



TOWNSHIP OF
EAST ZORRA-
TAVISTOCK

WINTER 2020



EaZy Talk

As we reflect on 2020 there are still many reasons that we must stay positive and look forward to a hopeful New Year in 2021. We have all accomplished so much this year and we need to be thankful.

As many of us look forward to the holidays and change our plans from traditional gatherings, we will find ourselves reverting back to times that our senior relatives went through. They still had family time with great meals, small gifts, cards and phone calls. These are all things we can still do and look forward to. Simple is better than nothing at all! It still gives us that “feel good feeling” and keeps the holiday spirit alive.

Consider shopping locally for necessary items as gifts. Explore what our community retailers have to offer. Care packages can be fun gifts that children can help with too. Call ahead to your loved one before delivery.

Staying busy over the holidays will be different this year as we are limited from travelling far or taking an escape as some have done in the past. So, here are a few ideas...an evening drive with hot chocolate to see the decorations and lights in our community. Family game or movie night with caramel corn. Walking, skiing or snow shoeing on public trails. Snow art...if you make the largest snowman in the Township, let us know and we will post your picture on our social media.

This could be that holiday season that we will reflect back on and share with generations for years to come. We will overcome these challenging times - our mission is to stay healthy.

Best wishes to all for a safe and healthy holiday season!



Stay Safe! Stay Off The Ice!

The Township of East Zorra-Tavistock does not monitor the ice thickness of any stormwater ponds. Ice conditions are unknown and unpredictable.

Stormwater ponds have an inlet and outlet pipe with water flowing much of the year. Moving water, water temperature changes due to vegetation, drainage, and fluctuating weather conditions leads to unknown, unpredictable and dangerous ice conditions.

If they can't be used for recreation, what's the point of stormwater ponds?

Stormwater ponds serve an important function in the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock's stormwater management system.

A stormwater pond has two main purposes. The first is for residential flood protection. The second is to improve the water quality of stormwater before it enters natural creeks and rivers.

Stay safe this winter, stay off the ice!

**2020/2021
Tavistock Arena Public Skating**

Adult skating is intended to run until
April 30, 2021
(Tuesday 10:30 am to 12:00 pm)

Tots (Thursday 10 am to 12:00 pm)
Tot Skating is FREE Admission

Regular Public Skating Programs typically
operating on Saturday and Sunday will **NOT**
be running at this time.

**For the most up to date Public Skating
Schedule, check the website at ezt.ca**

NOTE: This information is subject to change as a
result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Make sure that
you review all information to the COVID-19
Protocol, before attending any public skating.

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Council meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 9 am and the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Council meetings are currently being held at the Innerkip Community Centre. All meetings are open to the public. Attendance must be confirmed prior by calling the Township Office. 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.

Message from the Mayor



'Be careful what you wish for' is an often used phrase. In January 2020, while recovering from a hectic 2019 Christmas season, many were wishing for a calmer more relaxing next Christmas. Well, here we are readying for this season and lamenting all the things we cannot do. There are no concerts to attend, no tournaments for the kids, no travelling to five different Christmas banquets, no floats to ready for the parades, and I wonder if the wish came true?



So, what will you do with the new reality? What will we do with the extra time on our hands? What will we do with the extra money saved? I expect we will see many creative responses. Already we are seeing more Christmas lights and decorations on homes. We are seeing a run on craft supplies for hand made gifts. We are seeing more Christmas cards being written and sent. Will all of this lead to a calmer and more relaxing Christmas? Or do we change our wish list to return to the old frenzied ways?

We are being told this is the new reality. If it is, then may I suggest we embrace the opportunity to create new traditions that reflect our real values. It may lead to the peace and joy we wish for everyone at Christmas.

Don



**Garbage & Recycling
Holiday Collection Schedule**

Regular day:	Change to:
Fri., Dec. 25, 2020	Sat., Dec. 26, 2020
Fri., Jan 1, 2021	Sat., Jan 2, 2021

Please have your items at the curb before 7am on your collection day.
Anything out after this time risks not being collected.

Christmas tree disposal is available at the Township Yard Waste Depots:
158 Loveys Street, Hickson
123 Main Street, Innerkip
18 Hendershot Street, Tavistock

Please remove all decorations and bags used to transport trees.

The Hickson Municipal Office will close on **Thursday, December 24 at 12pm** and will re-open **Monday, January 4 at 8:30am**.

This includes General Administration, Building Department, Roads & Fire Administration. Emergency services and road maintenance operations are not affected by this closure.



There will **not** be a Council meeting on January 6, 2021.

We would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday.

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