



TOWNSHIP OF
EAST ZORRA-
TAVISTOCK

SPRING 2020

EaZy Talk

We have all had a very interesting start to 2020. Disappointment has met all of us in some way. Change to daily routines, employment, education, travel, sports, celebrations and closures of entertainment facilities. As well, the limitations set in place to keep us home has changed our lifestyles.

Hopefully, you have stayed healthy and creatively inspired during the past few months. Staying positive during stressful times isn't easy. So, we reach out to others to find a way. With the help of technology we have been able to stay close with family, friends, co-workers as well as educators. Working from home has its advantages and disadvantages. Learning at home has given us the opportunity to participate with our children's education. Staying productive and involved takes self discipline to stay on task, but feeling accomplished is rewarding.

The spring weather has given us an opportunity to work in the fields again. It has also given us time to get a head start on yard work, coming up with ideas to make improvements and just appreciate home. Having the walking trails available within the Township have also been a great way to escape and exercise.

We should recognize our time as an opportunity to be more involved with our families, pets and others close to us. These are some of the things we take for granted when we are too busy with "ordinary" life.

A big appreciation goes out to our local businesses that have made modifications to continue to serve us. As well, thank **you** for supporting local. Adapting to phone and on-line orders for curbside pickup has challenges, but receiving an order feels like a gift. A simple act of kindness given or received is also a great feeling. Some of the simple things in life are being recognized and more appreciated.

We are all very thankful for our front line medical workers and emergency teams as well as our Government for keeping us informed and assisting us during these uncertain times.

As we begin to receive encouraging news to slowly reopen businesses, we look forward to taking steps towards our usual routines and a new "normal". We have adjusted to giving space to those around us, respecting the rules set in place to continue to stay healthy and stop the spread of the virus.

Making history is never easy! Thank you for doing your part!

NEW!

order your
bag tags online

OxfordCounty *Growing stronger together*

wasteline *working towards zero waste*

Oxford County bag tags are available for purchase at www.wasteline.ca/bagtags

Bag tags are available in sheets of 10 for \$20, with an option to purchase between one and five sheets at a time. Payment is by Visa, Mastercard, Apple Pay and Google Pay. Until December 31, 2020, bag tags will be delivered to residents at no additional charge via Canada Post.

We recently began working with a new contractor to collect garbage and recycling. Reminder that pick-up times may shift, so be sure to have your garbage and recycling to the curb before 7 a.m. There are minor changes to what's accepted to your Blue Box recycling; for instance, plastic bags and Styrofoam food and beverage containers will no longer be collected.

Please check Oxford County's website for more details at wasteline.ca

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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.

We continue to conduct Council meetings electronically. Council meetings are on youtube.ca.

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



Are you finding it difficult to be thankful in these trying times? Whether you take the Biblical admonition or listen to mental health experts, taking time to be thankful, or to be appreciative is never more relevant than today.

I am thankful that the community of East Zorra-Tavistock has demonstrated great compassion, determination, resourcefulness, innovation and simple hard work to meet the challenges of COVID-19. Never have I seen more examples of people caring for family, neighbours and friends than we are seeing now. Flowers, food, emails and ZOOM calls are keeping people connected and cared for while we are staying apart. Businesses have changed how they deliver goods and services. We have seen the most creative ways to ensure customer needs are met. It is awesome to see local businesses rewarded with customer loyalty.

A huge thank-you to our health care workers and their leadership teams for their daily dedicated service to our residents needing care. Thank-you to our police, fire and ambulance workers for being there every day to provide community safety while not knowing what challenges may come. Thank-you to each one who has taken personal responsibility for your health and safety. Your personal health and well being has protected your family, friends and our entire community. It has kept our health care system from becoming overwhelmed. It has put East Zorra-Tavistock in a strong position to move forward. In doing so, we need everyone to continue the personal health protection measures that we have learned these last two months. But we also need each other, to connect, to care, to love and be loved.

Stay safe! Support local! Count your blessings! *Don*

Second installment of 2020 Property Taxes are due Friday, May 29, 2020

The municipal office in Hickson is open and we are receiving tax payments (cash, cheque or debit), building permits and land planning applications.

Extended office hours on May 27th and 28th, 8:30am - 5pm, open over the lunch hour. A drop box is at the front of the office 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

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Upcoming meetings and events can be viewed on the Township website at www.ezt.ca.