



CLEARVIEW

# THE CLEARVIEW

## SPEEDING CONCERNS

Over the past year, Council has received many comments, complaints and petitions from residents concerning speeding issues and the need for traffic calming initiatives on a variety of roads throughout the Township.

It's important to understand that traffic enforcement is the responsibility of the Ontario Provincial Police. In addition, Clearview Township does not have the authority to control speed limits or calm traffic on County Roads, such as County Road 124 or Provincial Highways such as Highway 26.

To help address public concern on Clearview roads, in 2016 a traffic calming survey was conducted and radar speed signs were placed throughout the Township to alert drivers and to gather speed data. Although it may appear that the radar speed signs are not working due to the black LED panel, the signs are operating in 'stealth' mode and are actively recording data. This is a tactic suggested by enforcement officials to capture more accurate speed data, as it stops the driver impulse of temporarily slowing down due to the flashing lights. All data recorded by the signs are transmitted in real-time directly with the Ontario Provincial Police and the Clearview Public Works Department.

### TRAFFIC CALMING

At the request of Council, staff have prepared reports with recommendations and estimated costs for implementing traffic calming measures. All recommendations were based upon minimum warrants not being met as outlined under the Highway Traffic Act. For example, under the act the warrant of a 4-way stop is 200 vehicles per hour for an extended eight-hour period. As a result of the minimum warrants, Township staff have continually recommended that no traffic calming action be taken in an effort to comply with Provincial Standards. Although staff recommended that no action be taken, Council made the decision to implement traffic calming measures in both Nottawa and Creemore through the installation of stop signs and community safety zones.

### SPEED SIGN DATA

Staff regularly reviews the data gathered by the radar speed signs as an ongoing effort to be aware of potential issues. The data is compiled into a program and reports can be generated as needed. To demonstrate the data that is collected, please see the following table.



Digital radar speed sign on County Road 91.

### MARY STREET, CREEMORE FEBRUARY 20 – MARCH 9, 2017.

Speed Limit	Vehicle Count	% exceeding the speed limit	% exceeding by 15+km/hr
50 km/h	10,268	24%	2%

### BATTEAUX SIDEROAD, NOTTAWA OCTOBER 7 – 14, 2016.

Speed Limit	Vehicle Count	% exceeding the speed limit	% exceeding by 15+km/hr
50 km/h	2039	72%	36%

As previously mentioned, this data is shared in real-time with the OPP for action at their discretion. If you would like to request the data from a specific speed sign, please contact Tim Hendry at 705-428-6230 ext. 240 or by email at [thendry@clearview.ca](mailto:thendry@clearview.ca)

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Residents are encouraged to report all speeding concerns directly to the Huronia West OPP Detachment through the non-emergency phone number: 1-888-310-1122

Reporting speeding and traffic concerns will help ensure that a record of the incident is created. This process helps focus and justify the need for enforcement of problem areas.

Additionally, if you would like to request that the radar speed signs be temporarily installed on a specific street, please contact the Clearview Community Policing Committee at: [policingcommittee@yahoo.ca](mailto:policingcommittee@yahoo.ca)

# MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

## IMPORTANT DATES

### UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

JANUARY 29 @ 5:30PM

FEBRUARY 12 @ 5:30PM

MARCH 5 @ 5:30PM

MARCH 19 @ 5:30PM

APRIL 9 @ 5:30PM

APRIL 23 @ 5:30PM

For more meeting dates visit: [www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca)



### CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

217 Gideon Street, Box 200, Stayner, ON L0M 1S0 • Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.

[www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca) • [info@clearview.ca](mailto:info@clearview.ca)  
**705-428-6230**



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## ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE

While the OPP and its traffic safety partners remain committed to saving lives on our roads, drivers and passengers play an important role in contributing to safer roads. In 2016, 307 people died on OPP-patrolled roads, with 65 of those deaths attributed to **driver inattention**, 55 to **speed**, 45 to **alcohol/drug** use and 45 to lack of **seat belt use**.

Within our Detachment Action Plan 2017-2019, we are focusing on the “**Big Four**” casual factors in motor vehicle collision fatalities, with the aim of saving lives on Ontario roads. We are committed to delivering on our priority by incorporating high police visibility, measurable outcomes, professional traffic stops and education. Speeding influences the severity of a crash which then impacts the severity of injuries and the odds of surviving the crash. Please drive according to the speed limits set and in a courteous manner.

### SEAT BELTS

**Buckling up takes a few seconds. Losing an unbuckled loved one in a crash lasts forever.**  
Wear your seat belt.



### DISTRACTED DRIVING

**Texting while driving is just plain dumb and downright dangerous.**  
If you're texting behind the wheel, who's driving?



### SPEEDING

**No one wants to share the road with a speeding driver.**  
Still want to speed? Take up video gaming and do it from home.



### IMPAIRED DRIVING

**Thinking of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs?**  
Let someone sober do the thinking and driving for you.



## SAFER ROADS ARE IN YOUR HANDS.





## MAYOR CHRISTOPHER VANDERKRUYTS



With a new year ahead of us, there are many things to look forward to in 2018 for Clearview Township. From the many community events, to new Township initiatives, the 2018 municipal election and many exciting projects from local businesses and service clubs this will be a busy and exciting year for everyone in Clearview.

I would like to address the speeding concerns that we have received from many residents throughout the Township. Council has agreed to install stop signs and implement community safety zones to help calm traffic in various areas. Although this is a start, these initiatives alone will not solve the issue. In many cases, the data from the radar speed signs indicates that it's locals, not tourists that are speeding on our residential streets. Please slow down and be respectful while driving throughout Clearview Township. Through a collective effort, we can hopefully create an environment where other drivers that are passing through will follow suit and be respectful. In addition, we are actively communicating your concerns and sharing the radar speed sign data with the Ontario Provincial Police.

One other update I would like to share is our participation through the County of Simcoe within the South Western Integrated Fibre Technology program (SWIFT). SWIFT is a very large initiative that is focused on providing an affordable, open-access and ultra high-speed fibre-optic regional broadband network for everyone in Southwestern Ontario, including Clearview Township. To overcome our region's longstanding broadband infrastructure gaps, SWIFT has developed a long-term plan to help more than 3.5 million Ontarians connect and keep pace in the changing digital world. The project's first phase is 2016 - 2021. Through the project I am hoping to see progress in Clearview Township as many of our rural communities do not currently have access to highspeed internet at an affordable price.

I also want to thank those that were able to attend the Town Hall meetings over the past years. I appreciate the forward discussions that we have had. They have provided great insight into the issues and opportunities for the Township as well as providing Council with some budget considerations and suggestions.

As always, I encourage residents to contact me with any questions or concerns and I will be happy to help. Connect with me on Facebook at /CVanderkruys, Twitter @Vanderkruys, email at: cvanderkruys@clearview.ca or by phone at 705-790-2696.

Thank you and enjoy your year in Clearview!

## DEPUTY MAYOR BARRY BURTON



I want to wish all Clearview residents the very best for 2018. Last year was a busy year representing the people of Clearview as your Deputy Mayor at Clearview Council and County Councillor at Simcoe County.

Clearview Council passed its 2018 budget increase at 1.74% and County Council passed their increase at 1.04%. Both being one of the lowest increases in recent years. In the Simcoe County budget, we were successful in keeping the \$2 million set aside for affordable housing in smaller rural development areas. It is my hope that we will be able to obtain \$1 million of the funding for affordable housing projects in Clearview.

I was approached by many residents in Creemore with a petition to do something about the speeding in town. I am happy to say that Council passed my resolution to install stop signs at strategic locations and declare some of the local streets as Community Safety Zones. Similarly, while at the Town Hall meeting in Nottawa, residents also presented a petition regarding speeding. I would like to inform you that I submitted a notice of motion at the December Council meeting which will be introduced at the January 15th, 2018 Council Meeting. The motion requests staff to meet with Simcoe County staff to look at the option of installing a traffic light on County Road 124 and to consider other traffic calming solutions.

## WARD 1 DOUG MEASURES



I hope that each of you in Clearview Township had a peaceful holiday season with family and friends. It can be a stressful time for some, and often full of complicated plans to gather around a table for a family meal. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the level of commitment to our community you will find in our staff in the Public Works Department. They excelled at customer service during the Holidays. I heard that on Christmas Eve, our Water Department with Roads crews had a rather messy job to deal with. The issue was a blocked sewer line at a family home that just had to be dealt with. I can't image the stress in that household when they realized there was a serious servicing issue on the eve of the Holidays. Thankfully, our staff were able to dig up the line, correct the issues, and basically save Christmas for that family. The next morning, the plow crews kept our Clearview roads open for a beautiful Christmas Day. Thank you Clearview Works Department. I hope that each of you will have a healthy and happy 2018. If you have any concerns of questions, please feel welcome to contact me by email dmeasures@clearview.ca or call me at 705-445-1937.



## WARD 3 ROBERT WALKER



Judy and I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I am excited that residential development in Stayner is starting to happen and this next year will be when they really get going. In addition, the new dog park, community garden, and the memorial forest will all move forward to completion in 2018. I would also like to commend the Stayner Lions Club for the planting of 150 Sugar Maples throughout the Township, it's a wonderful initiative. The new library and arena upgrades will lead us into another exciting year, filled with community events, recreation programs, the sports hall of fame, a new pavilion at Gowan Park in Creemore and an election year for both Provincial and Municipal governments.

## WARD 5 THOM PATERSON



The community spoke up on a number of issues brought before Council in 2017 including local vehicle/pedestrian traffic management, neighbourhood residential development and commercial/industrial developments.

Because there are always various opinions on issues that should be heard as part of the eventual final outcomes, community engagement plays a vital part in the overall success of our community. It works best when the public, municipal staff and council work together to communicate each others' positions, actively listen to each other and take the time necessary to make an informed decision.

Thanks to those residents who chose to speak up in the best interest of their community. One of the best ways to foster community engagement is through the active involvement of our many volunteers. Thank you to all the volunteers who generously gave their time and energy to make Clearview a better place to live, work and play.

## WARD 4 SHAWN DAVIDSON



Happy New Year! 2018 will be an exciting time for the Township of Clearview. Many of the residential developments we have been anticipating for the past decade are moving forward. This growth will bring new residents and new opportunities to our communities. The Township has been diligent preparing and 2018 will see the redevelopment of Station Park, the new Stayner Branch of the library, improvements to the Stayner Community Centre, improvements to Centennial Park and the continued expansion of the Eco-Park. The Eco-Park will contain a dog park and the community garden will be relocated to this area. There will be opportunities to secure your own garden plot. More information will be available this spring. An exciting development is the long-awaited Clearview Sports and Culture Hall of Fame. The initial nomination period will be communicated in the near future. 2018 is also an election year for Clearview municipal councillors. If you have thought about representing your community, take some time to learn more about it. The nomination period opens May 1st. Wishing you a prosperous 2018!!!

## WARD 6 CONNIE LEISHMAN



Here we are starting a new year and an election year no less. It is a good time to reflect on Council and the job we have done over the last three years. Being new to Council, it has been quite a learning curve. I am thankful for staff and their knowledge of Municipal business and Council for their guidance helping me become more comfortable in my role as Councillor. I am grateful for resident's patience and understanding in trying to address their concerns. Looking forward I would like to see Councils focus shift onto the small hamlets and towns in Clearview. A lot has been made of the attention to Stayner and Creemore and they are now clear destinations in Clearview. It is time to elevate the profile of our smaller hamlets. I promise to continue to work hard on your behalf and I wish you all a healthy and prosperous 2018.



## WARD 7 DEB BRONEE

Happy New Year everyone. I am looking forward to the changes that have been made in the Township over the last year and the positive impact we hope to see for our residents. The new staff that we have added should reduce the demand placed on volunteers to keep the boards and committees "in compliance with provincial legislation" and help volunteers to continue to do their great work. I am also looking forward to the Recreation Master Plan update. I encourage residents to participate when the time comes. It will be your opportunity to comment on the direction that we take in providing ongoing services in Culture and Recreation. On a personal note, I would like to thank residents, council and staff for their support of my family over this past year. It has been abundantly clear that we live in a great community. If you need to contact me I can be reached at my township extension anytime 705-428-6230 x286 or by email at [dbronee@clearview.ca](mailto:dbronee@clearview.ca).

# PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW

Setting and enforcing minimum standards for the appearance and state of buildings and properties throughout the Township is an important factor in creating safe and attractive communities. Unfortunately, throughout the Township, some properties have been neglected with buildings left in a state of disrepair.

Sparked by public complaint, in early 2016, Clearview Township Council passed a resolution directing staff to create a property standards by-law dealing exclusively with abandoned buildings. Upon further review and investigation, it was determined that the Township must first establish standards for all properties to be able to enforce the same standards for abandoned buildings. Shortly after, the Township received notice from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, that due to recent changes in provincial legislation, the responsibility for standards regarding tenanted properties would be transferred from the Provincial government to local municipalities. The shift in responsibility is a Provincial effort to make standards more consistent across the province.

In developing the by-law, staff consulted with industry expert Paul Dray. Through consultation with Mr. Dray, staff developed a comprehensive by-law that set minimum building and accessory building standards for all properties in the Township. In addition, the by-law also included minimum standards for maintenance of exterior and interior property areas.

## NOW IN EFFECT

The comprehensive property standards by-law was passed at the October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Council meeting came into effect on January 1st, 2018. The Property Standards by-law is complaint driven, meaning that staff will investigate only when a complaint is received in writing. The primary objective of the Property Standards Officer is to educate and work with the property owners to remedy the issue before the by-law needs to be enforced. However, the Township reserves the right to enforce the by-law and recover costs from the property owner through municipal taxes.

If you have questions concerning this by-law, please get in touch with the By-law Enforcement office at 705-428-6230 ext. 241. A complete copy of the by-law can be found by visiting the By-law Enforcement Page at [www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca)

## QUICK FACTS

### ABOUT THE PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW

\*This is not a comprehensive list. For a complete list please refer to the by-law.

The following list includes items that may trigger a property standards complaint:

- Exterior property rubbish, garbage, waste, litter and debris;
- Noxious weeds and excessive growth of weeds and grass;
- Dead, decayed, or damage trees or other natural growth and the branches and limbs thereof which create an unsafe condition;
- Wrecked, dismantled, derelict, inoperative, discarded, unused or an unlicensed vehicles or trailers;
- Dilapidated or collapsed building and any unprotected well or other unsafe condition or unsightly condition out of character with the surrounding environment; and
- Minimum standards related to the interior of tenanted properties.

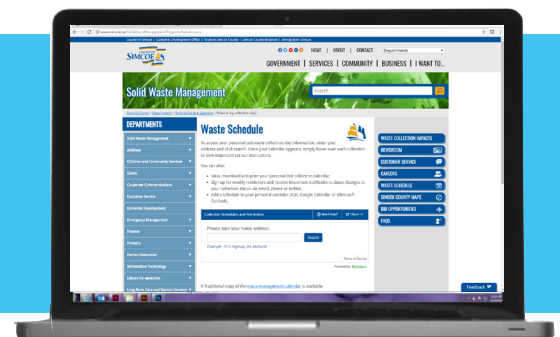
## HOW TO MAKE A COMPLAINT

**Complaints must be made in writing to the By-law Enforcement Office by one of the following ways:**

1. Email to the Senior By-law Enforcement Officer Joe Paddock at [jpaddock@clearview.ca](mailto:jpaddock@clearview.ca); or
2. Fill out a By-law Complaint form available at the Administration Office or online at [www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca)

## Did you know?

The County of Simcoe offers an online personalized waste collection calendar where you can sign up for weekly reminders and receive important notifications about changes to your collection status via email, phone or twitter.





## THINKING ABOUT RUNNING FOR MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OR FOR A SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE?

The next municipal and school board election will be held on Monday, October 22, 2018. Nominations open May 1, 2018 and close July 27, 2018 at 2 p.m.

To learn more about becoming a candidate in the next municipal and school board election, the Township of Clearview will be hosting a Candidate Information Session Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Administration Centre – 217 Gideon Street in Stayner.

To register for this event, please RSVP to Pamela Fettes, Clerk pfettes@clearview.ca or 705 428 6230 ext. 224.

Here is important information to keep in mind if you're interested in filing a nomination for the 2018 Clearview Township election.

- In order to run for municipal office, a person must be:
  - A Canadian Citizen;
  - At least 18 years old;
  - A resident of Clearview Township or the owner or tenant of land here, or the spouse of such owner or tenant; and
  - Who is not disqualified by any legislation from holding office.
- Candidates must receive 25 signatures of endorsement from Clearview Township residents in order to file a nomination form.
- Elected officials vote on a variety of decisions that affect multiple areas of the Township. Your duty will not be specific to only the area in which you live or conduct business.
- There is an extensive time commitment required to attend Council meetings, committee meetings and public events. There are two Council meetings a month and Councillors typically sit on a variety of internal and external committees.

For more information related to the 2018 Clearview Township election, please visit: [www.clearviewclerk.ca/election](http://www.clearviewclerk.ca/election)

Clearview Public Library is pleased to announce that library members can now access E-Magazines on our website thanks to the County of Simcoe Library Co-operative! The Co-operative has purchased Flipster subscriptions to the following English-language magazines; Maclean's, Chatelaine, Canadian Living, Canada's Style at Home, Rolling Stone and National Geographic Kids. These magazines are in addition to the 5 Spanish titles already available. Just click on Online Resources on the Clearview Public Library homepage ([www.clearview.library.on.ca](http://www.clearview.library.on.ca)) and then click on E-Magazines.

New to Canada and Clearview Township? Clearview Public Library now offers Click, Connect Immigration Assistance at its Stayner Branch. Newcomers requesting this service will be signed into a computer at the library and be connected with staff at the Welcome Centre for Immigrant Services in Newmarket through a secure video link. Assistance will be provided on a number of topics including the citizenship process, housing, employment and language training. At the program's launch County of Simcoe Warden Gerry Marshall stated, "Our population is scheduled to double by 2041, so most of that growth will be new immigrants coming into the County of Simcoe." Now newcomers will have access to immigration services without the necessity of traveling out of their community.

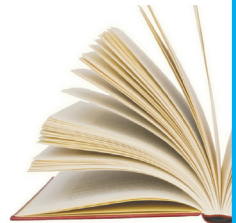


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# LOVE TO READ?



The Clearview Public Library is pleased to offer members in good standing a 50% reimbursement on one family membership per Clearview household from the Collingwood Public Library.

Residents will receive the reimbursement by mail after presenting an official receipt from the Collingwood Public Library Branch. Learn more at: [www.clearview.library.on.ca](http://www.clearview.library.on.ca)

# COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW

Effective policies and By-laws regarding land use planning is an important tool for managing growth and development within a community. To understand, consider the following questions:

- Should a commercial business be permitted beside a residential home?
- How many stories is acceptable for a new home?
- Should a homeowner be permitted to build a large garage in their backyard close to the neighbour's fence?

To provide consistency in answering these questions, the Clearview Township Comprehensive Zoning By-law establishes and regulates land use according to the Township's Official Plan which is responsible for ensuring that planning and development meets the specific needs of the community.

Additionally, the Comprehensive Zoning By-law provides the Township with a legally enforceable method of regulating land use and standards for development. For example, the By-law contains standards related to: building size, minimum setbacks, permitted uses and many other important factors that must be considered.

The original Clearview Township Comprehensive Zoning By-law was created in 2006. Although it provided a beneficial framework for the development of the community, there were inconsistencies and areas for improvement. Through comments from Council and through requests from the public, in 2017 staff started the process of updating the By-law. To facilitate workflow, the project was divided into two phases.

The first phase of amendments was approved by Council at the October 30th, 2017 meeting and came into effect on November 1st, 2017. Key amendments to the By-law included clarification and consistency within the general provisions and definitions. These changes resulted in simplifying wording to make the document more user friendly. As a result, the general provisions section was reduced in size from 77 to 35 pages.

Within the second phase, staff are working making changes primarily within the zone sections. Similar to Phase 1, these changes will help ensure consistent permitted uses and definitions and reduce confusion;

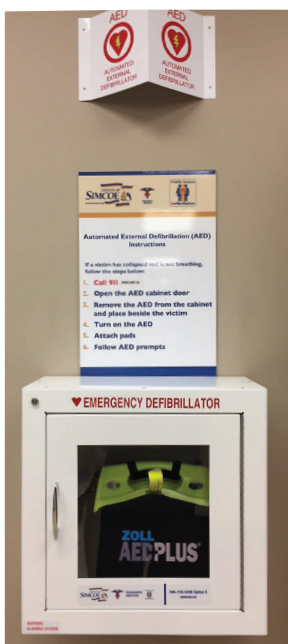
To learn more about the Comprehensive Zoning By-law, please visit: [www.clearviewplanning.ca](http://www.clearviewplanning.ca)

## WHAT IS A ZONING BY-LAW?

**A zoning by-law controls the use of land in your community. It states exactly:**

- how land may be used
- where buildings and other structures can be located
- the types of buildings that are permitted and how they may be used, the lot sizes and dimensions, parking requirements, building heights and setbacks from the street.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT



Last Fall, the eight Clearview Township owned Small Halls facilities, underwent the inspection, training and installation of Automated External Defibrillators, otherwise known as AED's.

The AED review was prompted by Ward 6 Councillor, Connie Leishman after learning that some of the Halls, which host hundreds of community and private events each year, were not equipped with the life saving device. To ensure consistency and public safety, the AED project included the inspection of existing units, and the installation of new AEDs by the Clearview Fire and Emergency Services Department. Throughout the process, each Hall Board received a hands-on-training session provided by County of Simcoe Paramedics.

The AEDs installed at each of the Small Halls, feature audible AED and real-time CPR instruction. Because of the rural location of many of the Halls, the AEDs will allow for immediate medical assistance to be delivered until emergency responders arrive.

As detailed by the St. John Ambulance website, when a medical emergency such as sudden cardiac arrest occurs, response time becomes a primary survival factor. For example, the website states that CPR combined with the use of an AED increases the chance of survival by 75% in the event of sudden cardiac arrest.

To learn more about the AED program of the Clearview Fire and Emergency Services Department, please visit: [www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca) and click on the Emergency Services tab.





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# Clearview Events & Tourism

[www.clearview.ca/events](http://www.clearview.ca/events)

## UPCOMING FEATURED EVENTS



### Sunnidale Winterama

New Lowell • February 2 - 4, 2018

Head to New Lowell and experience the annual Sunnidale Winterama.

It's the greatest little show on snow! Event highlights include: fireworks, spaghetti supper, kids games, comedy night, adult dance, sno-pitch tournament and of course, the bed races!

Learn more: [www.facebook.com/sunnidalewinterama](http://www.facebook.com/sunnidalewinterama)

### Clearview Health & Leisure Expo

Creemore Legion • March 24, 2017 • 10am - 3pm

Bring the family and learn about community sports, recreational programs and meet with local health providers. With over 35 vendors, there will be something for everyone! Also, don't miss the popular Sports Equipment Swap! It's a great way to sell last year's sporting equipment that you or the kids have outgrown. Learn more: [www.clearview.ca/events](http://www.clearview.ca/events)



## WINTER ACTIVITIES IN CLEARVIEW!

- Take the snowmobile trails and see the hidden views of Clearview
- Warm up inside and enjoy the flavours of Clearview's local restaurants
- Cheer for a hockey team at a game in Stayner or Creemore
- Lace up your skates and enjoy public skating at the community arenas in Stayner and Creemore or at the outdoor skating rinks
- Shake off the winter blues by taking part in the 43rd Annual Sunnidale Winterama Festival
- Head to the hills and go cross county skiing, tobogganing or snowshoeing
- Throw some rocks at a local curling club in Stayner or Creemore