



Selwyn Township Council Members stand, physically distanced, at the newly reconstructed intersection of Nathaway Drive and River Avenue in Young's Point. The Township invested \$985,768 which included a "Main Streets Ontario" grant in the amount of \$53,530. The project included improving the efficiency of the intersection and added new sidewalks, decorative streetlights and plantings.

Helping Our Community Respond to COVID-19

On April 28, 2020 Council members unanimously supported a Notice of Motion presented by Mayor Andy Mitchell to establish a COVID-19 Economic Recovery Strategy. Following the Notice of Motion, on May 28, 2020, Council reviewed and passed a resolution to proceed with the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Strategy that was designed, in accordance with Council's direction, to assist residents and local businesses adjust to the economic disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic's impact is widespread and the Strategy provides support across all sectors of the community, including residents, businesses and community organizations. The funding committed to the Selwyn COVID-19 Economic Recovery Strategy

for 2020 is just over \$590,000. In 2021, this financial commitment is \$135,000. Some of the initiatives included in the Selwyn COVID-19 Economic Recovery Strategy include: Providing support to businesses to access Federal, Provincial and Municipal financial relief programs, assisting the construction industry to restart building activities, providing municipal financial support program to residents (e.g. waiver of interest and penalties), multi-media marketing campaign, not-for-profit support, financial support program for businesses, accelerating Township purchases to create local economic activity and moving forward with Township capital projects.

Helping Businesses Adapt

The Township of Selwyn, along with its partner Community Futures Peterborough, launched the Selwyn Business Re-opening Program, which provided a grant of up to \$2,500 to eligible businesses located within Selwyn Township to go towards COVID-19 related adaptation expenses. Eligible expenses included PPE, screens, signage, floor markings, sanitizing stations, changing room adaptations, implementation of online sales platforms, etc. Over 100 businesses applied for the program and have been grateful for the support!



Above:
Sullivan's General Store was another recipient of funding through the Selwyn Re-opening Program grant.



Lockside Trading Company - another Selwyn Business Re-opening Program grant recipient!



Right:
Cassis Bistro received funding to set up their patio.



Weiss Massage Therapy received funding towards purchasing PPE.



Through Provincial directives and by following the guidance of Peterborough Public Health, the Township responded quickly to support "flattening the curve". It became mandatory to close facilities and to adjust how services were being offered. The above timeline provides a quick snapshot of closures and changes due to COVID-19.

Welcome Chantal!

Chantal Simmons is the newest member of the Selwyn Township team and is our new Building Inspector / By-law Enforcement Officer. Chantal brings with her 13 years in the building industry, including 5 years of municipal experience. Her strong awareness of the building process and customer service requirements, understanding of the Ontario Building Code and regulations, and ability to read technical drawings and site plans make her a great fit with our team. Welcome Chantal!



Welcome Hillary!

Hillary Bradshaw is the new Environmental Programs Intern with the Township of Selwyn. With a background in plastic pollution and conservation, Hillary is happy to be part of the Township team to help with current and future projects to make a more sustainable culture in the Township! Some of these projects include the ReLeaf and Backyard Digester Program, the Green Event Policy and Clear Garbage Bag Program. You can catch Hillary doing outreach at the Landfill about waste management initiatives on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10am-1pm. Hillary's position is in part funded through the Colleges and Institutes Canada Career Launcher Internships. Welcome Hillary!



The Link - Rural Transportation System



The Province of Ontario has awarded \$1.48 million through the Community Transportation Grant program for a public transportation pilot called *The Link*. Project partners include Selwyn Township, Curve Lake First Nation, Community Care, and the City of Peterborough. Peterborough Transit has been contracted as the operator of the service. Plans are underway to get the *The Link* 'on the road'. A user survey was launched in December, 2019 and three public open houses were held in February, 2020 in Curve Lake, Lakefield, and Ennismore. Public feedback obtained through the consultation process has shaped the proposed service design, including the two routes, Curve Lake – Lakefield, and Ennismore-Bridgenorth, as well as the bus stops, schedule, fare structure and branding. The project team hopes that ridership will grow through the pilot period to demonstrate the need for sustainable rural transportation. The project timeline has been delayed by a year due to COVID-19 but stay tuned for the launch date by joining the mailing list at: selwyntownship.ca/thelink

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Make Your Event a Green One

On February 25th, 2020, Selwyn Township Council approved a Green Event Policy, which will help support event organizers to make sustainable choices so that events held on Township property produce as little waste and greenhouse gas emissions as possible. This policy can be used by the Township and the community for events ranging from staff lunches to large-scale festivals. Community groups including the Lakefield Lions, Ennismore Curling Club and local businesses have all shown interest in using the policy for future events. The Selwyn Public Library and planning committee for the Lakefield Jazz, Craft and Art Festival also plan on using the policy to reduce their carbon footprint! To make it as easy as possible for event organizers to utilize the policy, several resources have

been developed and are available on the Township's Green Initiatives webpage: selwyntownship.ca/green-initiatives

If you are planning a green event, we encourage you to keep the Township updated so we can recognize your efforts!



Not Just Books at the Library!

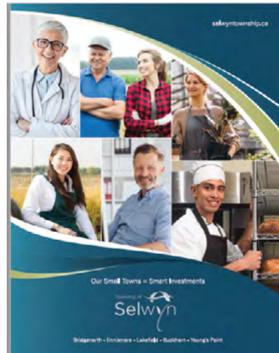
When's the last time you "visited" your library, either in-person or online? These past few months have highlighted the importance of online access, alternative ways to deliver programs, and staying connected. The library has continued to serve our community through new and exciting avenues. We offer a variety of programs and resources virtually. You can learn a new language with Mango, test your knowledge during Online Trivia Night, enjoy online story time, or get techy with our YouTube videos. CloudLibrary gives you access to thousands of eBooks and audiobooks that you can download and enjoy from your computer, tablet, or mobile device. Or try our newest resource, Hoopla. Offering eBooks, audiobooks, music, TV shows, and movies that are always available and never on hold!

We also offer public computers, printing, faxing, photocopying, and free 24/7 Wi-Fi that can be accessed from the comfort of our seating areas, outdoor patio, or parking lot (network name is Public Library, no password required). As we move forward, we want to reassure everyone that the library will strive to connect with you wherever you are, either in-person or online. Visit us at MyPublicLibrary.ca, on Twitter: @SelwynLibrary, on Facebook: @SelwynPublicLibrary, and subscribe to our monthly e-Newsletter. In case you were wondering, yes! We also have books.



Our Small Towns = Smart Investments

The Township's Business Attraction Guide was developed by Strexer Harrop & Associates, with input from the Economic Development & Business Committee and Township staff. This 8 page attraction guide will be used to provide potential investors with quick facts about our Township. Check out the Business Attraction Guide on-line today: selwyntownship.ca/BusinessAttractionGuide.



Paying Your Property Taxes

Have you ever forgotten a tax due date? No one likes to pay penalty or interest, so why not make sure you never pay any again? Setting up online payments is fast and easy. You can post-date your payments as soon as you receive your bill and never worry about missing a due date. Simply add us as a payee for your online banking and enter your roll number as your account number. It's that easy!

Want to do even less? Sign up for pre-authorized payments (PAP) and we'll do all the work. There are no administration fees or charges - simply choose your plan: instalment, monthly or arrears management.

Our **monthly** pre-authorized payment plan allows you to spread your property tax payments out over 10 months instead of the 4 regular due dates. You can start at any time of the year, as long as your account is up-to-date. If you like the regular **instalment** due dates, enroll in our instalment pre-authorized payment plan and the instalment amounts will be automatically withdrawn on the due dates.

If you've fallen behind on your payments, our **arrears management** plan might be for you. We'll work together to develop a plan to get you caught up. Cash, debit and cheque payment options are also available. Questions? Contact our office or visit our website for more information.

Plan Type	Date of withdrawals	Number of withdrawals
Instalment	On the due dates: 1st Monday in March 1st Monday in May 2nd Monday in August 1st Monday in October	4
Monthly	The 15th of each month except January and December	10
Arrears Management	The 15th and/or the 30th of each month except January and December	10 or 20

Building & Planning Service Review

Selwyn Township has completed a review of the services of the Building and Planning Department and we would like to thank everyone for their feedback! The Township hired Performance Concepts Consulting Inc. to facilitate the work of the Building & Planning Review Ad-hoc Committee. They also facilitated public engagement, analyzed opportunities and constraints, reviewed industry best practices, customer service standards and efficiencies, etc. As part of the recommendations in their final Report, Performance Concepts included a number of enhancements, resource requirements and alternative delivery options related to the function of the Building & Planning Department. Recommendations also included exploring options for providing enhanced online services such as submitting online permit applications, managing and reviewing submissions and much more. Selwyn Township Council is committed to implementing recommendations outlined in the final report over the next two years.

To view the final report and supporting documents, please visit the Building and Planning Services Review webpage: selwyntownship.ca/BuildingPlanningReview



At the 2019 AMO Conference in Ottawa, Selwyn Township Council met with the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Environment, Conservation and Parks to discuss changes made to Conservation Authorities and urged that the development of regulations be transparent and meaningful while taking into account all perspectives.



At the 2019 AMO Conference in Ottawa, Selwyn Township Council met with Jim MacDonell, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to discuss the importance of holding consultations before making changes and recognizing the unique needs of rural communities.

Customer Service Survey

In 2019, a survey was conducted to obtain feedback on the Township's customer service. 248 individuals responded to the survey with the majority of those being full-time residents. Approximately 93% of respondents said that they felt the Township's communication efforts are effective and that they can access the information they require when they need it! The most popular ways to access this information was through our website, Facebook page, monthly eNewsletter and the tax insert. Overall, we received very positive feedback on our customer service approach with 91% of respondents rating the Township's customer service as good or excellent. The remaining 9% rated the service as fair or poor. The poor/fair responses were then further analyzed to determine the common areas of concern. Using your feedback, we have been taking a number of steps to improve the Township's customer service approach! We have since added additional contract resources to assist with keeping up with By-law related matters. Future improvements include updating our website to improve site navigation and user experience and developing a way for residents to complete and submit forms online and make payments online! A Selwyn App is also being developed which will allow our residents and visitors to have all of the information they need right on their smartphone! Keep an eye out - 2020 is going to be exciting!



At the 2019 Conference in Ottawa, Mayor Mitchell spoke to the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs – Ernie Hardeman about a number of issues important to rural Ontario.



Members of Selwyn Council attended the 2020 ROMA Conference where they had an opportunity to discuss issues important to our Township and other rural communities in Ontario



At the 2019 AMO Conference in Ottawa, Selwyn Township Council met with the Minister of Long Term Care – Dr. Merrilee Fullerton and MPP Dave Smith to discuss a new long-term care facility in Selwyn Township and the process to move forward.

Meet Your Council Members

Mayor Andy Mitchell



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2020 will long be remembered as the time of COVID-19. It has been a seminal event which has shaped both our individual lives and our community. It has changed the way we do things, some temporarily and others permanently, and has challenged comfortable assumptions that have guided us in the past.

As the weeks and months have rolled by and I have spoken with many residents and associates, I have sensed an underlying rumble, almost a wail, about the unfairness of it all - and they are exactly right. There has been nothing fair about what we have faced. COVID-19 has struck at the innocent, the frail, and the elderly. It isolated us from family and friends. It created economic hardships that are weighing on many - many who can't bear any more. The restrictions on almost every aspect of our daily life, after many months has taken a mental, physical and spiritual toll on all of us.

But I have also seen and heard other things.

Front line workers, who during the dark days of spring, staffed our grocery stores, kept our pharmacies open and provided the essential services that allowed the rest of us to stay safe.

My neighbors and others across the Township, who for weeks, every night, banged pots and pans and sang O Canada to honour and recognize health care workers, paramedics and other first responders.

My colleagues, who I met with frequently by video, the dedicated elected and non-elected officials, who daily sought solutions on how to help make things better and to restore a sense of normalcy.

Our MP and MPP and their governments who reached out regularly to help address the challenges we were facing. The staff at Peterborough Public

Health, who have laboured tirelessly to keep us safe.

The team at Selwyn Township, council and staff, who worked hard to ensure our residents continued to receive services, and developed and delivered Selwyn's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Strategy.

These worst of times have shone a light on people at their very best. Residents have understood that their individual sacrifices have contributed to the collective effort to control the pandemic and help return us to a "new normal". To everyone I want to say thank you. Your actions demonstrate why Selwyn Township is a great place to live, work and enjoy. Stay safe, stay well, and be kind!

Andy Mitchell
Mayor

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When ringing in the New Year 2020, no one could have anticipated how the world was about to change.

COVID-19 has certainly altered the way we live our daily lives and the way we deliver service at the Township office. I want to take this opportunity to thank our staff at the Township and the County for continuing to provide our services during these trying times, and for the exemplary work our management teams have provided us given the ever changing rules (sometimes with very short notice) from the Province.

Council and staff reacted quickly to ease the burden on our residents by deferring property taxes with no interest or penalty. We devised a COVID-19 Economic Recovery Strategy to assist our local businesses by providing a grant of up to \$2,500 to help cover costs to help them re-open, developed a Multimedia Marketing Campaign to showcase our small businesses, which can be seen on CHEX TV, radio (Country 105, Energy 99.7, Fresh 100.5, and the Wolf 101.5), the Lakefield Herald, and Kawartha Now.

Building permit fees have been waived for projects valued at \$75,000 or less in an effort to support our construction industry, building suppliers and our residents. We are increasing the grant amount that can be accessed by businesses for Community Improvement Plan (CIP) projects; and our Economic Development Officer, Kari Partridge is available to help our businesses navigate the various Provincial and Federal government programs.

I personally have been showcasing our local businesses on Instagram and Facebook. Small business is the heartbeat of our community – Shop Local!

We, as a Council, committed to undertaking a Building and Planning Services Review and established an Ad-Hoc Committee to oversee the project. As a result of the process, which included public consultation, a transformational package of 25 recommendations was established. These recommendations are wide ranging, spanning fees modernization and cost recovery, optimized business processes, staff investment, organizational design, IT platform modernization,

performance reporting and the fostering of a customer service culture. Council is committed to implementing these recommendations over the next two years.

Our Township is forecast to experience steady growth over the coming decade. Despite COVID-19, the construction value of the building permits submitted thus far (mid-year) is \$17, 551,301, which is only a 2% decrease compared to last year.

No one knows what the future will bring regarding COVID-19, but you can be rest assured that Council and our staff are available and just a phone call or email away. Stay safe and be well.

Sherry Senis
Deputy Mayor



In 2019, Selwyn Township Council hosted a Town Hall in each of the three wards. They were so successful that they will be back in 2021! Watch for those dates!



Selwyn Township Mayor Andy Mitchell participated in the Global Climate Action Peterborough event in Millennium Park in September 2019 and delivered an inspiring speech about how climate action should be done collectively at a local level.

Anita Locke – Lakefield Ward Councillor



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What a year it has been so far! Almost six months into COVID-19 by the time you read this; it seems much longer since the State of Emergency was implemented in March.

We should be extremely thankful that our region has not suffered the same tragic numbers that some areas in the province, and around the world, have seen. We must continue to hold the families of those who succumbed to the virus in our thoughts and prayers.

I am pleasantly surprised at the ingenuity, creativity and resiliency of some of our local residents who found particularly helpful ways to do their part to help stop the spread and keep us safe.

I think of Lakefield resident, Jack Millage, who at 93 years of age, began producing bands for face shields on his 3D printers. According to a newspaper interview from April, he has three machines and can produce three bands in just over three hours. Each band is

being attached to a face shield by his daughter Vedra and her husband and then taken to various locations including Hospice Peterborough, Extencicare Lakefield, etc.

Locally we've had folks who have been sewing fabric face masks. Many of these masks have been donated to the hospital, food banks, local retirement and long-term care homes for personal use. It is my understanding that literally thousands of masks have been created and donated. Amazing!

It's this community-mindedness and willingness to help that makes our region such a great place. Thanks to all who go above and beyond to help others.

It has been mandatory since August 1st to wear a mask in businesses and public spaces; and it's delightful to see some of the more colourful ones or those with whimsical creatures on them. That being said, not everyone can wear a mask for a variety of reasons. Let's keep

in mind that not everyone is able to wear a mask. Be kind and be sensitive to the needs and challenges of others.

For now, none of us really knows what the "new normal" is going to look like ... we're all just plodding along and doing our best for when the time comes that our community, our country and the world comes out the other side of this pandemic.

As Mayor Mitchell tells us regularly, in his weekly YouTube messages, "Stay safe and be kind" - an extremely poignant and apropos message that we should all embrace.

Anita Locke
Lakefield Ward Councillor

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I hope that this issue finds you healthy and safe. It has certainly been a tough ride for some.

In March, when the shutdown began, there was panic in the streets. From trying to figure out a way to keep your business going, to wondering what will become of my job; the questions were limitless. Then, local businesses, the backbone of our community, came to the rescue. They figured out a way to stay open and, more importantly, keep staff employed. Now I'm not saying they kept all of their staff employed, but in a matter of three days, curbside pickup was in full swing. This is due to the creative thinking of a business community that did not want to fail!

Soon businesses started letting people into their stores. Again, in quick, swift fashion, businesses came up with creative ways to create a safer shopping

environment, such as Lexan screens that have now become a familiar sight. Yes, they had to limit the number of people in the store, but they were open! Staff was getting paid and the local economy was making some headway.

Then the totally unexpected happened. People started spending money. If we cannot travel, we might as well do things around the house, and more importantly, as a family. Boat, RV, ATV sales, etc. are through the roof! Home improvement stores are booming! If you're trying to buy pressure treated lumber, then you know the pain.

This pandemic may be the worst thing that many of us will face in our lifetimes, but it may also be incredibly rewarding. It has forced us to look inside and realize what is profoundly important. Family has taken on a new importance, and the realization that a loved one will not

be around forever has changed our perspective. With my work having slowed down, I have spent more time with my wife than most summers. Since we both have more free time, we are doing more together. This is a good thing!

Find the good in the pandemic. Get out and explore all that Selwyn has to offer. Support your local businesses. They need you; as does your neighbor who works there. Spend more time with your family, and most of all...call your mom, she misses you.

Gerry Herron
Smith Ward Councillor

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Well, hasn't this been a year! During my 16 years on Council, I haven't experienced such challenging times as we have had with COVID-19.

Since March, it has been my pleasure helping various residents manoeuvre through a variety of challenges created by COVID-19 and I've enjoyed speaking with our business owners, informing them about our COVID-19 Economic Recovery Strategy.

Although many of the social events that Council regularly attend we keep up with our regular tasks as Councillors. In the early days, we utilized conference calls, but quickly moved to Zoom which allowed us auditory and visual contact with other Council members and staff. I am pleased to say that the most important and time sensitive business has been taken care of to date.

Each Councillor has a portfolio, whereby we attend specific meetings and report on the progress made to

our colleagues during each Council meeting. My portfolio is "Community Services, Transportation and Housing". I serve on the Library and Police Services Boards, as well as the Parks & Recreation Committee. I am also involved with The Link rural bus service that will hopefully start soon. The anticipated start date for The Link was May 2020, but due to COVID-19 it has been delayed. There will be two routes, one from Curve Lake-Lakefield-Peterborough and the other from Ennismore-Bridgenorth-Peterborough.

I also Chair the Wild Rice Communications Group with the Mayor, CAO and several property owners that are impacted by the planting of Wild Rice. CBC aired an excellent documentary on this issue in the early summer called, "Cottagers and Indians." It presented fair and balanced facts explaining both sides of this complex issue.

The Library Board has had regular Zoom meetings and has worked

hard to solve many problems related to COVID-19. In place of the annual volunteer dinner, we purchased 261 gift cards from local restaurants. This has a two-fold benefit showing volunteers our appreciation, as well as helping our local businesses. We transitioned from closed library facilities to offering curbside pick up to a modified open door plan. We are also working on a new Strategic Plan, as well as our 2021 budget.

The Police Services Board had two joint virtual meetings with other Boards in Peterborough County and one Selwyn Township meeting. We have received a Black Cat radar device and it is hoped that this will help with traffic and speeding issues throughout the Township.

Keep well and we hope that 2021 will be a better year!

Donna Ballantyne
Ennismore Ward Councillor

Let's Be Clear — It's Coming!

March 1, 2020 marked the soft launch of the Clear Garbage Bag Program in Selwyn Township. Residents may continue to use opaque bags during the soft launch period, but are encouraged to use clear bags as soon as possible! As of **September 1, 2021**, all residents and businesses must use clear garbage bags for both curbside collection and for garbage deposited at the landfill site. This program ensures that recyclables are not being disposed of in the

garbage and will increase diversion of residential recycling from the landfill. It will also help protect curbside collection workers from harmful objects in the garbage. Selwyn Township isn't the first municipality to implement a clear garbage bag program. Several municipalities across Canada have made the switch, including several Townships in the County of Peterborough. Each Township has seen increased diversion of recyclable materials

and a subsequent reduction in landfilled waste. Selwyn Township expects to see similar results and will be monitoring diversion rates as the program progresses. This program will ultimately minimize long term costs by extending the life of the landfill. **See page 7 for the Let's Be Clear Sorting Guide or visit the Clear Garbage Bag Program webpage: selwyntownship.ca/clearbag**



Outreach programs with local schools kept Selwyn Township busy in 2019. Class tours of the Lakefield Fire Hall, Water Treatment Plant and Smith Landfill had students engaged and amazed at how much takes place in their community!

Fire Department Celebrates Years of Service

5 Years of Service: Andrew Bowyer, Keirsten Hamblin, Tony Hopkins, Caleb McClinnis, Terry Thomas

10 Years of Service: Ian Robertson, Bruce McMahon, Corey Stoodley, Patrick Vandenberg

15 Years of Service: Mike Cavanagh, Frank Donald, Howard Jinkerson, Mike Goble, Dale Rose

20 Years of Service: Blair Scott, Bruce Procter

25 Years of Service: Greg Frost

30 Years of Service: Blake Knox

35 Years of Service: Dave Garrett, Chief Gord Jopling, Jim Rosborough

45 Years of Service: Don Patterson



A Message from the Selwyn Fire Department

A reminder to all that during the COVID-19 outbreak, when so many are confined to their homes and when their priority is keeping their family safe, please remember to test your smoke/CO alarms to ensure they are in working order. Staying home will keep the virus out, but carbon monoxide can silently creep in without the proper monitoring. The effects are equally as devastating.

Say Thank You to Your Waste Collector!

Due to COVID-19, we've been spending a more than average amount of time at home or the cottage which has created a more than average amount of garbage. Cooking, shopping online and perhaps some home renovations or purging has created more garbage. The Selwyn Township By-law states that, as residents, we can put two containers at the curb for col-

lection, weighing no more than 30lbs each per week. During the pandemic, it may have been difficult, however most times our waste collector had your back and if the material was safely packaged, it was collected. Remember, if our waste collection staff were to get COVID-19, we would have a difficult time replacing them! Waste Collection is classed as an essential

service, yet sometimes we forget that these people require a Thank You as well. Please take a moment and Thank Your Waste Collector!



New and Improved Through the CIP

The Township of Selwyn's Community Improvement Plan (CIP) provides financial incentives to businesses for improvements to buildings, signage, landscaping and other works. Currently, the Township offers four Financial Incentive Programs to local business owners or tenants: the Urban Design Study Grant, Landscaping Improvement Grant, Façade Improvement Grant and the Ground Signage Improvement Grant. To date, 88 CIP applications have been accepted with a total project value of over \$900,000! For more information on the CIP Financial Incentive Programs, visit selwyntownship.ca/CIP or email kpartridge@selwyntownship.ca.



The old Spaghetti Factory building at 150 Queen Street in Lakefield was a Façade Improvement Grant recipient



Molly's Acres was a Ground Signage Improvement Grant recipient.

Signing of the Friendship Accord

The First Nation-Municipal Community Economic Development Initiative (CEDI) is a joint-initiative with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and Cando, whose partners include Curve Lake First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan, Selwyn Township, County of Peterborough, Peterborough & the Kawarthas Economic Development, who are all committed to working together to improve our region.

Initially, CEDI was formed with the vision of developing innovative tools to support awareness of culturally significant sites, with the aim of supporting land use planning, development and the duty to consult. The partners have accomplished so much more in such a short amount of time. They have attended a number of workshops which helped each other learn and strengthen its relationships. A GIS mapping tool was created, which can be used in land use planning to identify culturally significant sites and a decision tree that will help guide the process. Also, a Wampum Belt has been created to signify the work the group has accomplished and the relationships formed along the way.



Let's Be Clear

Selwyn Township has launched a new Clear Bag Program, which will have a positive impact on keeping recycling out of the landfill and protecting our environment.

March 1st, 2020: Clear Bag Program Began

Start using clear bags for garbage.

September 1st, 2021: Clear Bag Program Becomes Mandatory

Garbage in opaque bags will be refused.

FAQS (Frequently Asked Questions)



What if there are items in my garbage I do not want other people to see?

One (1) small "opaque privacy bag" can be placed inside each clear bag for personal items, such as sanitary products, diapers, incontinence products, pet waste, or other personal items. These opaque bags are similar in size to a grocery bag.

What if I use a container for curbside garbage?

You can keep using your container, just make sure that there is no recycling in it. If you use opaque bags in a container, start using a clear bag. You can use an opaque bag (grocery-sized) for privacy items.

What do I do with my left-over opaque garbage bags?

Any leftover opaque bags can be used for future clothing donations or donated to friends/family not in a jurisdiction requiring the use of clear bags. Clear bags will not be strictly enforced until **September 1, 2021**.

Sorting Guide - Recycling

Blue Box #1 - Papers & Plastic Bags

Paper:

- Mail, fine paper, envelopes (including window)
- Newspapers, flyers, magazines, catalogues (remove over-wrap)
- Paper bags
- Shredded paper (in a clear plastic bag, tied shut)

Boxes:

- Boxes - please flatten all boxes
- Rolls (toilet paper, paper towel, wrapping paper)
- Bundled cardboard must not exceed 30" x 30" x 8" and can sit beside the Blue Box if necessary.

Plastic Bags:

Stuff all bags inside one and tie shut

- Bread, bulk, produce and milk bags (rinsed)
- Frozen fruit/vegetable bags (no zippered pouches)
- Shopping bags
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper, magazine bags (separate items from bags and recycle separately)
- Garden soil, manure, compost and road salt bags
- Over-wrap from toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, water/soft drink cases, diapers

Blue Box #2 - Containers

Plastic Containers:

- All food and beverage containers
- Bakery trays, party trays, plastic egg cartons
- Windshield washer fluid bottles, toiletry bottles
- Flower pots (less than 12") and trays

Metal Containers:

- Aluminum/steel cans
- Aluminum foil, trays, plates and liners
- Aerosol cans (empty, lids on)
- Paint cans (empty, lids off)

Glass Containers

- Clear and coloured glass bottles and jars

Cartons

- Milk/juice cartons and boxes
- Cans (e.g. chips, nuts, frozen juice)



Selwyn's Newest Trail

Selwyn Township continues to develop new trails throughout the area. In Smith Ward, Phase 1 of the Fairbairn Trail (aka the Bridgenorth to Peterborough trail) was completed allowing trail users to safely travel between Fifth Line and Lindsay Road at Creamery Road.

This 1.2 km picturesque trail provides a serene setting among the native trees and charming birds. This trail development includes parking at the Fifth Line trail head location.

In order to complete Phase 2 (Pinehill Road to Fifth Line) and Phase 3 (Creamery Road to Fairbairn Street) of the trail, Environmental Impact Studies (EIS) are necessary. The EIS began in late 2019 and will be completed this year. The final report will contain recommendations for trail construction and any necessary environmental requirements to construct this trail.

Once all three phases are completed, the trail will ultimately connect Bridgenorth to Peterborough!



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Landfill Site Summer Hours: May 16 – Oct. 12, 2021 Tuesday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Wednesday 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM Thursday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Winter Hours: Oct. 13 – May 22, 2021 Tuesday to Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM Household Hazardous Waste Depot June 25 – September 3 Thursday 9:00am - 5:00pm	(705) 292-9507
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. 0
Recycling - Emterra	(705) 742-3139
Garbage — Waste Connections of Canada	(705) 742-4268
OPP Police Administration (Ennismore & Smith)	(705) 742-0401
Peterborough Police Administration (Lakefield)	(705) 876-1122
Peterborough Humane Society (Animal Control)	(705) 745-4722 ext. 202
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
Kawartha Chamber of Commerce & Tourism	(705) 652-6963
Service Ontario - Lakefield	(705) 652-3141

Here It Grows Again - Lakefield Trail

The Lakefield Trail Stewardship Committee has begun the initial prep work on a new trail section which will connect Smith Street to Young's Point Road. Currently, an informal trail is in place, however with the Lakefield South development being planned, the Committee saw its potential.

Once completed, this section of formalized trail will connect the existing Lakefield trail system to the popular biking routes on Young's Point Road, as well as the future neighbourhood trails in the Lakefield South development. Selwyn Township will construct the trail section leading to Lakefield South after the underground work for water and sewer services for this development is completed.

Build Now – Save Now! Building Permit Fees Waived

If you were thinking of doing a home renovation, now's the time to start! Maybe it's a garage, a large shed, a deck or a small addition, now's the time to build and save!

As part of our COVID-19 Economic Recovery Strategy, building permit fees have been waived for projects valued at \$75,000 or under until October 31, 2020! This program aims to support residents and provide a boost for the construction industry.

Lakefield Youth Unlimited was the first to take advantage of the fee waiver! When submitting their building permit application, they didn't expect to receive their building permit free-of-charge! The building permit, valued at \$1,345, is for renovations to improve the accessibility of their new space including washrooms, while also optimizing office and programming space.



A Whole New Young's Point

Visit Young's Point today and see the progress made on the reconstruction of Nathaway Drive and River Avenue. New streetlights, sidewalks, road reconstruction and storm water work have beautified the area while providing efficiency and continuity as part of Selwyn Township's Community Improvement Plan.



Strickland Street Gets a Facelift!

Public Works Staff worked diligently during the hot days in July, on the long overdue Strickland Street reconstruction that connects us to the Morton Community Healthcare Centre. Selwyn Public Works completed the project and split the costs with Douro-Dummer Township. You will notice a much smoother ride now!

Remaining 2020 Council Meeting Dates	
Regular Council Meetings are held in the Township's Council Chambers at 1310 Centre Line, Smith Ward	
Meeting Dates	Times
October 13	5:00pm
October 27	6:00pm
November 10	5:00pm
November 19 Draft 2021 Capital Budget	9:00am
November 24	6:00pm
December 8	6:00pm
December 10 Major 2021 Budget Impacts & Preliminary Work Plans 2021	9:00am

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