recognition for their efforts in the Township of Selwyn were:

- Act of Heroism – **Christopher Thomas Campbell**
- Act of Heroism - **Ralph Bean, Sandra Bean, Elijah Clements, Jeff Jackson, Margaret Ondrovcik, Bill Vanderklugt**
- Agricultural Leadership – **Homestead Herefords (Dave, Fran, Danielle & Jordan Cavanagh)**
- Business Leadership/Entrepreneurial Innovation – **Richard Crawford**
- Community Volunteer of the Year – **Ennismore Optimist Club**
- Heritage Preservation – **St. Peter's on the Rock**
- Leadership in Arts and Culture – **Lakefield Jazz, Art & Craft Festival**
- Sustainability – **Kawartha Lake Stewards Association**

The Township of Selwyn would like to extend its congratulations and appreciation to all the Township recipients!

### Recognition Certificates for Special Events and Citizens

Special people who do exceptional things should get recognized such as:

- A birthday milestone (65+ or other special birthday number)
- A 25th or later wedding anniversary

For these and similar occasions, 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 Selwyn. Contact the Township office for more details.



### 2014 Holnbeck Award

**Alec Denys** pictured above receiving the 2014 Holnbeck Award, a lifetime achievement award for those who've enhanced the quality of life of people with disabilities. He is pictured with Gloria Hatter, daughter of the Holnbecks who worked with people living with physical or intellectual challenges. Alec is an athlete who has set Canadian records in both swimming and javelin. Alec is the Chair of the Township's Accessibility Advisory Committee.



Pictured here are some of the recipients with council members

### Be on the lookout for the destructive Ash Borer

The emerald ash borer (EAB) is a highly destructive invasive beetle and pest of ash trees. It was confirmed as present in Canada in the summer of 2002. For more information visit the Township website.



## Township Festivals

### The Lakefield Jazz Art & Craft Festival

July 4, 2015

[www.lakefieldjazzfest.ca](http://www.lakefieldjazzfest.ca)

The Lakefield Jazz, Art & Craft Festival is an annual event held in July. Enjoy a breezy day of outdoor summer living beside Lakefield's scenic Otonabee River to enjoy a wide variety of live music, colourful works for sale by artisans and crafters, plus interesting catered food and ice cold beverages.



### Ennismore Shamrock Truck & Tractor Pull

2014: July 18, 19 & 20

[www.ennismoreshamrockfestival.ca](http://www.ennismoreshamrockfestival.ca)

The Ennismore Shamrock Festival Truck & Tractor Pull is an annual July festival in Ennismore. It is a 3-day celebration featuring events for all age groups. Friday evening, Family Tyes is playing live, an open mic for local talent and fireworks! Saturday is family fun day and Sunday features the annual Truck and Tractor Pulls.



### PolarFest

January 30, 31 & Feb 1, 2015

[www.polarfest.ca](http://www.polarfest.ca)

PolarFest is an annual winter festival. It is a family fun filled weekend made up of horse drawn sleigh rides, lake curling, professional ice carvings, the Polar Cup 4 on 4 outdoor hockey tournament, Polar Paddle Canoe Race, night-time guided hike and campfire, chainsaw ice carvings, BEL Rotary Polar Plunge, a pancake breakfast and so much more. There is something for everyone.



# Selwyn Township's Community Improvement Plan

## Can you See it Now? The Future Township of Selwyn

The Community Improvement Plan (CIP) adopted in January 2012 has two components. The **first addresses improvements to the public realm** and the **second identifies projects that would improve the private realm** in the downtown centres of the Township. The CIP also has design guidelines that can be used to enhance business facades, signage, streetscapes, and landscaping. Now that we have the plan, where do we go from here?

**It's time to take that vision and make it a reality!**

The Township has launched three (3) financial incentive programs to assist **private**

**business owners** within a CIP area to improve their properties. The program has generated a lot of interest from local business owners and the Township has awarded a number of grants for Landscape and Façade Improvements already.

The Township has also received funding through the Ministry of Agriculture's Rural Economic Development (RED) program to help move the CIP and its vision for **public realm improvements** forward. The Township will be working with Basterfield & Associates who will prepare design concepts and construction plans for each of the four CIP areas within the Township. Working with the

community has always been an important part of any municipal project and this is no different. A project team with representatives of our local beautification committees (including the Horticultural Societies of Ennismore and Lakefield; and the Bridgenorth Beautification Committee) will help develop the plans. We will also be seeking input from community members. The planning process will continue throughout the summer so keep an eye out for your chance to provide input on this project and share your vision of your community!

Check the Township website for more information.



### CIP Improvement Area

Queen Street and Concession Street in Lakefield has been completed with another set of traffic lights. The intersection has been widened, cobble stone added within the sidewalks, and decorative lights with benches help create a charming atmosphere within the quaint village.



### Mobile Sign Replacement



Before: Mobile Sign



New Permanent Sign

## Meet your Councillors: Mayor Mary Smith



Mayor Mary Smith  
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It's been another successful year in the Township of Selwyn. Community input, council commitment, staff expertise and volunteers have resulted in several

large municipal projects completed and new ones started. They include the renovations and accessibility improvements to the Robert E. Young Community Centre and the Ennismore Curling Club, streetscape improvements at the Queen and Concession Street intersection, a planned addition to the public works building at the Centre Line and ice slab replacement at the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre.

Selwyn's new Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for Bridgenorth, Ennismore, Young's Point and Lakefield is in place and making a difference. Many businesses have received funding to improve their facades, purchase signage and enhance landscaping. Provincial funds will be used to create more detailed designs for our CIP areas and groups committed to beautification (Lakefield Horticultural Society, Ennismore Horticultural Society, Young's Point

businesses and the Bridgenorth Beautification Committee) will be involved in seeing our vision for these public spaces become a reality.

Business investments have resulted in new jobs and increased tax revenues. Planning department staff kept very busy with applications ranging from a seniors retirement home, Savage Arms and SGS industrial expansions, to large commercial developments like Giant Tiger, a new subdivision in Woodland Acres and many waterfront property redevelopments.

Selwyn's Strategic Plan guides Council's decisions. Our township is often seen as a leader in sustainability, accessibility, risk management, human resources, planning and financial management.

I have had the privilege of attending

anniversaries at Gilmour Baptist Church, Lakefield Baptist Church, St. Martin's Catholic School, Chemong Lake and District Lions Club, Ennismore Curling Club and joined them in celebrating their remarkable history.

As we come to the end of this term, I want to thank Council and staff for working effectively as a team. I am confident that with the support of an engaged public we can achieve our vision of being "A progressive community that is healthy, diverse and sustainable".

I find social media an exciting way to inform people both within and beyond our township about events and news in Selwyn. You can follow me on Twitter and Facebook.

 @MayorMarySmith.

 **Mary Smith- Mayor of Township of Selwyn**

Mayor Mary Smith



## Township Landfill is the New Home for a Household Hazardous Waste Depot (HHWD)

The Township of Selwyn has expanded the Smith Landfill to incorporate a Household Hazardous Waste Depot (HHWD) in conjunction with Peterborough County.

The depot is located within the recycle area of the landfill and will be open on Tuesdays and Saturdays only until Labour Day, then Saturdays only from Labour Day to Thanksgiving. Items such as aerosols, paint, antifreeze, motor oil and cleaning products can be dropped off.

Please take advantage of the summer hours at the Landfill to avoid delays

during peak season. All items are weighed coming and going to the landfill including leaves and compost.

Thank you for always providing your Dump Card to the Landfill Site attendant for proof of residency. The Smith Landfill is a privilege to use for the Township of Selwyn residents only. All loads to the landfill may be inspected upon arrival to confirm recycle and construction material is sorted and put in the appropriate locations.

Check the website for details.



Attending the opening ceremony for the new hazardous waste depot included I-r Deputy Mayor Andy Mitchell, Mayor Mary Smith, Peterborough County Warden J. Murray Jones, Councillors Sherry Senis and Donna Ballantyne and Lily Hamill from the County of Peterborough Environmental Services.

### Effective September 2, 2014!! Mattress & Box Spring Recycling Program

Mattresses and Box Springs will no longer be accepted at the Smith Landfill as of September 2, 2014. After this date, in order to be consistent with the changes being made to the recycling program at the Peterborough Waste Management Facility, mattresses and box springs must be taken to **1260 Bensfort Road**, where they will then be recycled. A \$10.00 fee per item will apply to help to offset the cost of recycling.

### Township of Selwyn is looking for Volunteers

- Lakefield Jazz, Art & Craft Festival
- Ennismore Shamrock Truck & Tractor Pull
- The Lakefield Trail
- PolarFest
- Volunteer Fire Fighters
- Library Volunteers
- Community Policing Volunteers

Anyone interested in volunteering please contact the Township of Selwyn at 705-292-9507

### Fire Master Plan Approved

This past June, Council endorsed and adopted a five year Fire Master Plan. The Master Plan contains a list of 21 recommendations formed through a review of the overall working operations of the Fire Department. The recommendations covered a number of topics including governance, administration, communications, fire prevention/education, emergency operations, apparatus/ equipment and maintenance operations. The Selwyn Fire Department is a volunteer based department comprised of 85 volunteer firefighters, 3 full time staff, and one part time training officer. The department is equipped with 8 Pumper Trucks, 1 Pumper Tanker, 5 Rescue Units, 3 Rescue Boats, two brush fire units, two support vehicles and 2 – 60 Kilowatt mobile generators. In 2013, the Township Fire Department responded to 876 incidents. For more information about the Township of Selwyn Fire Master Plan, visit the Township website.

### Carbon Monoxide “The Silent Killer”

Carbon monoxide (CO) is the #1 cause of unintentional poisoning deaths in North America. Carbon monoxide replaces oxygen in the blood causing nausea, headache, flu like symptoms, unconsciousness and possibly death. **The law in Ontario is changing.** Homes that have a fuel burning appliance like wood, oil, propane or natural gas or homes that have an attached garage will need a carbon monoxide alarm outside all sleeping areas.

Ensure you have working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in your home, and test them regularly.

## Meet your Councillors: Deputy Mayor Andy Mitchell



Deputy Mayor Andy Mitchell  
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This Council Communicator will be the final edition for this term of council and I would like to thank every resident for their help and support during this term. These past three and a half years have seen the township successfully face numerous challenges, move forward on several initiatives and continue to provide sound fiscal management to the corporation.

Because we recognize the importance of economic development for our township, council has worked hard to assist area businesses. A new ad hoc economic development committee has been established. The committee's activities build on previous ad hoc committees which worked with local businesses on both our sign and trailer park by-laws. Our Community Improvement Plans are now in place and local businesses have received financial

support in generating new economic activity.

Council has also worked hard on issues which address improving our quality of life. A new Fire Master Plan has just been completed which works to protect the safety of our citizens. Our recreational trails plan is being implemented. Work continues on our township trails system and with the help of the entire community we are assisting with the second Habitat for Humanity build.

Council has also worked on several long term initiatives, including an Asset Management Plan and an Energy Management Plan.

Our Asset Management Plan is being developed to ensure that our bridges, roads, water and sewer infrastructure is maintained into the future.

Council recently adopted a Community Energy Management Plan which outlines initiatives for energy conservation and demand management. The Township is committed to energy efficiency in all municipal operations and will also report annually on energy consumption. Our energy management plan is being developed to ensure we continue to be good stewards. The installation of solar panels on some of our Township buildings has created a revenue stream being set aside for future sustainability initiatives.

With your help we will continue to make Selwyn Township a great place to live, work and play.

*Deputy Mayor Andy Mitchell*

## Did you know the Township provides...

### Licenses

- **Dog Tags** - \$15 before March 31, \$20 thereafter
- **Marriage Licenses** - \$100
- **Lottery Licenses** – fee based on lottery amount
- **Bed & Breakfast Licenses** – \$75 for 1st bedroom, \$10/additional bedroom
- **Kennel Licenses** - \$100
- **Trailer Park Licenses** - \$150

### Building & Planning

- Building and Plumbing Permits
- Culvert/Entrance Permit
- Pool Permit
- Minor Variance
- Zoning By-law
- Secondary and Garden Suites

### Other

- Commissioner of Oath - \$10
- Recognition Certificates – No Charge
- Garbage Bag Tags - \$2 each
- Curbside Recycling Bins - \$5 each
- Bathroom Recycling “Blue in the Loo” Bins - \$3 each
- Composters
  - Kitchen Catchers - \$5.00
  - Garden Earth Composter - \$28.25
  - Compost Digester - \$45.00
- Water Testing Kit – No Charge

### Parks and Recreation

- Facility Rentals
- Ice Rentals
- Call about Info on:
  - Community Events
  - Sports Registration
  - Bridgenorth and Lakefield Trails
  - Township Festivals

## Adhoc Economic Development Committee to Develop Terms of Reference

Council created an Adhoc Economic Development Committee earlier this year to make economic development related recommendations for the current Council to consider and to develop a Terms of Reference for a possible permanent Economic Development Committee to be considered by the members of the new Council. The new Council will take office in December of 2014. Individuals representing the geographic areas of the Township as well as from a variety of business sectors have been appointed to the Adhoc Committee. Councillors Donna Ballantyne and Sherry Senis act as the Council representatives on the Committee. If you have information or ideas that you would like to share with the Committee please forward them to the Township office. The Adhoc Committee is very interested in improving opportunities for business owners.

### Pay your property taxes with EASE...

Electronic property tax payment options are an Easy, Automated, Secure and Effective way to pay your property taxes.

Our monthly pre-authorized payment plan allows you to spread your property tax payments out over 11 months instead of the 4 regular due dates.

If you like the regular instalment due dates, why not enrol in our instalment pre-authorized plan and know your taxes will always be paid on time.

Do you bank online or by

phone? Why not add us as payee and pay your bill from the convenience of your home or smartphone.

New in 2014 we are offering an arrears management pre-authorized payment plan. Contact our office today to find out how you can take advantage of this new plan.

We also accept payment by debit, cash, cheque and post-dated cheque in our office.

Visit our website, call us or come in to learn how to pay your property taxes with EASE!

## Committees of Council

Interested in sharing your ideas and influencing the delivery of municipal services? Why not consider volunteering on one of the Township's many Committees and Boards. Consider applying for the following Committees or Boards:

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Smith-Ennismore Police Services Board
- Library Board
- Heritage Committee
- Trails Committee
- Potential New Economic Development Committee
- Fence Viewers and Property Standards Committees

We will be seeking members for these Committees commencing with the new term of Council in December of 2014. Watch for more information on the application process and deadlines this fall.

### Improvements to our Township Website!

[www.selwyntownship.ca](http://www.selwyntownship.ca)

A new and improved website is on its way and we want to hear from you. Our goal is to make the site more user friendly.

- What information are you trying to find?
- Are you always able to find what you're looking for?
- Is there something you'd like to see added?

Please send any comments/suggestions to:

[hgrosklag@mypubliclibrary.ca](mailto:hgrosklag@mypubliclibrary.ca)

## Meet your Councillors: Sherry Senis, Smith Ward



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This past year, Council and staff have been busy working along with public input on some

key plans. Completed was the Recreation Plan, a Trails Master Plan (committee member), a Fire Master Plan (committee member) a new harmonized Sign By-law and a harmonized Trailer Park By-law (committee member). I am pleased to advise these new plans will form our road maps to move forward.

A sub-committee of the sign By-law (committee member) dealt with replacing the unsightly mobile signs along Ward Street in Bridgenorth. You can begin to see the results with the improved, attractive new signage.

We celebrated International Trails Day in Selwyn on June 5. B.E.L. Rotary sponsored buses to take students from Chemong Public School to walk the Bridgenorth Trail, and ORCA staff provided interpretive instruction of the

flora and fauna along the way.

The County installed a 4 way stop at Buckhorn and Curve Lake Roads which improves road safety. ROADWATCH signs are being installed in various parts of the Township to remind motorists that the program is in place for residents to report dangerous, aggressive drivers to the OPP.

A new plan of subdivision was approved for the Woodland Acres area, which will see approximately 74 residences that will be a mix of single family dwellings and townhouses.

My request for a new ad hoc economic development committee was approved by council to work on ways to support our local business and attract new business to our

Township.

We want to congratulate Giant Tiger on their expansion, and welcome our newest addition, PharmaSave, to the Ward. Kawartha Country Wines is looking to expand their operation to Smith Ward. We wish them all success.

A Huge Thank You to all of the residents who volunteer their time to various organizations in our community. You help make Selwyn the best place to live, work and play.

Don't hesitate to call me to discuss any issues, or if you want to get involved in Township activities. I want to hear from you with questions, comments, concerns or suggestions!

*Sherry Senis, Smith Ward*



## Improved Accessibility for all at the Selwyn Public Library

The library is pleased to announce the receipt of a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to allow the purchase of specialized computer equipment and software for the purpose of improving access to library services for persons with low vision and hearing loss. As the population ages, there is an increasing need to address the visual and auditory challenges that many of us will face. This new equipment will help meet this need right in our local community.

Large screen monitors, keyboards and portable magnifying devices will be available soon at all our locations. For persons with a visual disability, our Bridgenorth Branch will offer a fully accessible computer work station with specialized software, zoomtext magnifier, a CCTV with speech, capable of not only magnifying print and pictures, but adjusting to meet specific visual conditions. We are also adding a hot spot device that works with hearing aids or headphones to improve communication.

In addition, for those needing only a little help, the library loans audio books, large print titles and e-readers (with adjustable font sizes). Anybody

with a permanent or temporary learning, visual or physical disability preventing their use of regular books can use our library to connect with the Centre for Equitable Library Access (CELA) to access their collections.

The library is now loaning tablets to the public free of charge. This is a great way to access the library's free downloadable e-book collection and see if electronic books are for you without investing in any equipment.

The library's goal is to ensure that reading and access to information remains a possibility for all. Contact staff at any branch of our library system for additional information.

The Selwyn Public Library also has a Facebook and Pinterest page:



**Facebook:**  
[www.facebook.com/SelwynPublicLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/SelwynPublicLibrary)



**Pinterest:**  
[www.pinterest.com/mypubliclibrary](http://www.pinterest.com/mypubliclibrary)

## Social Media in the Township of Selwyn

We are very excited that the Township of Selwyn is a part of the Social Media world!

Social media has experienced an incredible surge in popularity over the past decade, and offers many new ways for the municipality to reach out and engage our citizens.

We can offer news from various municipal departments and programs, share information on local services, obtain public feedback on important community issues, and foster an online community that brings our citizens together.

While Social Media is technology based, it is the people who drive it. Social Media is a place where people

have a voice and can interact with others in ways never before imagined, so we encourage you to join us at Selwyn Township, and be a part of our Social Media Community!

The Township can now be found on



**Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/SelwynTownship](http://www.facebook.com/SelwynTownship)



**Twitter**  
<https://twitter.com/SelwynTownship>



**YouTube**  
[www.youtube.com/user/SelwynTownship](http://www.youtube.com/user/SelwynTownship)

## Construction Season has begun for 2014



East Communication Road (ECR) (pictured here) construction will continue from Burnside Road to Brumwell Street reconstructing the road and adding a sidewalk on the south side complete with a fresh lift of asphalt.

Jones Beach Road is to be completed with curbs installed, landscaping and a fresh lift of asphalt.

Woodland Drive from the Centre Line east to the city limits will have the wheel ruts repaired and a complete overlay of hot mix asphalt.

## Replacement of the Arena Floor and Dasher Board System at the Lakefield-Smith Community Centre



The Lakefield-Smith Community Centre is undergoing the replacement of the arena floor and dasher board system. The arena project is being completed by A-CON, who has provided a construction schedule which demonstrates that the project can be completed without compromising events such as the Antique and Flower Show (August) or regular start-up of the ice rentals (September).

## Meet your Councillors: Donna Ballantyne, Ennismore Ward



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It is very hard to believe; but we end another term of Council in 2014! It has

been an honour and a privilege to serve the residents of Selwyn, but specifically the ratepayers in the Ennismore Ward. I always endeavour to address the varied concerns and problems of the people.

As a Council we have been committed to maintaining a high level of service while implementing modest tax increases.

In 2014, renovations were completed at the Ennismore Curling Club. The Club contributed financially to this project and worked in conjunction with Township staff and contractors in order to make the building accessible while creating more storage space and giving the building an interior and exterior facelift. Congratulations on the 40th anniversary of the club.

The Ennismore Community Centre Committee will be finalizing their work

in 2014 with the completion of landscaping and a variety of interior enhancements.

Some members of this committee have been instrumental in bringing, "The James Gang," and lacrosse (at various age levels) back to Ennismore. The Ennismore Horticultural Society is planning many more enhancements to our landscape; watch for these as they progress with their work through the season.

Council and staff continue to work with our business owners in order to make economic development more viable in our Township. We have provided dollars to support businesses in a number of ways through the framework of our Community Improvement Plan. We also started an Adhoc Economic Development Committee in the spring of 2014. Representatives from numerous businesses in our Township

as well as staff and two Council members sit on this committee.

I sit on the Adhoc Economic Development, the Trail and the Community Centre Committees. I also serve as the Council representative on the Library Board that represents the three Township libraries.

Thank you for all of your support over the past eleven years! I am inspired by your sense of community and your dedication in order to make our community the best place to live!

Have a great summer; we have waited so long for the weather to improve this year. Enjoy it!

As always, do not hesitate to contact me with issues or concerns.

*Donna Ballantyne, Ennismore Ward*



### Ontario Volunteer Service Awards May 6th, 2014

Pictured above (L to R) M.P.P. Peterborough Jeff Leal and award recipients Anita Locke and Thomas Campbell. Absent from picture is Alec Denys, who also received the Ontario Volunteer Service Award, which recognizes individual volunteers for continuous years of commitment and dedicated service to an organization. Anita, Thomas and Alec have served as volunteers on the County-Township Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC), whose mandate is to advise and assist Council and staff in promoting and facilitating accessible goods, services and facilities.

## Lakefield Clock Tower Project

Local residents will know that the clock has not been functional now for a number of years. The original clock works are 100 years old this year and had been modified several times over the years in an effort to automate the winding and look after power failures. These efforts were designed to prevent the need for constant attention where someone would have to climb up in the tower to wind the works or adjust the time. While these modifications allowed us to carry on for a number of years, the system had reached a point where it was no longer able to keep reliable time.



On August 9, the Township Heritage Committee is planning an event to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the building. Contact the Township for more information.

This summer the clocks' faces are going to get refreshed and new clock works installed. The clock faces will be back lit with LED lights. The new works are completely automated so that the system can automatically reset after power failures and do seasonal adjustments for daylight savings time.

A little known feature of the original installation is a large bell that is part of the clock works. If all goes as planned, the new clock works will ring the bell daily at noon.

### A Skateboard Park for the Kids, by the Kids.

In January 2012, the need for skateboard parks within the Township was introduced as a recommendation in the Recreation Services Plan.

The Township of Selwyn received funding from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to undertake a skateboard initiative. Local youth with an avid interest in skateboarding and BMX biking will help develop plans for a new skateboard park in the Township.

Youth involved in the program will be able to have input into the design elements for a skateboard park. Once the design is completed, the Township is hoping to gather enough funds to construct the skateboard parks in Lakefield, Bridgenorth and Ennismore.

Not only will the youth be working on designing the skateboard park but they will also be receiving leadership training and the opportunity to better understand the inner workings of municipal government.

Twenty years down the road, you could say that you were part of designing the Township of Selwyn's skateboard parks; how cool is that?

For more information check out the Township website!

## Green Initiatives in Selwyn Township

Selwyn Township currently has three solar projects in operation that were installed in the summer and fall of 2012. To date these three projects have generated approximately 60,000 kWh of electricity. For comparison purposes, this amount of electricity is roughly equivalent to the amount of power we consume in all five of our township fire halls combined over the course of a year.

Selwyn Township continues to have an interest in developing solar projects. In addition to the three solar projects we currently own and operate, we also have applications before the Ontario Power Authority

(OPA) for three new projects. The current round of applications has been underway since December of 2013 and so far our three new project applications have cleared the first hurdle in the review process. There are other steps to clear yet and we are hopeful that we will have some if not all of our applications approved this summer.

If you have an interest in solar power and would like some more information, check out the township website [www.selwynthownship.ca](http://www.selwynthownship.ca). There you will find links to our three projects where you can explore how they are performing.

## Meet your Councillors: Anita Locke, Lakefield Ward



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We are pleased to once again provide you with updates on the exciting initiatives that have been undertaken this past year.

Our township and the City of

Peterborough have successfully arranged a new contract for the provision of policing in the village effective January 1, 2015. Residents will continue to receive the same level of service as has been provided since 1998. While it is anticipated that the cost will be lower, we will no longer have a seat on the Police Services Board when the new Peterborough Police Service is constituted post de-amalgamation.

Watch for an information bulletin coming to your mailbox in the coming weeks.

2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the former post office in Lakefield (which now houses the Chamber of Commerce and police station). The Municipal Heritage Committee (MHC, established in 2010), on which I sit as its council representative, plans to host an event marking the occasion on August 9, 2014.

The MHC has also recommended this

building for heritage designation.

This is the third of three buildings in the township to receive a heritage designation. It is important that we preserve our past, and designating these buildings is just one way of doing that. The clock tower is once again operational after many years; it will be great to have its "hands of time" working again.

I have been council's representative on the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC), a joint committee of the County of Peterborough and our township, since 2007. The AAC provides input on, and raises awareness of, accessibility issues. Congratulations to the Chair of our committee, Alec Denys, who was named the recipient of the 2014 Holnbeck Award, a lifetime achievement award for those who have enhanced the quality of life of people with disabilities.

Congratulations also to all of our

residents and businesses who received awards at the annual Peterborough County Recognition Awards ceremony in May. We appreciate your contributions to our township.

Thanks also to the local businesses – including but not limited to – SGS Lakefield Research, Savage Arms, Safe Harbour condos, Regency seniors apartments, Vern and Bonnie Hamilton (remodel of former bowling alley) and others - for expansions and improvements to your businesses. You enhance our community and we are blessed to have you here in the village.

It continues to be an honour and a pleasure to serve as your Lakefield Ward councillor; thank you for your continued support.

Have a great summer everyone! Stay safe and have fun!

Anita Locke, Lakefield Ward

## Fast Facts

- The Clerks Department issued 46 marriage licences in 2013
- The Finance Department issued 9,519 property tax bills in January 2014
- The Building and Planning Department issued 342 permits in 2013
- 1200 people attended the Annual Lakefield Jazz, Art & Craft festival in 2013
- 900 people attended the Ennismore Shamrock Truck & Tractor Pull in 2013 and approximately 600 people attended Saturday's Family Fun Day
- Approximately 3400 hours of ice was rented at the Lakefield and Ennismore Arenas for the 2013/2014 ice season
- The Libraries issued 247 new patron cards in the 1st quarter of 2014 compared to 232 in the 1st quarter of 2013
- Since joining Twitter on September 30, 2013 the Township has sent 579 tweets and has 326 followers as of May 29, 2014
- In 2013, 57.05% of property taxes were paid electronically
- (online/telephone banking, pre-authorized payment plans)
- Total property assessment increased by 3.59% from 2013 to 2014
- The rural residential tax rate decreased by 1.43% from 2013 to 2014
- Property tax instalments are always due the 1st Monday in March, May and October, and the 2nd Monday in August (delayed due to Civic Holiday)
- The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)'s AboutMyProperty™ can show you how and why your property assessment is determined and allows you to compare your property assessment with others in your neighbourhood. Look for your Roll Number and Access Key which is shown on the Property Assessment Notice that you received in 2012
- Digging? Call Ontario One Call before you dig 1.800.400.2255 (24/7 and it's free)
- Council meeting dates are listed on the Township website.

## Help Reduce Aggressive Driving!

The Road Watch program implemented in 2012 by Council, gives residents the ability to report dangerous and aggressive driving within our Township. As a community driven program we hope citizens continue reporting unlawful driver behaviour. With citizen involvement, this program will continue to thrive and ensure the safety of our roads for all!

Reports can be made online at [www.roadwatch.ca](http://www.roadwatch.ca)



## Don't forget your pet!

Similar to the family 72 hour emergency preparedness kit, pet owners need to plan for their pets in the event of an evacuation or emergency. Use this Pet Emergency Survival Kit Checklist to help make sure your pet is prepared.



### Recommended items for dogs and cats:

- Food, water, bowls, manual can opener and spoon
- Up-to-date ID tag
- Current photo of you and your pet
- Emergency contact list of pet friendly hotels/motels outside your area, friends, relatives and your veterinarian
- Copies of medical records vaccinations
- Information on feeding schedule,

medical and/or behavioural problems

- Medications and first aid kit
- Familiar bedding, small toy and brush
- Leash, collar or harness and muzzle (dogs)
- Litter/pan and scooper (cats) or poop n' scoop bags (dogs)
- Carrier large enough to transport and house your pet

Be sure to check the expiry date of your contents twice a year.

## Did you know....

Each Township snow plow uses approximately 200 litres of fuel per day on a typical plow route. With fuel at a rate of \$1.35/litre this costs \$270.00 per day. The Public Works Department receives 13% of each tax bill. This means that the portion of your annual tax bill that is allocated to the Public Works Department will put fuel in one snow plow for one day.

## Contact Information

Name	Number
<b>Township office:</b> <a href="http://www.selwyntownship.ca">www.selwyntownship.ca</a>	(705) 292-9507 Fax (705) 292-8964
Toll Free from 705 Area Code:	1-877-213-7419
General Email Address	twpsel@nexicom.net
Landfill Site	(705) 652-7719
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 - Peterborough County	(705) 775-2737 ext. 302
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
Ministry of Natural Resources	1-800-667-1940
Emergency	911

### Meeting & Reception Facilities

Our facilities are licenced, air-conditioned & accessible

Marshland Centre, Lakefield: 75 Guests

Bridgenorth Hall: 125 Guests

Ennismore Community Centre Auditorium: 200 Guests

Lakefield-Smith Community Centre

Niels Pind Room: 120 Guests



Contact the Township Office for more information  
705.292.9507

### Hours of Operation

#### Municipal Office - 1310 Centre Line, Smith Ward

Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

#### Fire Department - 883 Ward Street, Bridgenorth

Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

#### Landfill - 1480 8th Line, Smith Ward

#### Landfill Summer Hours - April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Wednesday 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Thursday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

#### Landfill Winter Hours - November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

