

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR LORI HUTCHESON

Greetings Ward 1 Community

It's been a few months since I was sworn in as your ward councillor. I am absolutely delighted to be representing our amazing community and have enjoyed many positive conversations with residents about current events, issues, and plans. Clear, concise, respectful communication fosters strong relationships. I am committed to being open, accessible, and responsive to you. In these early days changes have already been introduced to help you be better informed and how you can more easily contribute to Council meetings and matters that effect our community. I welcome your feedback and ideas on ways that I, and Council can continue to foster an inclusive process.

Tips for Meeting Information:

- Council meets twice a month – the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month live - streamed on YouTube and available to view at your leisure
- Development Services meetings are the 1st Wednesday of the month live streamed and available to view at your leisure

We made these changes so meetings are more available to you:

- Council Meetings have moved from a 11am start to 3pm to be more accessible to those working.
- Council Meetings and Development Services Meetings are now available to watch on YouTube and are retained so that you can watch at any time so that it fits your schedule.
- Notice of Motion – A Notice of Motion is the practice of advising that a Motion by a Councillor will be forthcoming on the next scheduled council meeting. This method of advising what will be coming forward allows residents two weeks advance notice and creates opportunity for input prior to the motion being brought forward.



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Lori's Board and Committee Positions:

I am pleased to represent the Township as a board member of the Severn Sound Environmental Association (SSEA). The SSEA is a Township partner who provides monitoring, analysis assessments and reporting on water quality and protection within the Severn Sound environment.

Chair – Township of Oro-Medonte Human Resources Committee. Many years as a business professional and team leader equips me with skills and knowledge to chair our HR Committee.

Co-Chair – Heritage Committee – with new legislation a lot of work needs to be done on the identification and declaration of heritage properties within our Township. I'm pleased to be part of a team of residents and staff who can get the job done.

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Thank You Rink Rats

It's been a tough winter to make ice. Thank you to the hardworking community rink rats who do an outstanding job to make and maintain the ice in Sweetwater and Line 4 Memorial Parks. Your volunteerism is appreciated by so many who enjoy the most Canadian of activities!



Ward 1 Cardiac Safe!

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of our community, Ward One is becoming Cardiac Safe! Sweetwater Park will be home to the next 24-7 Outdoor Save Station in Ward One. Thanks to of Mike Maynard, Jennelle Giesbrecht, Hailey Mills-Knapp & Haley Wilson. The generosity of our community and a shout out to Don Baker who raised \$1200! ~ installation will take place this spring. Watch for ribbon cutting news, demonstration days and informative videos. YOU have the power to save a life!



Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Oro-Medonte's recreation and parks system provides immense value to residents, drives community vibrancy, and significantly contributes to the health and wellness of residents and visitors. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan which started in 2021, will offer a blueprint for future planning and decision making about investment in recreation, culture, parks, trails, facilities, services and programs over the next 10 years. The development of a Master Plan is timely given the evolving parks and recreation context resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, shifting activity preferences, and the increasing value residents place on quality of life opportunities.

The Master Plan was developed based on significant input from the community and extensive research and analysis that was undertaken to assess the state of parks and recreation in the Township.

Early this year, Council and the community will be presented with the draft Master Plan. Following the review of the draft plan there will be an opportunity for further public input prior to finalization this year. You can view the master plan at the Township Website Oro Medonte>Municipal.



Seeger renewed his dog tag!

You can register or renew online today



Gone but not forgotten

The Line 4 Little Library will be back in the spring!



Burn Permit 2023

Don't forget to renew your free burn permit.

Horseshoe Valley Road Reconstruction Update

- Rogers relocations are complete
- Hydro One and Bell connections to be completed by this spring with forestry work being completed and pole relocations to follow
- Site prep, including grading and construction of some retaining walls to be completed following Hydro One relocations.
- Enbridge Gas relocations to be completed in 2024
- Reconstruction of the intersection of County Road 22 and Horseshoe Resort to be completed following Hydro One relocations (this is phase 1 of reconstruction).
- Reconstruction of 3rd Line and 4th Line intersections, as well as straight sections of CR 22 in between will be completed as later phases. Order of phases to be determined.