

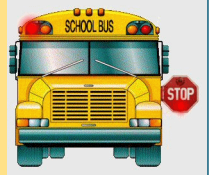


TOWNSHIP OF  
EAST ZORRA-  
TAVISTOCK

FALL 2020

# EaZy Talk

We have all been through so much in the past few months and we are starting to see more activity on our roads. This is a good thing however, with school back and many people returning to work, we would like to send a reminder to drive within the speed limits and watch for buses, Crossing Guards and pedestrians.



Harvest is in full swing! Please have patience for our farmers who are putting in long days. Safety first...watching for farm equipment and being diligent by not following too close or passing can prevent an accident from happening. It is important for all farm equipment to have proper lights on at all times as well as proper signage on all implements.



Everyone wants to get to and from their destinations safely each day. By leaving a few minutes earlier there is less distraction and pressure to speed and overlook our surroundings. Speed limits, cell phone usage, seat belt rules and securing loads apply to everyone on our roadways. Driving is a privilege. Let's all do our part.



The Public Works Department have been busy maintaining our parks, grading roads and trimming roadsides and trees. They have also planted 220 trees randomly throughout the Township so far this year.

The construction project on Maria Street in Tavistock was for installment of new storm sewer, watermain replacement, sanitary sewer and concrete sidewalk. This was a joint project with the County of Oxford, and final paving was completed in August.



The Public Works Department would like to thank landowners who maintain the roadside along their properties. We encourage the continuation of this practice. It shows pride for the land and enhances the Township.



Our Building Department has had an increase of 20% in building permits issued compared to this same time last year. This includes elementary school improvements, farm buildings, new homes, home improvements, sheds and pools. Back yard projects are a creative way to make our homes more enjoyable.

Structures larger than 108 square feet require a building permit. Permits are available on our website and can be submitted to [building@ezt.ca](mailto:building@ezt.ca) with drawings and footprint of the property.

Upgrades to the Innerkip Pavilion will begin shortly. These upgrades include the renovation of existing washroom facilities.



Final 2020 Tax installments are due Friday, October 30, 2020. Extended office hours on October 29th and 30th are 8:30am - 5pm.

The municipal office in Hickson is open with measures in place to prevent the spread of viruses. Please wear a mask inside the office. Hand sanitizer is available for your convenience.



We can receive tax payments by cash, cheque or debit. A drop box is available at the front of the office for cheque payments after hours. You can also mail your payments. Any payments received after the due date will have a penalty of 1.25% applied.

Online Banking - The account number required is the ROLL number on your tax bill. Please be sure to select Township of East Zorra-Tavistock as the payee.

Pre-authorized payment plans are also available: either 4 payments on the due dates, 10 or 12 monthly payments. Enrollment forms are available at the office or on our website [ezt.ca](http://ezt.ca)



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Council meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9 am and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Council meetings are currently being held at the Innerkip Community Centre. Attendance must be confirmed prior. Masks are mandatory.

When social distancing is relaxed Council will return as soon as possible to the standard in person format at the Council Chambers at the Oxford County Admin. Building, 21 Reeves St, Woodstock. All meetings are open to the public.

# Message from the Mayor

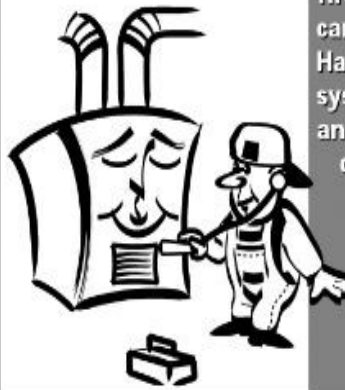
At the September 2, 2020 Council meeting, our Public Works Foreman Rodney Ramseyer was presented with a certificate acknowledging his recent achievement of Certified Road Supervisor (CRS) designation. Rodney joins Public Works Manager Tom Lightfoot in earning the CRS designation, which Tom achieved in 2015.

The Township is proud of Rodney, Tom and its entire Public Works staff for the work that they do. The knowledge and experience held by our entire Staff ensures that the Township's infrastructure is well maintained, and our residents receive the best service possible.



Administered by the Association of Ontario Road Superintendents (AORS), the CRS designation is awarded to individuals who have met both educational and experience components. Continued professional development is also required as part of the standards of the designation. Achieving the designation is an objective validation of an individual's familiarity with road maintenance techniques, public works technologies, applicable regulations, and current supervisory and management practices. In Ontario, the CRS designation is widely accepted as the standard for many municipal public works and road management positions.

## TIME FOR A CHECK UP.



Protect your family against fire and deadly carbon monoxide. Have your heating system examined annually by a qualified service technician.

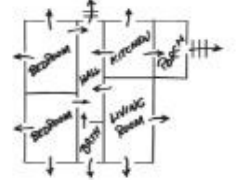


## INSTALL SMOKE ALARMS IT'S THE LAW

Every residence in Ontario must have a working smoke alarm on every level and outside all sleeping areas.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL

## KNOW WHERE TO GO



Develop and practice a home fire escape plan so if a fire starts everyone knows two ways out of every area.

### Yard & Garden Waste Program

Our Township provides three depots for leaves, branches, yard and garden waste. The depots are located at:

**Public Works Yard, 158 Loveys St., Hickson**

**123 Main St., Innerkip**

**Public Works Yard, 18 Hendershot St., Tavistock**

This program is **not** meant to replace your personal recycling efforts such as backyard composting, but to provide an additional option for those requirements that cannot be handled on-site. To ensure the ongoing cost effectiveness and viability of this program, residents are asked to dump waste materials from the bags or containers they are transported to the depot in. Brush must **not** be over 4 inches in diameter or 4 feet in length.

We also offer a depot for used tires. Please remove the tires from the rims before dropping them off. This is located at the Hickson Shop, 158 Loveys Street East.

These depots are **not** for renovation scraps. Please consider what you dispose of, as it is our Public Works Staff who are looking after items that are discarded.

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### Tavistock & District Recreation Centre

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### Tavistock & District Memorial Hall

Phone: 519.655.9992

For Bookings: 519.655.2102

### Innerkip Community Centre

Phone: 519.469.3889

For Bookings: 519.539.1340

### County of Oxford

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Website: [www.oxfordcounty.ca](http://www.oxfordcounty.ca)

Upcoming meetings and events can be viewed on the Township website at [www.ezt.ca](http://www.ezt.ca).