



Lakefield Rage win Ontario Senior C Lacrosse Title!

On September 21, 2021, Council presented the Lakefield Rage with a certificate of congratulations for winning the Ontario Lacrosse Association Senior C Championship. The final game was played on home floor on August 22, 2021 and brought back some much needed excitement to the community. During the Council meeting General Manager Derrick Crough and Captain John Crough thanked the many businesses and community members that have supported the team throughout the year!

Challenges and Successes – Selwyn Stayed Connected!

As we continue to grapple with the ever-changing COVID-19 restrictions, Selwyn Township has ensured that continuity of business and services remains a priority for Council and staff. The past year has presented a number of challenges and forced the Township to think creatively to ensure that our community continues to receive essential services.

These challenges have resulted in some exceptional successes in service delivery. During lockdown periods, Council continued to meet regularly by conducting virtual Council meetings, providing an opportunity for residents to participate electronically

or watch the meeting live through YouTube. The Township was also one of the first municipalities to develop a hybrid model allowing for virtual or in-person attendance at Council meetings depending on the COVID-19 restrictions. The Township saw an increase in public engagement with the development of these new virtual opportunities.

The Township has also implemented a number of online options to minimize service disruptions and continue to efficiently manage your tax dollars. Through our updated website, Virtual Town Hall (online payment portal - see page 5), and Cloud Permit

(online building permit application platform - see page 5); we are able to continue operations even when staff and residents could not attend our office.

The Township launched a Municipal App which can be downloaded onto your smartphone and provide up-to-date notifications for all things municipal like road closures, changes to garbage and recycling pick-ups, etc.

With the challenges of 2020/2021, Selwyn rose to the occasion and looked for new opportunities to connect with you in a more accessible and convenient way!

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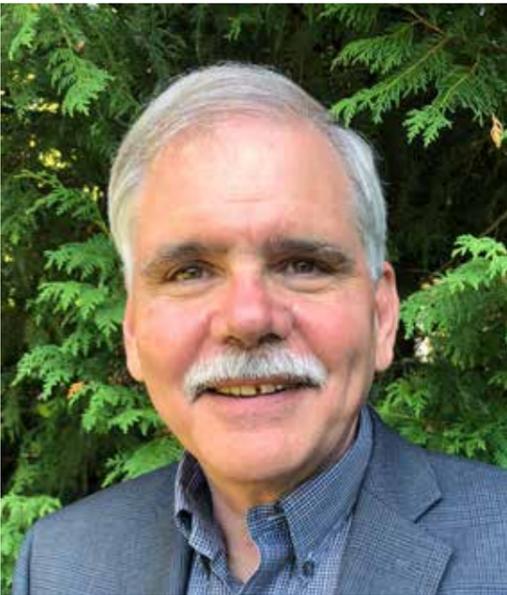
- 161 subscribers (83 more in 2021)
- 4,710 video views
- 1,300 hours of watch time

Download the Selwyn App Today!

Launched December 2020, the Selwyn App is everything you need at your fingertips!

Receive key notifications like road closures, holiday waste collection, etc.

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As mass vaccinations make managing the pandemic in Canada more effective, it is time to focus on the path forward.

In large part, we are able to do this because of the sacrifices made by our residents, the dedicated professionals who have cared for the sick and controlled the spread, the scientists who developed vaccines, and all levels of government who addressed the impacts of COVID-19.

When establishing priorities, it will be important to look at where COVID-19 has been most severe. If you were precariously employed as a front-line worker, if you lived in a group setting, if you lived in a lower-income neighbourhood, if you were homeless or if you are racialized, you were more likely to suffer from COVID-19 than the general population. We need measures that ensure equitable health outcomes for all residents.

We need to address long-term care. This is especially important in Selwyn Township, where we have many aging residents and have few facilities to care for them. Senior levels of government need to invest in new long-term care facilities and upgrade those that currently exist. Updated buildings, good ventilation, increased caregiver to resident ratios, better wages for caregivers, and strict oversight all need to be priorities.

We learned, if we didn't already know, that small business-

es are the foundation of our local economy. Although, individually their strength lies in their personal investment, ingenuity, and proprietary approaches, their collective impact is something that government and residents have a stake in. Our Selwyn Business Recovery Program was continued in 2021 to support our local businesses and is making a difference.

For many, the definition of the "office" has changed and may no longer refer to a geographic place. There is an opportunity to strengthen our local economy as remote workplaces are not only possible but preferred. Our Township has applied for a grant to create a business incubator on the second floor of the old Lakefield Post Office to facilitate this type of economic activity.

Collectively, we need to insist that all governments act with the same dispatch and cooperation that they did at the start of the pandemic. We accomplished so much more together than we did working in silos. We need a singular government focus on healing and preventing similar outbreaks in the future.

We need to recognize the impact this pandemic has had on people's mental well-being, respond with support, heal the trauma, and re-introduce fun as a priority.

Stay safe, be well and in all things be kind.

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COVID-19 has caused upheaval for all of us. This year has not been business as usual, but rather business as "unusual". We have experienced a polarized economy, where some businesses were extremely busy, while others were forced to close for long stretches of time. Please support our local businesses!

Our Economic Development and Business Committee successfully lobbied the Province and Enbridge Gas to bring natural gas along the 8th Line, much requested by our local businesses; and the Province has delivered.

We also lobbied for broadband, as the pandemic has highlighted how deficient we are in certain areas of our Township when it comes to internet and cell coverage. As a result, the Federal and Provincial governments have made a historic announcement that funds have been allocated to Selwyn so that 10 of our rural communities will have a new internet connection by Christmas, with more to follow.

Our Building and Planning Department has seen a major overhaul with changes and additional employees hired to augment the Department. Frequent users report that the changes made and the addition of online permitting have resulted in a 180° improvement to their client service experience.

The pandemic has shown no signs of slowing down growth in Selwyn Township. The construction value of building permits submitted thus far (mid-year) is \$18,184,567. A 3% increase compared to this time last year!

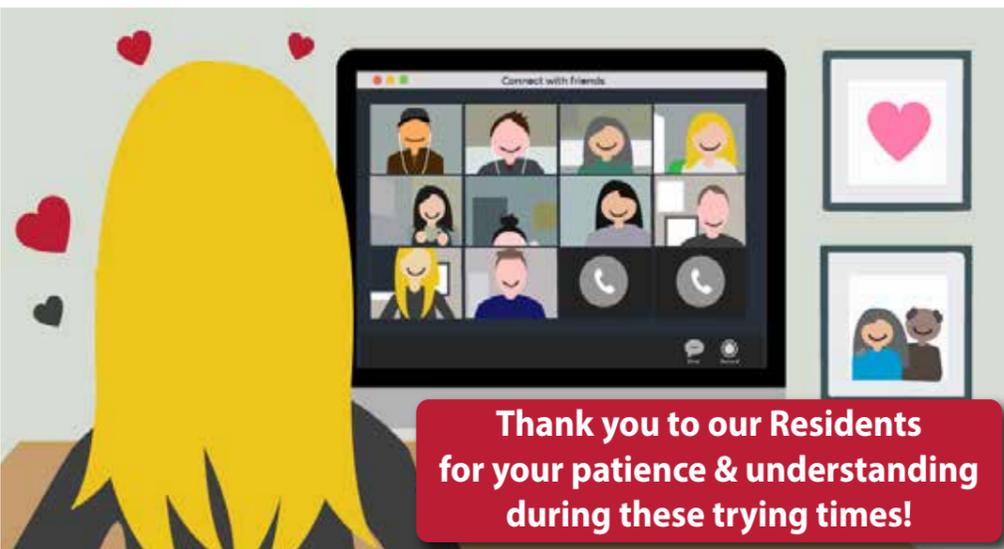
As the world starts to repair, the Peterborough Chamber

and Kawartha Chamber of Commerce are looking to consolidate and put forward a stronger voice. I only hope that our local identity isn't lost in the process.

The Causeway, which is a County project, has had maintenance paving this summer, (hallelujah!) while the rock fill settles. Fish habitat restoration and fish monitoring will continue until 2024. Yankee Line rehabilitation, from Robinson Road to 530m east of Boundary Road is scheduled to commence shortly. The Chemong Causeway design work is underway, a joint project with Selwyn, with road construction planned for 2022 and bridge rehabilitation in 2023.

The County is also making its way through an organizational service delivery review, which is a commitment by Council and staff to do a deep dive on how to best deliver our services. We have already identified efficiencies and customer service improvements.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our Township and County staff and our respective Councils for helping us navigate through these difficult times. Our front-line, essential, and health care workers also deserve a "tip of the hat" for their ongoing continued work to keep us safe. Please stay safe and be well.



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What a year and a half it has been! Who would have thought that when the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic was first announced, that we would still be dealing with the fallout from it to this day?

As Council and staff, we've had to overcome many hurdles and be creative in the way we do business. At the forefront, was getting used to Zoom meetings and other forms of virtual get-togethers. However, in spite of that, we did manage to get a lot of work done and were able to create some innovative programs to support our community at large.

For those who follow Council business, two issues, in particular, generated a huge amount of community input: Heritage Designation for the property at 44 Bridge Street, Lakefield (the Old Stone Mill House), and the future of the Lakefield Park and Campground. We were inundated with emails, letters, and phone calls, from people on both sides. Thoughtful, well-informed, and passionate arguments were presented. It was good to see this kind of community engagement. Ultimately, I believe that Council and staff did a good job of responding to, and deciding upon, the correct course of action.

A huge thank-you to all our staff at the Township office, as well as the consultants we hired to guide us through

the process so that we could make informed decisions based on the recommendations we received.

Thank you also to members of the Committees I sit on as a Council representative: the Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Municipal Heritage Committee. We were able to continue the work of the Township via Zoom meetings, expertly arranged by our staff.

A huge shout-out to our business community: this has been an especially difficult time for you, and I trust that for the most part, you were able to weather the storms. I encourage everyone to continue to "support local, buy local" and help our business community to survive and thrive.

Thank you also to our constituents for their patience as we navigated (and continue to do so) through the pandemic. We've all had to learn new ways of doing things, and with the fourth wave upon us, we will have to continue to be flexible and cognizant of the continuing challenges.

In the meantime, although many of the former restrictions have been eased, let's continue to do our own part as we move forward. Get vaccinated, wear a mask when asked to do so, be kind and stay safe.

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Another year has passed, however trying; I hope this issue of the Council Communicator finds you well. A challenging year would be an understatement, however thanks to technology, we have been able to continue meeting and working to make Selwyn a great place to live.

A little informal, but Zoom meetings have worked for us, and our staff.

Our Public Works Department has continued to do an outstanding job with our snowplowing efforts, as well as the maintenance of our roadways. They are out there in the hot and cold temperatures, working in various weather conditions to ensure that our roads are safe, clean and accessible. If they are working near your property, make sure to say hello and show appreciation for their efforts!

Our Parks and Recreation Department has had a very trying year. As things have progressed with the gradual opening, I am pleased to provide you with an update on some of the things happening within those parameters.

We are now able to book our halls for events. Soccer fields and baseball diamonds are now in use. Playgrounds are open for all to frolic!

Hockey should be able to get going as well, based on

the square footage of the arenas!

We are continuing to work on the final phases of the connector trail that will run from Pinehill Road to Fairbairn Street as well. Our funding fell through, but we are working on securing more. This trail will be a connector from Bridgenorth to the Trans Canada Trail. Phase one of the trail, which runs from the 5th Line to Lindsay Road is heavily used, and as always, I recommend stopping in for an ice cream cone at the end!

Did you know that we have an overabundance of park space and trails in our community? Most people don't! We have over 5 hectares of parkland per 1,000 persons which is higher than the industry standard of 4 hectares per 1,000 persons. I recommend getting out and exploring all that Selwyn has to offer. There are a lot of hidden gems out there!

After much consultation, the Lakefield Campground will remain a campground, and we are currently in negotiations with Otonabee Conservation (ORCA) to run it. They currently run the Beavermead Campground, as well as Warsaw Caves. I believe that this will be a win for everyone.

I wish you all a great rest of the year. Stay safe and well, and until next year's edition, peace, love, and flip flops.

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2021 - another memorable year; for all the wrong reasons! Hopefully, you are receiving this issue of the Council Communicator in good health.

Council and staff have tried to remain accessible to our residents through these challenging times of lockdowns and stay-at-home orders. Council had its first in-person Council Meeting on August 10th. Let's hope we are back permanently this time.

Each Councillor has a portfolio that they are responsible to keep up to date and to report highlights to their colleagues at each Council meeting. My portfolio is, "Community Services, Transportation and Housing."

The Library Board has been busy creatively trying to make up regular fundraising dollars normally garnered from book and thrift shop sales. We want to publicly thank the Chemung Lake District Lions Club who generously donated \$3000 to our campaign, allowing us to provide enhanced services to our patrons. We're also planning for an online silent auction in the fall. Check the library website for details.

The Smith-Ennismore Police Services Board has been preparing for the transition to a larger, provincially mandated board that will include representation from all 8 municipalities in Peterborough County, as well as Curve Lake and Hiawatha First Nations. There will also be provincial appointees on the Board. The total number of

representatives is approximately 15. This new structure will create time and dollar savings for the police officers previously attending 10 or more meetings annually. This change should begin in January 2022.

Our Fire Department, with 89 volunteers and 3 paid staff, works diligently to keep us safe. Every 5 years, they work to renew their Water Shuttle Accreditation. This could potentially give you a reduction in your fire insurance premiums. Residents should check with their insurance providers to see if they qualify for discounts. The Chief urges everybody to think of safety and their neighbours when enjoying the outdoors. Please join me in giving our volunteer firefighters a huge thank you!

Our Recreation Committee took an active role, providing valuable input to Council regarding the Lakefield Campground. A big thank you to them!

You may have spotted a bus in your neighbourhood, "The Link," is a provincially-funded initiative running until 2025. There are currently 2 routes; Curve Lake/Lakefield and Bridgenorth/ Ennismore. Check the website for schedules and route stops.

Stay safe and enjoy our great community now that we are able to participate in more activities.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any issues or concerns.

Let's be Creative - MakerSpace Coming Soon!



COVID-19 challenged the Library to pivot quickly to adapt to rapidly changing conditions. Grappling with branch closures, a reduction in staff, volunteers and operating hours, the Library moved to a new model of service delivery that offered curbside pickup, enhanced electronic collections, and virtual programming.

Following an unprecedented year, news that the Township and the Selwyn Public Library were the recipients

of a \$78,200 Resilient Communities Fund grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, couldn't have come at a better time!

The grant will enable the Selwyn Public Library to develop a permanent MakerSpace at our Lakefield Library, which will provide community members with access to laser, vinyl and 3D printers, photo scanning equipment, a variety of STEAM kits, embroidery and sewing machines, as well laptops and colour printers.

We're also hoping it will create opportunities for local small businesses/start-ups who can utilize the equipment to develop promotional materials and brand items without the financial burden of purchasing expensive capital equipment themselves.

The renovation has already begun! Keep an eye on the Selwyn Library website for the most up-to-date information and opening schedule.

Lakefield Trail Celebrates 20th Anniversary!

Help the Lakefield Trail celebrate its 20th Anniversary! As part of its 20th year in operations, the Trail Committee has decided to raise funds for two projects and general trail maintenance.

1. Extending the existing trail from Smith Street to Young's Point Road; and
2. Reconstructing the Water Street boardwalk.

You can donate online by visiting lakefieldtrail.ca and clicking the "Donate to Lakefield Trail" button or donate directly at the Selwyn Township office.

Don't miss the Trail's Photo Contest! There are great prizes to be won and the deadline for submissions is December 31, 2021. Check out details on the Lakefield Trail website!



Rain Barrel - \$50 Subsidy

Climate change has brought on an increased frequency of storm events, as well as extreme heat and drought, causing issues of flooding, waterway pollution, and water scarcity and security. In partnership with GreenUP, Selwyn Township has developed the Rain Ready Action Program, offering residents a two-part workshop series and \$50 subsidy on the purchase of

rain barrels. The subsidy is accessed through GreenUP until supplies last, or October 2021. The goal of the Rain Ready Action Program is to support residents in learning about the importance of water conservation and how they can take action on their properties to adapt to climate risks. Details can be found on the Township's Green Initiatives page.

Interactive Garbage & Recycling Collection Map

Need to know what day of the week your curbside garbage and/or recycling is collected? Selwyn Township now has an Interactive Garbage & Recycling Collection Map on its web-

site. Simply zoom in to your property or click on 'Search' in the menu on the right and search for your property address.

Depave Paradise!

Winfield Shores Harbour is the first Depave Paradise site in Selwyn Township!

In partnership with Green Communities Canada and GreenUP, Depave Paradise brings together volunteers to remove unwanted pavement and, in its place, plant gardens filled with native species. Removing asphalt and

concrete at the neighbourhood level is an exciting new trend that renews neglected urban spaces by improving biodiversity and stormwater infiltration.

100m2 of asphalt on the northwest corner of the Winfield Shores Harbour property, has now been replaced with greenspace to beautify the area.



Construction Projects

Road Resurfacing

Approximately 25 km of roads throughout the Township were resurfaced this season, including Tara, Berrie, Birch Island and Deer Bay Roads; Chippewa Avenue; Dean, Bishop and Nicholls Streets, just to name a few. Thank you for your patience during our summertime construction and resurfacing projects. There is always additional dust and possible traffic delays when the crews are working away.



The Link – Ride the Rural Bus!

The Township, in partnership with Curve Lake First Nation, Community Care, and the City of Peterborough, launched The Link rural bus service on May 3rd, 2021. The pilot project is funded through the Province of Ontario's Community Transportation Grant Program, and operated by Peterborough Transit.

Since the launch, The Link has been helping people access destinations across Selwyn Township and Curve Lake First Nation with a connection to the City of Peterborough's transit system at Trent University.

The Link offers two (2) routes with Monday to Friday service with five (5) to six (6) daily runs, starting as early as 6:20 a.m. and ending as late as 11 p.m.

1. Route 31 Curve Lake – Lakefield
 2. Route 32 Bridgenorth – Ennismore
- Fares include a transfer valid for 90 minutes, which can be used on The Link routes or the City's transit system.

The Link is intended to meet a wide range of ridership needs and expand access to opportunities for employment, education, recreation, tourism, and more. Project partners will continue listening to public feedback and adjust the service design, as necessary.

During the months of May through August, The Link was free of charge to ride and the community was invited to participate in a contest called Spot the Bus to win 1 of 3, 10-Ride bus passes. In only the first week on the road, The Link had 43 riders!



Phase-In Increase in Tipping Fees

Cambium Inc. completed a service review of the Smith Landfill Site in 2020 to identify efficiencies and best practices with respect to the operations of the Site. The review resulted in numerous recommendations, including changes to tipping fees in order to ensure cost recovery and to meet market averages.

The Township has adopted a phase-in plan to implement the tipping fees changes. These changes will support the Township's efforts to:

- improve operations and customer service options;
- adhere to the Environmental Compliance Approval;
- enhance diversion of recyclable/reusable materials and compliance with the Clear Bag Policy;
- preserve the life of the site; and
- mitigate future tax increases required to support operations and the eventual closure and ongoing monitoring requirements for the site.

Over the next three years, some tipping fees will be increasing at the Smith Landfill (1480 County Road 18). The increasing fees are described below:

Fee Type	Current Fee	Effective June 1, 2022	Effective June 1, 2023
General Tipping Fees	\$115/tonne	\$130/tonne	No change
Minimum Fees	\$5.00	No change	No change
Leaf & Yard Waste Fees (for loads greater than 100 kg)	\$65/tonne	\$85/tonne	\$100/tonne
Mixed Load Fees - There is now a mixed load fee for unsorted material. This fee will be double the applicable general tipping fee and minimum fee; - This fee will also apply to materials not contained in clear bags; - For example, an unsorted load will have a minimum fee of \$10.00 and a general tipping fee of \$230/tonne.			
Freon Fees - A cost recovery system is now in place for items brought to the Smith Landfill that require the removal of Freon (ie: air conditioner units, refrigerators, freezers, ice makers, dehumidifiers, water coolers, etc.). This cost recovery system is based on the "actual cost of Freon removal services".			

Early Morning Fire at Rotospa Hot Tubs



A large fire took place at Rotospa Hot Tubs (1565 8th Line) on July 16 at 2:59 a.m. 62 firefighters battled the blaze for 13.5 hours before the fire was out. A fire watch was set up to ensure that the fire did not reignite. Firefighters intermittently attended to cool down hot spots for the following 2 days. To date, the cause of the fire has not been determined.

The Selwyn Fire Department would like to recognize and thank Lakefield and Bridgenorth Tim Horton's for donating food and drinks during the fire, as well as Drain Brothers for allowing access to their quarry for water. Pizza Villa and Rallis provided lunch for the firefighters as well. This is a perfect example of the amazing generosity of the people and businesses of Selwyn!

2020 Fire Department Long Service Awards

Since August 2021, the Selwyn Fire Department has attended 718 calls for service.

Thanks to our volunteer firefighters, we are able to serve our community. We celebrate the dedication of our longstanding members of the Department:

- Aaron Goedhuis 25 years
- John Young 30 years
- Dave Robinson 30 years
- Jim McIntosh 40 years
- Todd Wilson 40 years
- Ted Jackman 40 years
- George Jackman 50 years
- Randy Jopling 50 years

New Home for Peterborough Police and Community Events!

The former Scouts Building located at Isabel Morris Park in Lakefield is undergoing some major changes.

The renovated building will be the new home of the Peterborough Police and will also provide space to support events at the park and the construction of accessible washrooms and entrances.



Virtual Town Hall – Get Connected!

Creating your Virtual Town Hall (VTH) account allows you to view and pay your property taxes, general receivables (facility rentals, etc.), and dog tag renewal invoices online. The self-serve service also allows you to change your mailing address, customize your paperless notification settings and start, stop or change a Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP) plan for your property taxes.

For property tax accounts, click the Balances/Transactions tab to see historical transaction information and outstanding balances (available from 2006 to current). By expanding the Tax Year Summary tab and scrolling to

the very bottom you can see pending transactions and the total of the most recent final tax levy.

For general receivables accounts, click the Account Transactions tab to see historical transactions from 2020 to the current. These transactions include Pet Licence transactions.

- As of August 2021:
- 534 customers have activated VTH
 - 192 final tax notices were pushed to VTH
 - All recreation customers enrolled in paperless notifications
 - 99 annual dog tag invoices were emailed

Building Permitting Goes Online in Selwyn Township!

Selwyn Township's Building and Planning Department has modernized their building permit process by introducing Cloudpermit, an e-permitting system! The online system allows residents and builders to complete the entire permit process online including paying for permits, submitting drawings, booking inspections and tracking their permits online. This results in faster, more efficient service without the need to visit the Municipal Office in person.

The introduction of an e-permitting system came as a recommendation through Selwyn Township's Building & Planning Department Services Review which took place in 2020. Other recommendations that came from this Review include the hiring of a Development Approvals

Technician and a By-law Enforcement Officer who will provide additional support for the Department.

Residents or builders wishing to apply for a building permit can do so by visiting: selwyntownship.ca/cloudpermit



Supporting Businesses Throughout Selwyn

As we continue to deal with the impacts of COVID-19 within our community, there has been a strong desire for an incentive program that would help local businesses deal with COVID-19 related costs.

Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

As a result, the Township's CIP has undergone a review in an effort to incentivize as many projects as possible and to address the many COVID-19 expenses that our local businesses are incurring.

Two major **temporary** changes have been made to the Township's original CIP.

- Cost-sharing formula has been increased to 70% Township: 30% applicant; and
- **COVID-19 Pilot Grant Program:** purpose to pro-

mote physical alterations and improvements of existing commercial buildings to prevent and reduce the transmission of the COVID-19 virus.

Both initiatives expire as of December 31, 2022; with the cost-sharing formula reverting back to 50% Township: 50% applicant on January 1, 2023.

As of August 5, 2021, there have been 23 approved grants through 15 different property owners and businesses for a total of \$156,294.57 invested by the Township.

For more information, visit www.selwyntownship.ca/CIP.

Business Re-opening Program

Selwyn Township, in partnership with Community

Futures Peterborough, developed the Business Re-opening Program in 2020, which provided a grant of up to \$2,500 to eligible businesses located within the Township to go towards COVID-19 related adaptation expenses. Eligible expenses included PPE, plexi-glass screens, signage, floor markings, sanitizing stations, changing room adaptations, implementation of online sales platforms, etc.

Upon completion of the program in March 2021, a total of \$250,000 was awarded to 112 local businesses.

Council is pleased that businesses from all of the communities throughout Selwyn Township received support through the Selwyn Business Re-opening Program and that a variety of sectors were represented



Improve access to high-speed Internet

The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted how much we rely on access to fast and reliable internet service.

For too long, many rural Canadians have lacked access to high-speed internet, impacting their ability to work, learn and keep in touch with family and friends.

Members of the Federal and Provincial governments visited Lakefield on July 29, 2021 to announce a historic agreement to bring high-speed internet to nearly 280,000 rural Ontario households in hundreds of communities across the province.

This historic agreement is being made possible by an equal federal-provincial investment totaling more than \$1.2 billion and will see high-speed internet access



The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance announced funding for high-speed internet access in rural communities. Also present for the announcement were Maryam Monsef, Kinga Surma, Ontario's Minister of Infrastructure, MPP Dave Smith along with Andy Mitchell and Sherry Senis (Pictured L-R Maryam Monsef, Andy Mitchell, Chrystia Freeland, Dave Smith and Sherry Senis).

Departmental Reviews

The Province of Ontario provided funding to municipalities to conduct reviews of municipal services, business practices, technology solutions, workflow processes, etc. in an effort to improve efficiency, achieve cost savings, and/or reduce expenditure growth in the long term.

Selwyn Township completed reviews of its Building and Planning

Department, Fire Service, Parks and Recreation, Landfill Site, and Water and Wastewater Services (Large Systems).

As a result, a number of initiatives have been implemented such as the hiring of new support staff to provide better customer service, the addition of an online permitting portal and the streamlining of various processes

Chemung Lions Club Donates \$3000 to the Selwyn Public Library!

The Selwyn Public Library has received a \$3000 donation from the Chemung Lake District Lions Club to Support Our Library 2021 Fundraising Campaign, which began in response to the fundraising shortfall that the library has experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Sarah Hennessey, CEO/Chief Librarian & Keith Elliot of the Chemung Lake District Lions Club

Let's Be Clear

The Township-wide Clear Garbage Bag Program officially began September 1, 2021!

Curbside garbage collectors and landfill attendants now have the right to refuse garbage that is not in clear bags.

FAQS (Frequently Asked Questions)



Why the change to clear bags?

Clear bag programs help municipalities divert recyclable material from the landfill by encouraging participation in the Blue Box Recycling program and reduce the amount of garbage ending up in the landfill.

Where can I buy clear bags?

Clear garbage bags in regular and kitchen sizes may be purchased at most places that carry opaque bags. The Township will continue encouraging retailers to stock up on clear bags.

Does food waste go in clear bags?

Food waste is permitted in the garbage, however, the Township encourages residents to divert food waste through composters and digesters. Households in Bridgenorth are reminded they can participate in the Organics Collection Pilot offered through Peterborough County.

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)



For more details, visit selwintownship.ca/clearbag

Secret Garden Coming to Ennismore

The 150-year-old Ennismore Waterfront Barn was assessed for structural strength and integrity by a barn assessment expert and concerns were raised. As a result, the wooden walls of the barn were demolished but the stone base was retained.

Simultaneously, the Township was approached by the Ennismore Garden Club with a proposal to use the remaining stone wall to develop a "Secret Garden". The concept of a "secret garden" takes its origins from a book by the same name where an abandoned garden is gradually transformed into a delightful and vibrant sanctuary.

For this project, the Ennismore Garden Club will work with its members and other community volunteers to create a garden in and around the stone wall structure of the barn. The Club has applied for federal funding to help support the costs of the project.

Stay tuned for updates on this project as things progress...



The Future of the Lakefield Campground

In 2021, the Township launched a study to review the land use of the Lakefield Campground. The goal of the Study was to look at best practices and trends in the camping industry, seek input from the public, and investigate a number of options for the Township to consider.

Following extensive public consultation, including stakeholder interviews and presentations, surveys, and various correspondence from community members, Council approved that the Township explore options for outsourcing the campground operations to Otonabee Conservation.

The Township would like to extend a HUGE thank you to everyone who participated in the process and provided the pivotal feedback to guide the decision.

Staff is currently working with Otonabee Conservation to explore a potential partner-

ship in the operations of the Campground. Part of Council's direction included that the existing footprint of the campground not be expanded; that the form of camping options be reviewed and that a vegetative buffer is developed.



Selwyn Payment Options

Invoices (rentals, dog licences, etc.):

- Online/telephone banking (Selwyn invoice payee: customer ID as account number)
- Virtual Town Hall (debit or credit)
- Cash, debit or cheque

Building permits:

- Cloud Permit (debit or credit for municipal fees only)
- Cash, debit or cheque

Property Taxes:

- Pre-authorized payment plan
- Online/Telephone banking (Selwyn tax payee: roll number as account number)
- Virtual Town Hall (debit only)
- Cash, debit or cheque

Fireworks Reminder!

Before heading out to purchase fireworks, Selwyn Township reminds you that fireworks can be harmful to people, pets, and wildlife; and using them puts your property at risk.

The best way to stay safe from fireworks is to not use them!



Contact Information

<p>Township office: Monday to Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM www.selwyntownship.ca Toll Free from 705 Area Code: General Email Address</p>	<p>(705) 292-9507 Fax (705) 292-8964 1-877-213-7419 info@selwyntownship.ca</p>
<p>Landfill Site Summer Hours: May 15 – October 9 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: October 12 – May 17 Tuesday to Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM Saturday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM</p>	<p>(705) 292-9507</p>
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 (ORCA)	(705) 745-5791
Trent Severn Waterway	(705) 750-4900
Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)	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



Green Fleet!

In the summer of 2020, the Township received federal funding through FCM's Green Municipal Fund to lease a plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (PHEV) for the Building & Planning Department and install a Level 2, 240-volt charging station at the Municipal Office. **This charging station is available for public use from 8:30AM to 4:00PM, Monday to Friday.** The PHEV will help reduce the Township's reliance on fossil-fuels and lower operating and maintenance costs associated with the municipal fleet.