



## Mayor's Report: Monday July 13, 20, 6:30 pm, Council

### Community Happenings:

1. Prior to Council meeting, we had a photo op with our two PSHS McKellar bursary recipients. Jamie Herr will be attending Fanshawe College this fall, and Jenn Gunn who will be attending the University of Guelph. Both students received \$500 to help with their educational dreams. Congratulations!
2. Our McKellar market opened safely on July 4. Thank you to Jan Gibson for her perseverance and due diligence, and thank you to our volunteer fire fighters for helping out.
3. Renovations are happening in the Township Office and Library in anticipation of making our public spaces safer for staff and the public. We are still in a state of emergency until further notice
4. Our MLCA have begun their e coli water tests and a hot spot was found in a reoccurring location. Mattawa Conservation authority was called to inspect septic systems in the area but no septic problems were found.
5. Guy's McKellar Art gallery has been sold but the good news is that he is still staying in McKellar Township.
6. Tai Chi is up and running at Minerva Park, Patti Eaton and Joy Allan have been thrilled with the turnout.

### Reports:

- I. We will be making a public announcement on Tues morning about our interim staff changes, who will be doing what while our efficiency study is completed and a new permanent staffing plan is approved.
- II. I have emailed the Mayor of Whitestone, George Comrie, to thank him for sharing his CAO/Clerk, Michelle Hendry, with us. She has been a tremendous help and asset moving forward.
- III. A very special thank you to Ina Watkinson, Chris Bordeleau, Greg Gostick and Ron Harrison for keeping us a float over the last month. Your efforts have been appreciated.
- IV. Our CEMC is meeting Tuesday at 9 am to discuss compulsory masks, Stage 3 opening, Fall Fair, some local businesses protocols, fire outbreaks and fire works issues.
- V. Our Environmental Committee met on July 2 – see minutes - and are presenting four resolutions for Council's consideration. Next meeting Tuesday, July 14, 6:30 pm CC to continue to develop a proposal for a future public meeting and council in the fall.

- VI. Have met with our Efficiency Consultant – Susan Shannon - and emphasised the need to speed up the hiring of a permanent CAO-CLERK Administrator as our top priority. Her final report date has been extended to October.
- VII. Our Library Board is busy updating all their documents to provincial standards. Their curbside pick - up service is going well. They have started to acknowledge our first nations at the start of their last few meetings. Something council may want to consider. I'll circulate their acknowledgement.
- VIII. Participated in the PS –Muskoka area broadband teleconference. We are looking at a proposal for the entire area to have a better chance of securing governmental funding. Need to have Lis McWalter's give us an update on how our CENGEN project compliments their new broader ISP.
- IX. My email was hacked. My new e mail is [peterhopkins1942@gmail.com](mailto:peterhopkins1942@gmail.com)
- X. Our new Business and Municipal Directory should be mailed soon to all citizens. Thanks to Phil Boyd, Julia Archer and Ina Watkinson for all their hard work. Our next one will be electronic on our new website.
- XI. We have just lost a valued employee of late. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with Tammy Wylie over the last few years. I respected her counsel, enjoyed our rapport and her quiet but purposeful demeanor. I have worked with many outstanding people in my time. Tammy is at the top of my list. She will be missed. I wish her well in her future endeavours. "Simply thank you for all your hard work, it was appreciated, you are appreciated." - Peter

**Upcoming Events:**

Tues July 14 – CEMC Emergency Committee, 9 am, Council

Tues July 14 – Environmental Committee, 6:30 pm, CC

Thurs July 23 – Special Meeting – Projects – 3:30 pm, Council

Thurs July 30 - Environmental Committee - 6:30 pm, CC