



TOWNSHIP OF  
EAST ZORRA-  
TAVISTOCK

WINTER 2020

# EaZy Talk

Welcome 2020!! A new year can be a fresh start. Positive thinking is a good place to begin. With the cold winter, hibernation may seem like a good idea. However, we need to stay inspired. By setting a few goals or having something to look forward to can make a big difference. The feeling of self satisfaction or meeting a goal is important to each one of us. A few simple ways to stay inspired could be:



- \* Coffee with a friend.
- \* Visit your local library in Innerkip or Tavistock.
- \* Join a team, exercise group, yoga or aqua fitness.
- \* Plan a movie or game night with family or friends.
- \* Book a trip or an overnight escape and start counting down.
- \* Plan something for the spring or summer with family or friends, eg. Camping trip.
- \* A walk on the trails or at a park, skating, skiing, snowshoeing or toboggan.
- \* Read a book, color, listen to music, consider a new hobby, limit screen time.
- \* Consider running a humidifier, the heated indoors can really dry you out.
- \* Be sure you are getting enough vitamins and stay hydrated with a balanced diet.
- \* Celebrate: Ground Hog Day (2nd), Valentines Day (14th), Family Day (21st)



There are times that feeling down can take over. We need talk to about our mental health. Our mental health is just as important as eating every day. Recognize when help is needed for ourselves or someone you know. REACH OUT is available 24/7, by calling 519-433-2023 or 1-866-933-2023. This bilingual service can put you in contact with a team of professionals ready to help. It's up to each one of us to make a difference.

## Public Skating at the Tavistock Arena

Saturday 1pm-2pm  
Sunday 3pm-4pm

Adult Skating - Tuesday  
11am-12:30pm

Tot Skating - Thursday 1pm-3pm

**Free Public Skate**  
Sponsored by:

**Tavistock Fire Department on Family Day**  
**Monday, February 17, 2020 1pm-3pm**

Public Skating Admission  
Pre School - Free / Public School - \$2.00  
Students & Adults - \$3 / Family Pass - \$9  
Tot Skating Sessions are Free Admission for all ages

Please check the calendar on our website ezt.ca



## Minor Baseball Registration

**Hickson:** Feb 22th & March 7th 10am - 1pm  
at Oxford AgroPro or contact  
shannon.smith@travelbrands.com

**Innerkip:** Available online through  
innerkipminorball.com until Feb 28th

**Tavistock:** Available online through  
tavistockathletics.ca until Feb 28th

**Thank you to volunteers for helping our community.**

## Winter Power Failures - Be Prepared



A winter power interruption is often caused by freezing rain, sleet storms and/or high winds which damage power lines and equipment. An interruption can last from a few hours to several days. While all efforts will be made to restore power as quickly as possible, severe weather conditions can greatly delay the process. An extended power failure in the cold winter months and subsequent loss of heating can result in severe living conditions in cold and damp homes as well as damage to walls, floors and plumbing.

Make sure that your preparedness kit is complete and well stocked. Please use caution if you are using candles.....flash lights are a safer choice.



**Family Day!**



The Hickson Municipal Office will be closed on

Monday, February 17, 2020 to recognize Family Day.

This includes General Administration, Building Department, Roads & Fire Administration. Emergency Services and Road Maintenance Operations are not affected by this closure.

We would like to wish everyone an enjoyable Family Day Weekend.



### Council Contact Information

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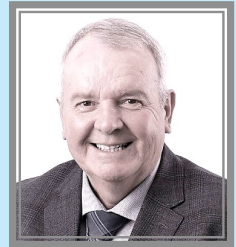
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Council meetings are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 9 am and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at the Oxford County Admin. Building, 21 Reeves St., Woodstock. All meetings are open to the public.

# Message from the Mayor



It is easy to read world news and lose hope. Political unrest, natural disasters, and trade wars can leave us very discouraged. I recently received a letter from Taiwanese Director General in Toronto sharing good news. In Taiwan, President Tsai Ing-wen was re-elected sending a strong signal of the country's commitment to democracy and freedom.

All residents of Oxford County can share in this good news story as part of the legacy of Dr. George Leslie MacKay. He was born at Lot 12 Con 9 in East Zorra and was a missionary to Taiwan and his influence continues 150 years later not only in the Presbyterian Church but in the country's health care, education and governance. I believe the lasting influence of Dr. MacKay can be credited to his commitment to develop local leadership.

We spend most of our political energy choosing a leader and ignore the development of future leaders. Our future as a local community, Province, Country and even the world is dependant on developing great leaders. East Zorra-Tavistock has great potential to do just that. Please encourage and support our local organizations as they serve our local community and train up future leaders.

### Reminder half load season begins March 1st

Load restrictions on Township roadways take effect March 1st and run until the end of April.



In accordance with By-Law #2005-46 during this time vehicles are restricted to 5 tonnes for each axle. Fuel and feed trucks are limited to 7.5 tonnes per axle and milk trucks are exempt. The reason for the load restriction is to minimize the deterioration of the road during the spring thaw. Equipment exceeding the weight restriction cause extensive damage to the roads, resulting in very high maintenance costs and increased liability.

Although farm equipment is not included in this by-law, we are requesting that farmers consider spring thaw conditions when scheduling movement of farm commodities, machinery, etc.

**Thank you in advance for your cooperation!**



**REMINDER:** Winter parking restrictions are currently being enforced. By-Law #50-89 advises No Parking on any road or street from 1:30am - 6am, 7 days a week to allow for winter road maintenance. Also, clearing snow from laneways by pushing snow out onto the road allowance is prohibited. This can cause issues with traffic losing control as well as compromising plow equipment. Safety is your priority as well as ours.

### First installment of 2020 Property Taxes are due Friday, February 28, 2020

Tax payments can be easily made by cash, cheque or debit at our office in Hickson. Extended office hours on February 27th and 28th, 8:30am - 5pm, open over the lunch hour. A drop box at the front of the office is also available for cheque payments after hours.

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 on our website [ezt.ca](http://www.ezt.ca)

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Office Hours: Mon - Fri  
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**Tavistock & District Recreation Centre**  
Phone: 519.655.2102

**Tavistock & District Memorial Hall**  
Phone: 519.655.9992  
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**Innerkip Community Centre**  
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**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).