



CLEARVIEW

THE CLEARVIEW

2019 BUDGET APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Did you know that your residential taxes are divided amongst four key services? Clearview Township (51.5%), Simcoe County (25.4%), Education (14.7%) and Policing (8.5%) *. Clearview works together with the County, School Board and OPP to provide residents with the public services vital to a safe and thriving rural community.

The 2019 Clearview Township Budget has been approved by Clearview Council. It will support many key initiatives to maintain and improve services and amenities for the Clearview Township citizens, while also investing in infrastructure, transit and economic development.

One of the most impactful updates that Council made to the 2019 budget is the addition of \$250,000 for bridge repair reserves. Most of the bridges in our Township are nearing the end of their useful life and will need replacement soon. Making this investment will ensure

we have the capital to keep road travel safe and accessible.

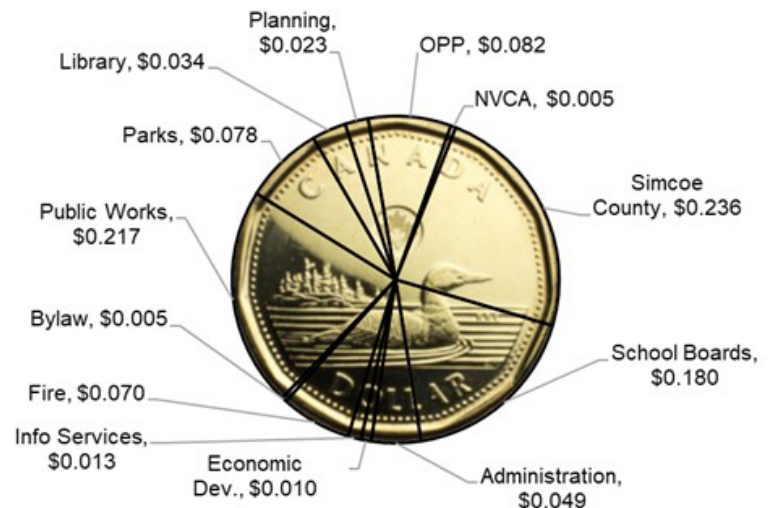
HOW ARE YOUR TAX DOLLARS SPENT?

The total municipal budget for 2019 is \$47.2 million dollars. In Clearview Township property taxes are the primary source of revenue used to deliver municipal services. In addition to property taxes, user fees, grants and development charges also contribute to revenue.

In addition to the services that residents expect, the 2019 budget will provide citizens with tangible changes such as road improvements, public transit expansion, completion of the Stayner Library, the first phase of the Station Park redevelopment, park, arena and hall improvements and more.

To learn more about the 2019 budget visit www.clearview.ca/budget.

*Percentages from estimated 2019 values



Approximately \$0.49 of each \$1.00 paid in taxes goes to Clearview. Each tax dollar is divided as shown above.

The 2019 budget includes several major initiatives for citizens. Among those initiatives, four of them can be attributed to approximately 84% of the Clearview Township portion of the tax increase:

- 2.30% or \$334,000 to increase reserves needed for infrastructure repairs and improvements, including \$250,000 for bridge reserves;
- 0.79% or \$114,500 to increase capital funding for Parks and Recreation, including the Stayner Community Centre, a concrete pad in New Lowell, a Duntroon Dog Park, a parking lot for the Nottawa Hall and more;
- 0.61% or \$88,194 to improve Youth Centre Services, and
- 0.41% or \$60,000 to start a Creemore public transit route

Residents will see an estimated net residential tax increase of 2.85% or approximately \$90.36 for the average home assessed at \$293,334.

MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS:

APRIL 8 @ 5:30 PM

APRIL 29 @ 5:30 PM

MAY 13 @ 5:30 PM

MAY 27 @ 5:30 PM

JUNE 10 @ 5:30 PM

JUNE 24 @ 5:30 PM

JULY 15 @ 5:30 PM

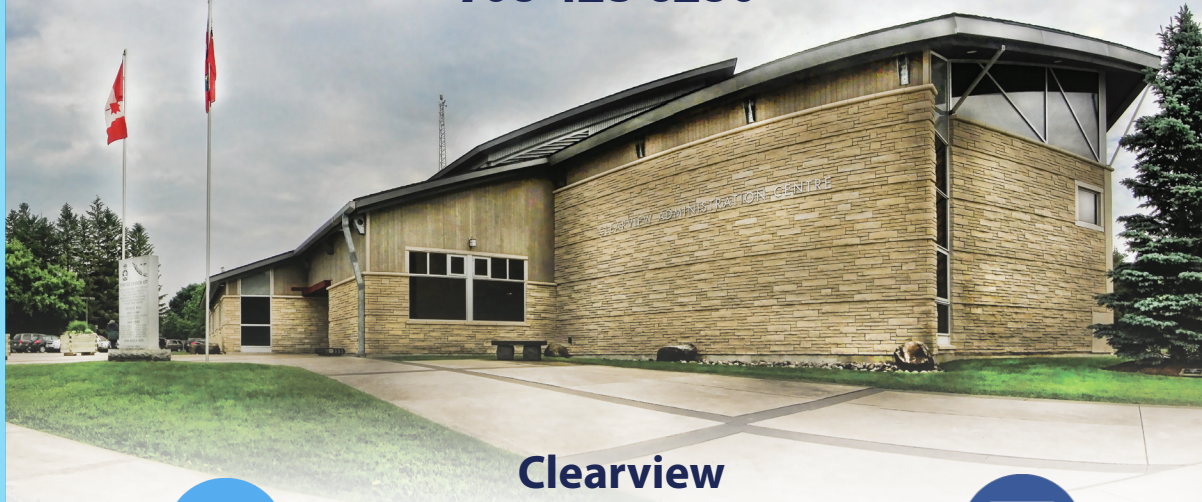
For more meeting dates visit:
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FROM THE COUNCILLORS

On December 3rd, 2018 the Inaugural meeting of Clearview Township's 2019-2022 Council was held.

Our new Mayor, Doug Measures, was sworn in along with three returning Councillors: Robert Walker (Ward 4), Thom Paterson (Ward 5) and Connie Leishman (Ward 6).

Four new Councillors were also sworn in: Ed Christie (Ward 1), Doug McKechnie (Ward 2), John Broderick (Ward 3) and John Lamers, (Ward 7).

MAYOR DOUG MEASURES



There is always room to review. As people, we often face difficult decisions with apprehension and worry. Your council is no different. Council is made up of citizens that are dedicated to serving the community in an orderly and efficient manner. It is my honour to preside at Council Meetings alongside fellow citizens that want to make the best decisions. Your council will deal with many questions and face issues that we were not expecting while serving our Term. On the afternoon of January 15th, Municipal leaders in Ontario were notified that the Provincial Government had asked for a review of second-tier (County level) Regional Municipal Governments, something that we were not expecting. I have been considering this review as a healthy step forward as we mature our Municipal Government and consider the future of our community. Clearview was created by amalgamation of Municipal Governments in 1994. Amalgamation occurred because of a municipal review and has allowed our community to grow together. In my opinion, after Twenty-Five years, we are a healthy, fiscally responsible, and engaged community focused on building opportunity for today and for the next generation of Clearview residents. This regional review the Province is working on is expected to report to the Premier's office in July. The Minister of Municipal Affairs, Steve Clark has stated; "Amalgamation is not what this study is about. It's about improving governance, better service delivery and about improving government at that level. That's what the review is about." In a recent meeting, I shared my vision of Clearview with the Minister's Representatives. I made it clear that we have come a long way in 25 years and I don't see any value to the residents to break it up. So, we will see what comes of the Regional Review of Simcoe County. Your comments are always welcome on this or anything you wish to contact me about, please know I welcome your input and will respond. 705 428 6230 x 280.

DEPUTY MAYOR BARRY BURTON



2019 will be a year of changes, we have our New Mayor Doug Measures and I want to welcome our new councillors Doug McKechnie, John Broderick, Ed Christie and John Lamers.

I want to thank the residents of Clearview for allowing me to represent them into my second term as Deputy Mayor and County Councillor. I am also very honoured to have been elected by my fellow County Councillors to the Position of Deputy Warden for The County of Simcoe.

There are many challenges ahead at both County and Clearview Councils and I remain committed to representing all residents of Clearview at both.

Recently, we were able to convince County to lift the spring load restrictions on County Road 9 from Creemore to Cashtown, and County Road 42 from Cashtown to Highway 26 in Stayner. This will give local businesses an economic boost and more business opportunities.

I look forward to spring and seeing all of you at our various events throughout Clearview.

WARD 1 ED CHRISTIE



Approval has been given for permanent digital speed signs to be installed at the north and south entrances to Nottawa on Highway 124. This is a step in the right direction to establishing a zero tolerance for speeding in Nottawa, the objective is to slow the speed down, period.

We are working on having a Town Hall Meeting in Nottawa, specifically on water and sewer and all the ramifications that go with it. Mike Rawn, General Manager, Environmental Services is gathering the information now. At this point, it is too early to give you a time line as to when.

A Trail Advisory Committee is on the table for discussion, how we work this into reality is still to be determined.

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WARD 2 DOUG MCKECHNIE



During the election, one of the issues I campaigned on was keeping property tax increases low and manageable. As I write this commentary your Council is in the midst of budget deliberations. I have voiced my concern that a 5% increase in the municipal portion of your taxes is too high. The Province is currently reviewing the structure of Simcoe County and its municipalities. Until we get some clarity as to how this review affects Clearview, I do not think we should be adding to reserves beyond our current annual contributions. Our total reserves presently stand at a healthy \$13,000,000. We also have very little debt. In short, the Township is in good financial shape. Increasing your taxes to add to the reserves at this time would not be prudent in my opinion.

I have also brought a number of your local concerns to Staff with limited success. While I have found this challenging, I will continue to advocate on your behalf.

WARD 4 ROBERT WALKER



I am looking forward, as your elected official, to the next four years. Where do I start regarding what is coming forward? We have the Community Improvement Plan that allows the Township to provide funding for facade and streetscape upgrades. We have the Stayner Downtown Improvement Plan, that presently is in draft design, waiting for Council to decide the next step. We have the new Parks, Recreation, and Culture Master Plan, just approved, giving us some insight into what might need to be done over the next 10 years. Developers starting to build model homes in some locations and starting phases of their subdivisions in others. The new Library and Arena facade will be completed by the fall.

Then we have Music, Market and Park It, Farmers Markets and other spring and summer events. If you need to talk about Municipal happenings or just talk, I'm out and about or you contact the Township Office.

WARD 3 JOHN BRODERICK



Hello Clearview, what an exciting time, so much to consider, so much to balance to ensure the growth and well being of Clearview Township, and the well being of all its residents. The geography of Clearview is vast and contains many watercourses, as a result, we have 72 bridges and major culverts we are responsible for, with an average lifespan of 75 years, most of these bridges are quickly nearing the end of their safe use and will need replacement.

The new library in Stayner is back on track, with the structural steel on site and being installed and a projected finish in September. Growth appears to be imminent with new model homes in the works. I'm sure most folks have heard of the Roxodus event being advertised for this summer in Clearview, the size and scope are ambitious, and a lot of work will need to be done between now and then.

The recent Clearview Sunnidale Winterama was well attended and such a good example of the community spirit alive and well in Clearview. There is so much opportunity for growth in tourism, an area we have not yet engaged, I hope you will join me in looking for those opportunities for Clearview.

WARD 5 THOM PATERSON



Public consultation is one of the most important responsibilities we have as members of Clearview Council. Councillors, new and returning, have now received their appointments to the various Committees and Boards that serve the variety of interests that you as a volunteer or resident may have. Whether it be on a local or Township-wide Committee/Board or an area-wide agency, we are there to better inform the decisions we make at Council and to ensure your needs are met. Get to know which Councillors are working on things that matter most to you. This term I have been appointed to the Creemore BIA, the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority and the Creemore Log Cabin & Jail Service Board. I'm also involved with the local group deciding on the future of the former TD Bank site. Let me know your concerns and suggestions on these and any other local Ward 5 issues.

**Q: QUESTIONS FOR
YOUR COUNCILLOR?**

Visit

[www.clearview.ca/government-committees/
council](http://www.clearview.ca/government-committees/council)
for contact information.

WARD 6 CONNIE LEISHMAN



I hope by the time this newsletter gets to you it will be spring or at least warmer temperatures. Here we are again into a new term of Council. Right now, we are well into the budget and will soon to have the final numbers by the time you see this update.

There has been much made about drivers speeding through the main settlement areas and our research shows that most speeders are local residents, so don't be part of the problem always note your speed while entering a town or village, thank you.

If you are planning something on your property that could impact your neighbour, please contact them and respect their concerns. Here at Council, we put a lot of emphasis on neighbours concerns and by telling them your plans beforehand you could avoid a lot of angst and appeals.

The Clearview Library, Stayner Branch, is finally back on track. We are still on budget but are behind in the schedule. At this point, we are hoping to have the use of Community Centre by the end of March with maybe a stretch into April. The new Library should be finished by the end of September, fingers crossed. With all the delays I will be glad whenever it is finished.

This is Clearview's 25th Anniversary, so watch for celebrations in the spring by going to clearview.ca, and join in the fun. Drive safe. See you around Clearview.

WARD 7 JOHN LAMERS



Well, Springtime is just around the corner. Ward 7 has some projects planned for it over this summer as we finalize the 2019 budget. Some road work to improve the sections around County Road 9 to 2nd Concession on $\frac{3}{4}$ Sideroad and Centerline and drainage on Concession 2 as well as some final paving on Switzer Street. One exciting budget item is to finally put a cement pad for multiuse at the New Lowell Park, this pad can be used for ice in the winter as well as sports in the summer and eventually could become our new pavilion space if the community supports it. As I embark on my first year as your Councillor remember that I am only a phone call away to listen and help with any concerns in our community.

Email me at jlammers@clearview.ca or give me a call, 705.627.9133

AGE-FRIENDLY SENIORS HOUSING GRANT PROGRAM



As part of Simcoe County's Positive Aging Strategy, they have launched the 2019 Age-Friendly Seniors Housing Grant Program. The program will award funding to homeowners or developers who complete projects that incorporate accessible, adaptable, and inclusive design modifications for occupants aged 60 and older.

As a Clearview resident, you are eligible to apply for funding. Grants will be awarded to projects that fall into three streams: accessible housing design for seniors, design for individuals with dementia; and the provision of support services for housing that incorporates enhanced aspects of accessibility over and above the building code standards.

The deadline to apply is May 15, 2019. For more details, or to apply visit: <https://www.simcoe.ca/LongTermCare/Pages/Age-Friendly-Seniors-Housing-Grant-Program.aspx>



CLEARVIEW OPTS OUT OF CANNABIS RETAIL

On October 17, 2018, under Bill C-45 recreational cannabis became legal Canada wide. The Federal Government set the rules, which allowed each Province to set more restrictive rules. On December 13, 2018, the Government of Ontario amended Ontario Regulation 468/18 which says that at this time 25 retail store licenses will be issued and that no store will be allocated in a municipality with less than 50,000 persons.

Municipal governments had until January 22, 2019, to decide whether they would opt into or out of the retail program. Municipalities that chose to opt out, have the option to opt back in at any time, those that opt-in, however, cannot opt out.

At the January 7th, 2019 Council Meeting Clearview Council followed the recommendation of staff report CAO-009-2019 and opted out of the cannabis Retail Program at this time. Council is taking the time to monitor the effect that opting in has on the community and citizens within the municipalities that have opted in.

Clearview's Strategic Plan includes the development and implementation of policies that focus on small business attraction, development and support. Due to the pioneering nature of retail cannabis, there is no supporting or background research at this time to indicate whether retail cannabis would be an economic driver or detractor for neighbouring businesses. Besides the unknown there are other factors that contributed to Council's decision to opt out:

- With the current provincial framework allowing retail cannabis stores only in municipalities of 50,000 persons or more, Clearview would not be allowed a store.
- Provincial requirements surrounding retail cannabis at the time of this decision were not yet determined.
- The Alcohol & Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) allows a 15-day commenting period for council and the public concerning the location of a retail cannabis store. This is not sufficient time for Clearview to take a report to council and obtain public comments. Since the AGCO decision cannot be appealed, this leaves the municipality without much say as to the location of a cannabis retail store.
- At the current time the province does not permit local municipal official plans, zoning by-laws and licensing by-laws to regulate cannabis retail operations.

Opting out allows Clearview to undertake additional consultation and gain a comprehensive understanding of the Provincial regulations once they have been determined. If the Township then decides to opt back in, a policy for reviewing applications for comment back to the AGCO can be developed, and by-laws can be amended.



CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP CELEBRATES 25 YEARS IN 2019



Clearview Township, the Community that we call home, turns 25 years old this year. 25 years is a milestone achievement. Old enough to have gained some true wisdom and a real sense of self, yet, young enough to maintain a youthful optimism about the future and an uninhibited sense of potential.

PAST

On January 1st, 1994 Clearview Township was established by the County of Simcoe Act, 1993. Created after a municipal review, the Act amalgamated the Town of Stayner, Township of Nottawasaga, Township of Sunnidale and Village of Creemore to form the Clearview Township that we know today.



With agricultural roots and a foundation as a safe, friendly and peaceful place to live. Clearview has a history and legacy to be proud of. Taking its name from a farming community originally located between the 9th and 10th concessions of what used to be Sunnidale Township, because of its location in a flat area where you could see for miles in every direction¹. In Clearview, we are truly lucky to live among such breath-taking natural beauty.

¹ A History of Sunnidale Township

² Statistics Canada, 2016 Census and National Housing Survey

PRESENT

Clearview is a distinctive rural Ontario community that provides affordable, connected and fulfilling life experiences. The kind of community where businesses are built on relationships and people really connect. They cheer on the local team or meet at the farmer's market. It's the genuine people who live, work and play in Clearview who get to experience their best and most authentic life.

We are a community of over 14,000², yet we remain tight-knit, always willing to help our neighbours and work together for the benefit of future generations.

FUTURE

As a Township, we have so much to look forward to. Just this year we will see the new Stayner Library Branch open, the re-opening of the Stayner Community Centre, phase one of the Stayner Downtown Open Space Improvement Plan, and the addition of a Creemore Public Transit route; all projects that will provide our Township with a greater sense of community and the amenities necessary for our growing population.

Join us on **Saturday, June 1st, 2019 to celebrate 25 years of Clearview Township** at the GNE Fairgrounds. Celebrating the past, present and future of Clearview Township and the extraordinary people that call it home.

Event details will be posted as they become available on www.clearview.ca.

There is no limit to what we can accomplish together, here's to another 25 years – Happy Anniversary Clearview!





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25
years
1994 - 2019

Events & Tourism

Upcoming Featured Events



STAYNER KINSMEN DUCK RACE

Saturday, May 4th, 11 AM to 3 PM



TULIP DAYS

Thursday, May 16th, 11:30 AM to 1 PM

25
years
1994 - 2019

CLEARVIEW'S 25TH CELEBRATION

Friday, May 31st & June 1st

Farmers' Markets



CREEMORE

May 18 to Oct. 12

Saturday AM

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

10 CAROLINE STREET

NEW LOWELL

June 5 to Aug. 28

Wednesday PM

5:30 - 8:00 PM

5212 COUNTY ROAD 9

STAYNER

Music, Market & Park It

June 6 to Aug. 29

Thursday PM

5:00 - 8:30 PM

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