



# Council Communicator

## Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield

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Council members have benefitted from a number of training and information opportunities since being elected to the current term. In April, Public Works Manager Jim Hickson took them on a Road Tour of the township. Left to right: Anita Locke (Lakefield Ward), Donna Ballantyne (Ennismore Ward), Jim Hickson, Reeve Ron Millen, Sherry Senis (Smith Ward), and Deputy Reeve Mary Smith.

## Welcome to the Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Council Communicator!

As a result of comments made during the election campaign, Council is piloting this newsletter to gauge community response and to update readers on some of the initiatives that have happened since the new Council took office in December, 2006.

The news that you will read is only a small sample of the many exciting things that have happened over the past few months; space does not allow us to share them all with you so if you are interested in obtaining other information please call your Councillor or visit the Township website.

Page 2 introduces you to your new Council members, along with their contact information. In addition, there's a staff directory and other municipal office and department information (page 3).

We would be happy to hear from you! There is a response form on page 3; please fill it in, let us know what you think, and return it to us using the methods indicated on the response form.

# Your new council ~ The first six months

## 2007 Budget

Council has passed its budget for the current fiscal year. Municipal tax rate increases to residents will be 3.73%. Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield has traditionally enjoyed the lowest tax rate in the county, due in large part, to the fiscal responsibility and prudence exercised by Council and staff.

What does this mean? If you own a property with a current market value of \$202,512, your total municipal portion of your taxes would be a \$17.12 increase. Once you add in education, county and policing the final total annual increase in tax would equal \$43.29.

The Village of Lakefield total taxes on the same valued property would be \$78.01. The difference is attributed to the different area rate for policing.

## Official Plan

The Township, as part of the County of Peterborough Official Plan Study, is in the process of updating and consolidating the three Official Plans and Zoning Bylaws of the previous municipalities. This work has been ongoing since the Fall of 2000. Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield Township undertook to harmonize the Official Plan policies prior to amalgamation, which took place officially January 1, 2001. Because SEL's proposed policies are contained within a County Official Plan, the province of Ontario must approve the proposed County official plan amendment. This approval step has caused some considerable delay in achieving the Township's initial goal of simply harmonizing our policies so that they are consistent throughout the new amalgamated area and with Provincial policy statements. We will be hosting public meetings to unveil the new harmonized Plan. The public open house will be held at the Municipal Offices on Centre Line between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Monday June 18, 2007. A public meeting will also be held at the County of Peterborough offices on Water Street beginning at 7 p.m. on June 28, 2007.

## Strategic Plan

The Township has worked very hard over the past number of years to bring three separate and distinct communities together as one for the greater benefit of all. At this point in time Council and the Management Team recognize that looking at services and issues in isolation is not the most effective way to manage growth in the Township. There is a clear need for the Township to undertake a corporate strategic planning process that will clearly define this community and establish a common vision of what it expects to become in the next 5 to 10 years.

Council has contracted with Mercer Delta Organizational Consulting to undertake this process for the Township. Initial community consultation sessions were held in Bridgenorth, Ennismore and Lakefield during the month of April. Residents were invited to come and share their thoughts by way of questions: "What makes you proud to live in Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield? What differentiates this community from others? What do you believe should be the priorities for the next 5 to 10 years?" They were also asked to provide ideas for a Vision Statement.

Refer to the box on page 3 for locations, dates and times of the next round of community consultations. We invite you to participate.

The final report will be presented to Council in early July.

Residents can also access the survey by visiting the Township website (click on "Corporate Strategic Plan") or by requesting a hard copy of the survey from the Township office.

## Pesticide Bylaw

The Township recently passed a pesticide bylaw banning the use of pesticides for cosmetic purposes. The bylaw comes into effect next year. Golf courses will be given time to comply with the bylaw, in order to get accreditation through the Integrated Pesticide Management (IPM) program.

For hints and tips on natural lawn care, see the article on the back page of this newsletter.

## Lakefield Medical Centre

The Lakefield Community Medical Support Foundation (LCMSF) has been quietly working behind the scenes for the past several years, discussing plans to construct a medical centre in Lakefield.

The Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield and the Township of Douro-Dummer have agreed to donate land and parking for the project. It is intended that the medical centre would serve the needs of the residents of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield and Douro-Dummer, as well as seasonal residents in the two municipalities.

There are approximately 5,000 to 6,000 people in the two Townships without a family doctor.

LCMSF is in the midst of a fundraising campaign to raise \$2.2 million dollars. The total cost of the facility is expected to be approximately \$3 million dollars, with the Ministry of Health and other government health care grants expected to make up the difference. Construction is expected to start early in 2008.

## \$392,000 for Ennismore and Lakefield arenas

The Township was successful in obtaining a grant in the amount of \$392,000 to undergo upgrades at the Ennismore and Lakefield arenas. Work to be done includes rehabilitation of the building envelope and upgrading functional components; energy efficiency improvements and related necessary renovations; as well as accessible design improvements and customer service enhancements.

## Affordable Housing Project

Peterborough Housing approached Council with a proposal to build a 50 unit housing project in the Township and asked for consideration of the donation of a piece of land upon which to build the project. Township council granted them land on Reid Street, Lakefield. The granting of the land is contingent on Peterborough Housing Corporation being successful in obtaining provincial funding and approval to develop the units. The Peterborough Housing Authority has also been asked to consider designing the facility in

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Ron Millen  
Reeve

Larger Townships which have resulted from recent amalgamations bring both benefits and costs. While some economies of scale and other cost efficiencies have occurred, it is increasingly difficult for the public to be informed about the workings of the Township and to provide their input. The public is welcome at any council meeting and information is available on the Township web site. We often hear from the vocal minority but seldom from the silent majority. This is a particular problem in our Township where no single newspaper covers the entire Township.

We are trying two initiatives to gather more public input. The recent ward meetings aimed at developing a corporate strategy for the Township were an opportunity for the public to provide input. This information will be summarized and presented to the public for further comment on June 2nd in Bridgenorth, June 6th in Lakefield and June 7th in Ennismore. Final results should be presented at the Council meeting on July 6th.

This newsletter is another attempt to provide more information to the public. We have received a very competitive price for printing and mailing for this pilot newsletter. Do you think that we should provide future newsletters? Please provide us with your feedback.

To contact me please call 705-292-5144 or email: [rmillen@nexicom.net](mailto:rmillen@nexicom.net)



Mary Smith  
Deputy Reeve

As your Deputy Reeve, I have the pleasure to serve as one of your representatives at Peterborough County Council. The recently approved 2007 County budget increase of 3.96%, is needed to support the increased cost of the services, which have been downloaded from the provincial government during the past 9 years. They include; land ambulance, social services, social housing, childrens services and increased funding of \$700,000. to maintain ageing roads and bridges. Also at the County Council, as a member of the Land Division Committee, I review and approve land severance applications.

As the Township Council appointee to the Peterborough Lakefield Police Services Board, I am assisting with the development of a Business Plan for the next 3 years. Through this public process, the priorities of the police service are determined.

At the beginning of this council term, numerous opportunities have been made available to attend training sessions to update us on our many areas of responsibility at both the township and county level. I have had the opportunity to attend training on; the New Municipal Act, Effective Councillor Training, Committee of Adjustment and Consent Applications, Emergency Planning, Police Services Governance, the Planning Act and Source Water Protection.

To contact me please call 705-652-0784 or email: [mjsmith@peterboro.net](mailto:mjsmith@peterboro.net).



Sherry Senis  
Councillor, Smith Ward

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported me during the past election campaign. We hit the road running, and have accomplished a lot in a very short period of time, but of course, there is still much to do.

There have been complaints about the number of aggregate trucks traveling through our Township and we are looking at a way to provide some relief.

As a member of the Ontario Police Services Board for Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield, complaints come in from the Township about aggressive driving and speeding. Staff Sergeant Gary Collins with the OPP for Peterborough County has stated if you witness such driving to call 705-742-0401. If anyone is interested in becoming a community policing volunteer for Smith Ennismore, please call Anita Hayes at 292-7283.

I was appointed to the Board of Directors for the Otonabee Region Conservation Authority by Council. If you get a chance, I encourage you to visit the Hope Mill, 3414 Hope Mill Road, to see the Mill restored to its original charm and character as a functioning sawmill. The Mill is a heritage attraction, offering sawing demonstrations and tours. There is an impressive collection of 19th century carpenter's tools on display. Power is supplied by the Indian River to the turbines. Opening day Sunday June 3rd 1-3:30 p.m. Open to the public every Tuesday from June 5 to August 28th 1-3:30 p.m. Admission is \$2.00 per person.

Please call me if you require assistance regarding our Township. 705-657-1166 email: [wssenis@sympatico.ca](mailto:wssenis@sympatico.ca)



Donna Ballantyne  
Councillor, Ennismore Ward

I would like to start by thanking the electorate from Ennismore Ward for their overwhelming vote of confidence in the Nov. 13th election. I will work diligently to represent your interests. I continue to attend seminars to keep current on many aspects of municipal business. My primary focus for the first two years is to be Council's representative on the Library Board. Since we are hoping to construct a new library in Bridgenorth in the near future, it was felt that the continuity and experience that I could provide to the new Board members would be beneficial. On June 11, we are hosting the volunteer appreciation dinner at the church hall in Ennismore. Jesse's Tap & Grill will be catering the event this year. We look forward to the excellent meal always provided by Jesse's. We have many long term service awards to present this year including some 25 year awards.

We are proud of Ennismore native Bryan Young who has achieved sporting excellence, by being drafted by the Edmonton Oilers, playing several games this season! Watch for the continuation of a promising career next season!

The BEL Rotary received a Trillium grant to construct a gazebo at the BEL Rotary Park. This will be a pleasant addition to the site at the Ennismore end of the Causeway.

Look for advertisements regarding the Peterborough County Awards to be held at the Asphodel/Norwood Community Centre on Friday June 15 at 7 p.m. Some of our residents have been nominated for awards including the Ennismore Eagles who have won their fifth straight all Ontario championship!!

If I can assist you in any way don't hesitate to contact me 705-292-7171 or email: [dib@zeuter.com](mailto:dib@zeuter.com)



Anita Locke  
Councillor, Lakefield Ward

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for their wonderful support, both during the election campaign and in the subsequent months. As a first-time elected official, I look forward to continuing to receive community input, and to address any concerns that local residents might have.

I have had the opportunity over the past several months to speak to various community groups, attended the ROMA/OGRA conference in February, and participated in various training sessions, including Effective Municipal Councillor Program, Committee of Adjustment, the new Municipal Act, Emergency Planning and others.

I sit on various Township Committees including Fire, Parks and Recreation, Joint Ontarians with Disabilities, and the Lakefield Memorial Hall Cultural Centre sub-committee. In addition, I am Council's representative on the Lakefield Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, Eastern Region.

I am excited about the various projects being planned for the upcoming months, including the Strategic Planning process, "June is Recreation and Parks Month", visioning and plans for the Memorial Hall in Lakefield, and an Accessibility Workshop being held in Lakefield on June 1. Community input on any of these projects is always greatly appreciated.

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**WE VALUE YOUR INPUT!**

**Help build a vision for the future of the township!**

Come to one (or all) of the upcoming meetings / Public Consultation sessions to share your thoughts!

Saturday, June 2, 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Chemong School in Bridgenorth.

Wednesday, June 6, 7:00-10:00 p.m. at St. Paul's School in Lakefield.

Thursday, June 7, 7:00-10:00 p.m. at St. Martin's School in Ennismore.

*Call the Township office, 292-9507, for further information or visit the website*



The municipally owned arenas at Lakefield, left, and Ennismore, right, will be sharing the proceeds of a \$392,000.00 grant which will be used to upgrade the facilities. For more information, see page 1.

**Affordable Housing Project**

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such a way that it would be conducive to housing units should the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care provide future funding for supportive housing units. They have also been asked to include community space to support seniors if possible. Provincial funding is anticipated to be in the area of \$70,000.00 per unit, for a total project investment of \$3.5 million.

**Renaming of the Robert. E. Young Ennismore Recreation Complex**

Earlier this year, Council passed a motion to rename the Ennismore Recreation Complex to "Ennismore Robert E. Young Recreation Complex". This is in honour of all the work and support Mr. Young has contributed to the development of Ennismore recreation facilities. Mr. Young has also been inducted into the Peterborough and District Sports Hall of Fame.

**Lakefield Memorial Hall Cultural Centre**

Council has contracted with TCI Management Consultants to undertake a Business Plan for Memorial Hall in Lakefield. The building has had many uses over the years, including the original library on the second floor (now houses the Ontario Speed Skating Oval Offices), and Municipal Council Chambers on the main floor (part of which now houses Renewed Classics; the Centennial Room is available for use by community groups).

The business plan includes a review of the community's existing arts and cultural groups and organizations, their projects and initiatives, and identification of opportunities.

The project is overseen by a sub-committee of Council, and involves input from local groups and stakeholders. For information, contact Jodi DeNoble, Economic Development Officer for the township.

**Curve Lake Addition-to-Reserve**

In April 2006, the Township was informed that Curve Lake First Nations were making an application to add lands from our Township to their reserve. While we must be consulted regarding such an application, we have no general or unilateral veto with respect to the proposed addition. We are presently trying to obtain more information as to how the use of the drilled wells as part of a water supply system for the reserve will affect the present and future use of the adjoining land owners. Once we have the information, it will be shared with area property owners.

**June is Recreation and Parks Month**

Council has proclaimed the month of June as "Recreation and Parks month". Local schools have been asked to participate by holding special events, and there are two other events planned to highlight the importance of recreation and parks throughout the Province.

**June is Seniors Month**

Council has proclaimed June as "Seniors Month". The theme of the month is "Active Living: Share Your Experience". Ontario has been celebrating Seniors' Month for more than 20 years. Hundreds of communities across the province hold events to recognize the contributions of older adults and to promote awareness of active living and healthy lifestyle choices. Would you like to plan an event, to help celebrate Seniors Month? If you do, please call the Township office and let us know. We will place the information on the website.

**12th Annual Kids Fishing Derby**

The Smith Ennismore Community Volunteer Services for the OPP are holding their 12th Annual Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday June 16th from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Rotary Park, Ennismore side of the James Gifford Causeway. Anyone 12 years of age or younger is invited to participate, and it's free! There are lots of great prizes, so mark your calendar.

**COUNCIL COMMUNICATOR RESPONSE FORM**

The Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield is piloting this newsletter (at an approximate cost of \$6000-\$7000, the bulk of which is for mailing costs) in response to comments made during the election campaign. In order to determine the desirability of producing subsequent issues, we want to hear from you to let us know what you think. Please provide your input via one of the methods listed below

Did you find this newsletter helpful? Yes  No  How often would you like to receive it? Once a year  Twice a year

Is the Township due for a name change? Yes  No

Would you like to receive this by email? Please provide email address \_\_\_\_\_

If you found this newsletter helpful, what other type of information would you like to see included \_\_\_\_\_

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## How to have a healthy lawn

The Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield has joined 21 other Ontario cities and the Province of Quebec in encouraging the reduction of cosmetic pesticide use. Does this mean you cannot have a healthy looking green lawn and must put up with weeds? No. There are healthy lawn alternatives available and this information and the products are easily found. Check out [www.healthylawns.net](http://www.healthylawns.net), [www.greenup.on.ca](http://www.greenup.on.ca) or use an internet search engine to access tons of information. We have links at [www.smithennismorelakefield.on.ca](http://www.smithennismorelakefield.on.ca). Information is also available at the Township office, libraries or at Peterborough Green up. Stayed tuned for an up coming workshop!

Retailers and Lawn Care Companies have invested in non-pesticide products for their evolving businesses. They have a wealth of knowledge and would be most happy to serve you with your new non-pesticide ways. Home owners are encouraged to educate themselves about non-pesticide products and techniques to achieve the desired results. With so much information and product available the only real challenge is having people change their pesticide habit.

### Quick Tips on Growing a Healthy Lawn abbreviated version

- Keep your Soil Healthy - aerate, fertilize, top dress
- Water Properly - less frequent but deeply, not mid day
- Mow your lawn to the proper height - 2.5" - 3" - use sharp blades
- Leave your short grass clippings on the lawn - instant plant food
- Over seed with a variety of appropriate, pest resistant grass seed - ie for shady areas, avoid Kentucky blue grass
- Mulch fall leaves - leave 1/4" to 1/2" of leaf mulch on lawn
- Do not over fertilize but it is best to fertilize in the fall if necessary
- Minimize salt damage - try sand or kitty litter instead.
- Aerate & dethatch - allow the lawn to breathe
- Control Pests Naturally - seek out additional information
- Control Weeds Naturally - seek out additional information
- Tolerate some weeds - not all weeds are bad - some are good for the soil. Please be sure to naturally eliminate allergen causing weeds for the sake of your neighbours with allergies. Remember - weeds are just really perennials that we didn't pay for!

## Trent Rapids Hydro Project

Trent Rapids Power Corporation (TRPC) in conjunction with the Peterborough Utilities Inc. is proposing to develop a hydroelectric generating facility on the west bank of the Otonabee River adjacent to Locks 22 and 23. The facility is to be located on the subject site in the former Township of Smith and on an adjacent 9.95 hectare section leased from Trent University in the City of Peterborough.

Within the Township section, the project involves constructing an intake and control gate structure immediately upstream of the existing dam at Lock 23, and a canal that will be approximately 1.2 km long.

TRPC made application to amend the Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw on a portion of the property located at Conc 4 Lot 23 in Smith Ward (owned by the Norris's), and asked Council to reconsider its earlier decision to endorse the zoning change. Council chose to 'stay the course' and hold to its original decision.

Council had endorsed an Official Plan Amendment at its December 2006 but deferred decision on the Zoning Bylaw pending the results of an Environmental Screening report and input from other government agencies. The project is currently the subject of two OMB appeals by neighbouring residents. The Otonabee Region Conservation Authority has forwarded its review and comments to the Trent Severn Waterway for the Environmental Assessment.

For more information visit the website at [www.trent-rapidspowercorp.ca](http://www.trent-rapidspowercorp.ca)



Bridgenorth Beautification Committee members got out the brooms, rakes and shovels earlier this year for a clean up session in Heritage Park, in front of the library, and other gardens. Left to right: Rob Tersigni (who quarterbacked Adam Scott to the provincial championship), Bob Ash, John Campbell, Margaret Spearman, Donna Wilson, Nicole Snelgrove, Bob Spearman, Sandy Shortt, and in front, Jack Christopher.

## Bridgenorth Beautification Committee

Volunteers make the world go round! The Township is fortunate to have many dedicated and committed volunteers and organizations who help make our communities a better place. One example of volunteer efforts is the Bridgenorth Beautification committee.

The Bridgenorth Beautification committee has some great events occurring over the next several months. July 15, it is holding the 4th annual Home & Garden Tour. Tickets are \$15 and if anyone is interested in showing your home on the tour or for tickets please call 292-9756. Mark your calendars for the annual dance to raise funds, to be held August 11, 6 p.m. at Dutch Marine parking lot. It is always a lot of fun and all money raised is used to beautify Bridgenorth.

The Bridgenorth Beautification Committee has been in existence since 1996. Its endeavours are based on helping to enrich the existing pride taken in the picturesque village of Bridgenorth. A Victorian theme has been established to enhance the attractiveness with the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers. The addition of signs, benches, planters and standards coincides with this Victorian era inspiration.

Heritage Park on Ward Street is graced by a Victorian style gazebo. An interlocking brick path leads to the cenotaph. Many stones for the pathway are engraved with the names of local businesses, families and loved ones. Check out [www.bridgenorth.ca/aboutus](http://www.bridgenorth.ca/aboutus).

## New Library for Bridgenorth

Council has approved the hiring of Levitt-Goodman Architects, to facilitate the construction of a new library in Bridgenorth. The Library system had earlier adopted a facility model that supported an expanded library in Bridgenorth and the retention of the existing library branches in Ennismore and Lakefield, which continues to support branch libraries in their specific community of interest, while enhancing an overall library system available to its users. The Library Board has recommended that a new library be built in Bridgenorth; it will be approximately 6500 square feet, and will have an adjoining 2000 square foot multi-use room.

## New automated system for township libraries

The libraries at Bridgenorth, Ennismore and Lakefield have gone high tech! The new on-line system allows library card holders to interact with the library over the internet, reserve or renew books, or search the library's catalogue of books. Card holders can also access online resources such as the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Volunteers were honoured earlier this year for their tremendous contributions as well. There are over 130 volunteers that staff the three libraries. Each week volunteers contribute a total of 89.5 hours. In 2006, volunteers contributed a total over 14,500 hours to library operations. Visit [www.MyPublicLibrary.ca](http://www.MyPublicLibrary.ca) for details.

## Coming soon!!!

### Email Communications

Would you like to receive Township newsletters by email? Staff are developing an e-newsletter. This program is under development so please watch the Township website for subscription information. [www.smithennismorelakefield.on.ca](http://www.smithennismorelakefield.on.ca)

### Township Business Directory On Line

This directory is being developed and will be available FREE to all Township businesses and organizations. In advance of the launch, all interested parties are invited to submit their application. Applications can be downloaded from the home page of our website [www.smithennismorelakefield.on.ca](http://www.smithennismorelakefield.on.ca)

## Landfill sites

### Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield site

1480 8th Line Phone 652-7719

Open Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays and Mondays.

### Ennismore Landfill site

is closed as of December 30, 2006

## Council meeting schedule

Council typically meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month except for the following changes: June 5 (note change) and 26; July 17; August 14 (only one meeting per month in July and August) Regular meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Council chambers. Everyone is welcome to attend.



The Township purchased two new service vehicles earlier this year. Steve Crough, a 25 year employee with the Township, stands beside the new snow plow while Gord Jopling, Fire Chief, shows off the new fire pumper. Other capital expenditures have been budgeted and will be purchased later this year and early next year.