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CLEARVIEW TOWNSHIP'S BUDGET PROCESS

Each year, Clearview Township Council approves an annual budget for the municipality. The budget process is comprised of numerous workshops to align the staff proposed budget with the direction from Council.

OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGETS

Operating budgets plan for a Municipality's day-to-day spending such as maintenance of buildings and infrastructure, heat, hydro, salaries and wages etc.

Capital budgets, on the other hand, cover core asset additions that are either replacing existing infrastructure such as roads, bridges, and water systems, or new infrastructure needed to meet the growing needs of the municipality.

THE DRAFT BUDGET PROCESS

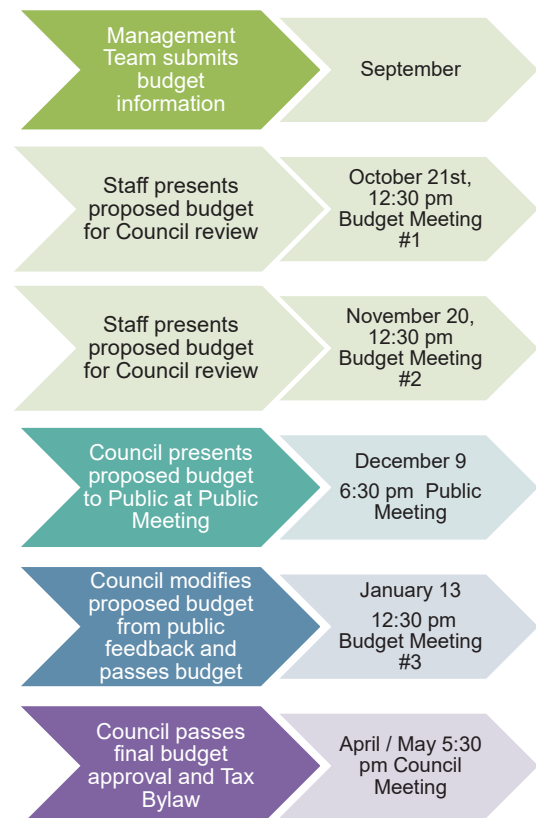
The budget process starts each year with senior staff submitting the budget information for the upcoming year to Council, followed by two budget meetings that allow Council to review the budget in detail, ask questions and suggest revisions. After this initial review process, the budget is then presented to

residents at the Budget Public Meeting. This Public Meeting gives Clearview Township residents a chance to comment, ask questions and provide feedback on the budget for Council's consideration. This feedback is then used to modify the proposed budget at a third budget meeting. The final budget is then approved, and the tax By-law is passed in the Spring of the budget year.

AWARD-WINNING BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Budget presentations and documents are always made available to the public on our website at www.clearview.ca/home/budget. Since 2013, Clearview has been presented with a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Recipients of this award must meet nationally recognized guidelines assessing the municipality's budget presentation in four key categories: How well the budget presentation serves as a policy document, financial plan, operations guide and a communications device. This is a distinguished achievement showing the commitment by Clearview

2020 - 2024 Draft Budget Process Clearview Township



Township Council and staff to the highest principles of government budgeting.

BUDGET MEETINGS & PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Budget Public Meeting is coming up on December 9th at 6:30 PM in the Council Chambers at the Clearview Administration Centre. For more information on the Budget Process, or to view past and current budget presentations visit www.clearview.ca/home/budget.

2020-2024 Budget Meetings:

Budget Public Meeting
December 9th
@ 6:30 PM

Budget Meeting #3
January 13th
@ 12:30 PM

MUNICIPAL INFORMATION

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

BUDGET MEETINGS

Public Meeting

DECEMBER 9 @ 6:30 PM

Budget Meeting #3

JANUARY 13 @ 12:30 PM

JANUARY 13 @ 5:30 PM

JANUARY 27 @ 5:30 PM

FEBRUARY 10 @ 5:30 PM

MARCH 2 @ 5:30 PM

MARCH 23 @ 5:30 PM

FOR MORE
MEETING DATES VISIT:
WWW.CLEARVIEW.CA

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Thank You!



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Clearview Township would like to thank all the hall board members, volunteers, service clubs, sponsors and partners for their dedicated contributions towards making the 6th annual Small Halls Festival a success! A very special thank you is extended to the 300 volunteers, many of whom work year-round to make the Small Halls Festival a big success!



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FROM THE COUNCILLORS

MAYOR DOUG MEASURES



I was asked the other day about the Small Halls Festival. The questioner wanted to know if the event was a success this year.

I had no problem answering the resident with a positive response and asked if he had attended any events. As it was, he did attend the now-infamous Chicken Races at the Duntroon Hall. Our discussion turned to the financial success of the events and we bantered back and forth about the cost of hosting the festival in the first place. Well, it was a healthy discussion, but it wasn't easy to get a clear appreciation of the significance of our Small Halls Festival now that it is in its 6th year.

I was attempting to convince someone that is a local resident, that has attended the Halls in our community, and had been to events at the Small Halls Festival every year, but has never bought a ticket to a show, that the Festival is a success every year. The Small Halls Festival is a signature event in Clearview Township. It is arguably the only event that is held in Clearview that is hosted by the community in every corner of the community. This event has brought recognition to Clearview Township across the province from the tourism & trade association, Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO). But, is it a success? I believe it is.

The municipal funding of the event is being invested to promote and attract visits to the Community Halls. For 6 years we have promoted the Festival as a weekend celebrating rural Ontario with local Halls being the focus of our rural identity. The results are clear, many festival-goers from near and far visit the Halls each year. Locals or visitors, all are welcome at the Small Halls Festival. Your tax dollars are spent on many things in the Township. The Small Halls Festival is a terrific way to celebrate our community and promote our sense of rural culture. You don't have to be a tourist to discover something terrific about our community. See you at the Small Halls Festival in 2020!

Doug Measures dmeasures@clearview.ca

WARD 1 ED CHRISTIE



Trails Update – Back in early fall Council passed a By-law to have a Trails Committee. The Terms of Reference are being established by Clearview staff. I understand the Terms of Reference will be available in the new year. Then we advertise for Committee members.

Water Service – Clearview is waiting for a finished report that is coming to us from Collingwood regarding Nottawa's needs for water and sewer. This report has been delayed again. When it is available Clearview will have a Town Hall meeting specifically on water & sewer in Nottawa.

Official Plan – Clearview's Official Plan is now under review. The municipality hired an outside firm to prepare the new plan. If you have issues with your zoning or any planning issue now is the time to let the Planning Department know so consideration can be given to your situation.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and your family.
Ed Christie

WARD 2 DOUG MCKECHNIE



2020 budget deliberations have begun in what will be a 6-month process. I will be requesting permanent radar speed signs for Singhampton, Duntroon and Dunedin and will also be requesting funding towards the repair of the brick posts at the Singhampton Cenotaph. Further, I would like to see our commitment to the Community Assistance Grants increased by \$20,000 to bring it to a total of \$50,000 annually. These grants support community groups that provide a recognized contribution to the well-being of the residents of Clearview.

We have also received a significant one-time payment from the Province to modernize service delivery, become more efficient and reduce our expenditure growth in the long term. I am encouraged by Staff's initiatives in this regard.

As the busy festive season approaches, I hope you find time to spend with friends and loved ones. From my family to yours, best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.



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WARD 3 JOHN BRODERICK



Hello Clearview,

By the time you read this, the Town Hall meeting hosted by Councillor Walker and I will have taken place. Hopefully, the businesses and owners of commercial buildings will have a better idea of what a BIA could do for them, the Town of Stayner and the entire Municipality of Clearview.

We are in the middle of the budget process, always a challenge to provide increasing support and benefits to residents, expand the Municipality of Clearview brand, provide the tools to increase tourism and maintain a balanced budget without huge tax increases. The recent decision by the Province of Ontario to back away from restructuring is good news in that department, as we will not be assuming additional debt. I look forward to the public participation of this process as it has to work for all of us.

I was disappointed, as I'm sure many of you were, by the reversal from MTO on the roundabout at Highway 26 and Sideroad 27/28 (County Road 96), putting traffic lights at that busy intersection will only add to the congestion and collisions we see there now. It will have to be addressed again and will cost more to fix the problems down the road.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful winter season.

WARD 5 THOM PATERSON



Speeding continues to be a real safety concern throughout Clearview. It's most serious on Airport Road and Highway 26 and on our local alternate routes like Fairgrounds Road, Centre Line and Concession Six. Radar signs and OPP enforcement alone will not solve the problem. It comes down to all of us behind the wheel to be more responsible. Please slow down. As a roadside sign placed by a resident exclaimed, "50km Means 50km We Have Kids Too".

The 2020-2024 budget process is underway. Residents will have an opportunity to participate on December 09, 2019 during the Budget Public Meeting. Final approval by Council is expected in January.

The long-awaited and much-needed renewal of our Official Plan, last published in 2001, is now underway. Find out more at www.clearview.ca/OPreview.

Bus service to Creemore started in October. So far ridership during this pilot project is low. Let us know if changes in the schedule are needed to serve you better.

My next Town Hall will be in January 2020 during which these and other issues will be discussed.

Jacquie and I wish you a Safe and Peaceful Holiday Season with family and friends.

WARD 7 JOHN LAMERS



Well, another year is almost gone, and this term of Council has just passed its one year of the four-year term of office. We are just wrapping up the 2020 budget process so make sure to attend our public information sessions or send me any comments.

We have had some delays on the multiuse pad at the New Lowell park and the new completion date is set for spring 2020 at this point. I look forward to the many events that happen throughout Clearview during the winter months (especially our own Sunnidale Winterama on the first weekend of February) so make sure to check out the newsletter or follow Discover Clearview on Facebook for more updates.

Remember if you have any concerns or comments feel free to call (705) 428-6230 ext. 279 or email me at jlammers@clearview.ca and I will try and make sure they are brought forth to Council.

Enjoy the Holiday Season



**The nomination deadline for
the Clearview
Culture & Sports
Hall of Fame
is March 31, 2020.
discoverclearview.ca/hall-of-fame**

WARD 6 CONNIE LEISHMAN



It has been a busy first year of this Council, with no signs of slowing down. As well as updating our By-laws, we are now in the process of reviewing and updating our Official Plan, which hasn't been updated since 2001. I urge everyone interested in how our municipality will look for the next 20 years to become involved.

There is an online survey you can fill out at www.clearview.ca/OPreview, at the very least please take a moment to do it. For those more engaged you can see the current Official Plan at www.clearview.ca, go to the bottom of the home page and click Special Projects, which will take you to a page called Official Plan Review. Read through that page and click on anything you are interested in; the survey is halfway down. I would appreciate it if anyone in the agricultural community would do the survey since we are largely an agricultural municipality.

The process is ongoing until next fall, but the opportunity to comment is this winter as the draft plan will be presented in the spring of 2020. The public meeting was held on November 4th and you can see the presentation by the consultants, GSP Group, as part of the agenda under item 6, Public Meetings. Thank you to everyone who takes the time to participate in the review. Since this newsletter is released in December, I would like to wish everyone the best of the holiday season and remember those less fortunate.

DONATION BINS & DONATING RESPONSIBLY

There are four Diabetes Canada used textile donation bins in Clearview. You can donate your textiles such as clothing, curtains, accessories, general household textiles (towels, blankets, sheets), shoes, bags, boots and sleeping bags.

What's not accepted in the donation bins? Hazardous material, electronics, infant equipment, household items, sporting equipment and anything that does not fit inside the bin.

The bins are located at the Stayner Arena & Community Centre, Creemore Arena & Community Centre, Nottawa Memorial Community Centre and the New Lowell Recreation Park. The donations help to fund Diabetes research and to send children, youth and families living with type 1 diabetes to D-Camps.

Please donate responsibly by checking before you donate. Visit <https://declutter.diabetes.ca> to review what donation items are accepted and leave non-accepted items at home or schedule them to be picked up.

CREEMORE TRANSIT ROUTE PILOT PROJECT



The Creemore transit route pilot project approved by Council launched this year on October 3rd. Route 2 of Clearview Public Transit services Creemore Thursday's to Sunday's with hourly morning service from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and hourly afternoon service from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

The route includes 9 stops, starting at Mary Street (Stop 1) at the top of the hour, taking riders across Creemore and ending at the Clearview Administration Centre (Stop 9) in Stayner at 40 minutes past the hour, before returning to Mary Street & resetting.

Riders can transfer between Route 1 (Stayner/Wasaga Beach) and Route 2 (Creemore) at no extra cost. The route includes connections with Clearview Public Transit's Route 1 and the Simcoe County's LINX transit services. Riders can transfer to Route 1 at the Clearview Administration Centre after a 10-minute wait when it picks up at stop 11 on Perry Street at 50 mins past the hour and can also connect with the Simcoe LINX transit service to Barrie when it stops at the Clearview Administration Centre on Gideon Street at 42 minutes past the hour.

Visit www.clearview.ca/transit to learn more about Clearview Public Transit fares, routes, schedule, stops and connections.

PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW



On September 23, 2019 Clearview Council directed staff to take a proactive approach to enforcing Property Standards & Property Maintenance By-laws. This provides Clearview By-law enforcement officers with an opportunity to get ahead of situations and deter future by-law infractions.

STANDARDS INCLUDED IN THE PROPERTY STANDARDS BY-LAW, 17-98

The Property Standards By-law covers many subject areas such as damaged/unmaintained building interiors and exteriors, insufficient or failed heating systems, the safety of stairs, porches and ramps, etc. Listed here are only *some* of the standards included in this By-law:

- Grass and weeds are required to be maintained at a height of less than 12 inches.
- Properties are required to be maintained free of accumulations of garbage, refuse or debris.
- Buildings are to be maintained in good condition, including the maintenance of roofs, windows, doors and eaves troughs.
- Sheds and detached garages are to be maintained in good condition.
- Rental properties are to be provided with working plumbing, heating and electrical services.

The full Property Standards By-law, prescribing standards for the maintenance and occupancy of properties is available on our website at www.clearview.ca/government-committees/laws-policies.

ENFORCEMENT

An officer of the Township has the right to enter onto and inspect any property at any reasonable time without a warrant, to determine whether the property conforms to the standards set out in the Property Standards By-law, or whether an order has been complied with.

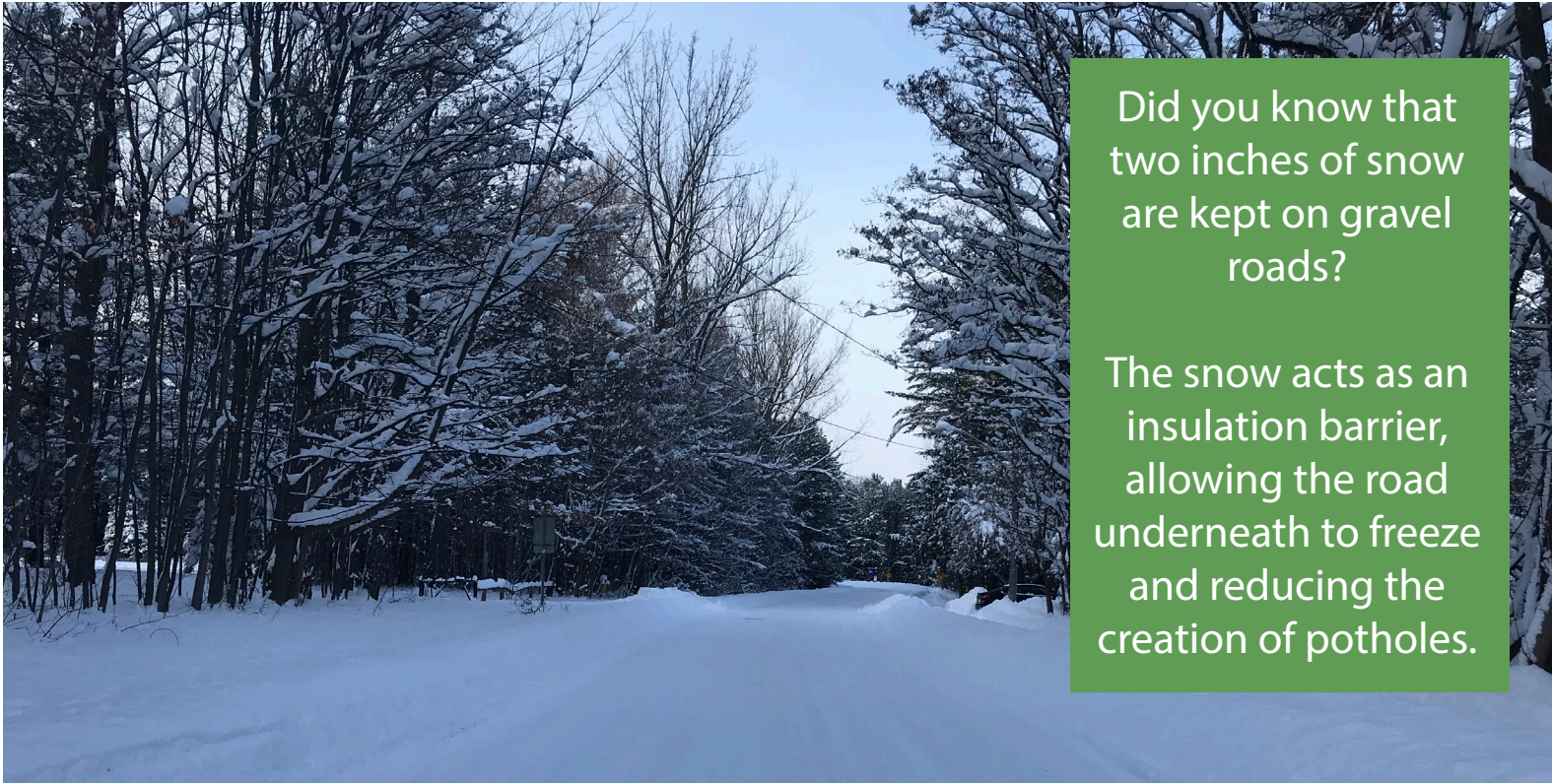
An order may be issued by an officer if a violation of the By-law is found. The order will:

- Explain the violation and what must be done to correct the violation;
- Indicate a specific time frame to complete the work;
- Indicate the final date for giving notice of appeal from the order;
- Be served by personal service or prepaid registered mail.
- If the property owner does not complete the work within the indicated time frame, the Township may carry out the work at the owner's expense.

For more information on the Property Standards By-law, submitting a complaint or making an appeal, visit www.clearview.ca/property-standards. In addition, a Property Maintenance Standards brochure is also available at the Administration Centre Office located at 217 Gideon Street in Stayner.



WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE



Did you know that two inches of snow are kept on gravel roads?

The snow acts as an insulation barrier, allowing the road underneath to freeze and reducing the creation of potholes.

Since October 15th winter parking restrictions have been in effect in Clearview, meaning that no vehicle shall be parked on any street, road allowance, sidewalk or municipal parking lot between 12:00 and 6:00 AM to allow for winter maintenance.

With 529 KM of roads, winter operations are a big undertaking in our Township. Every year seasonal staff are hired to help maintain Clearview's roads and sidewalks throughout the winter season.

Looking at winter road maintenance by the numbers gives a good sense of the size of our winter operations. There are 12 full-time and eight seasonal staff maintaining 529 KM of roads with 12 snowplows and 11 different routes, each route taking approximately three hours to patrol. For the 2019 winter season, 9500 tonnes of sand have been purchased.

HOW DOES IT ALL WORK?

Night patrols are preformed, and if-needed staff are called out between 3:00-3:30 AM, to report to work and start plowing the roads by 4:00 AM. All of Clearview's snowplows are fitted with GPS systems so we can track if, and when, maintenance was performed.

Roads are plowed on a priority-based system with major roads being plowed first, to accommodate high levels of traffic and school bus routes. Lesser-travelled routes are maintained after the major routes have been completed.

SHARING THE ROAD

Trucks and snowplows performing winter maintenance have flashing blue lights. Please give the operators room to work and don't pass them, it's dangerous as visibility is compromised due to blowing snow. Do not follow winter maintenance vehicles too closely as visibility to the operator directly behind their vehicle is greatly reduced. Similarly, a stopped snowplow is likely to back up, so please give them lots of room to do so.

It is not possible to plow our roads and sidewalks without blocking driveway entrances. It is the property owner's responsibility to safely clear the snow from their driveway entrance and from around their mailbox. The Ontario Highway Traffic act prohibits property owners from depositing snow or ice onto a roadway without permission from the Ministry or Township.

WINTER DRIVING & ROAD CONDITIONS

For information on checking road conditions throughout Clearview Township visit www.clearview.ca/road-conditions

For winter driving tips visit the Ontario Ministry of Transportation's online brochure here www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/ontario-511/winter-driving-tips.shtml

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Events & Tourism

Upcoming Featured Events



SUNNIDALE WINTERAMA

January 30 - February 2, 2020



HEALTH & LEISURE EXPO

March 28, 2020

Stayner Community Centre

Holiday Events



SANTA CLAUS PARADES

Saturday, December 7th

10:30 AM - Downtown Stayner

1:30 PM - Downtown Creemore

CREEMORE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DINNER

December 25th

Creemore Legion



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