



Seguin News - Winter 2012

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Let me begin by wishing a Happy New Year to all residents of Seguin Township, truly "the natural place to be".

I am looking forward to 2012 being another year of solid progress for our municipality. Our key priorities will continue to be environmental protection, infrastructure improvements with a primary focus on roads, and economic development. As always, this activity will be accompanied by a prudent and conservative approach to financial management.

A very important 2012 project will be a review of our "environment first" Official Plan and Zoning By-law. We look forward to substantial resident input on this critical issue.

Naturally, everybody is interested in how much of a tax increase to expect in 2012. Our municipality continues to be in good financial shape. We have a reasonable level of reserves and we will be debt free by the end of 2012. Our talented Staff continues to focus on cost saving measures. Our 2012 goal is a tax increase that does not

exceed the current rate of inflation. This means that you can expect a tax increase in the 2% range. Your Council, Township Staff, and resident's Finance Committee are working together to ensure the lowest practical tax increase.

I would like to remind our seasonal residents that you can have a lot of winter fun in Seguin. So don't wait for summer to return to your Seguin residence. Come and join the winter festivities!

Arena Action

The Humphrey Arena is the place to be for action in 2012!

New this season:

Come out and enjoy Shinny Hockey every Sunday 11am-12:30pm. Cost \$10/person.

Need practice for an upcoming figure skating competition? Figure Skating Shinny every Monday evening 5:30-6:30. Cost \$10/person.

Public Skating:

Season: July to March
Sat 1-3, Sun 2-4, Wed 11-1 (adult),
Thurs 9-11 (parent & tot)

Roller Skating:

Weekly rockin' Roller Skating starts April 20 until the end of June.
Fri 7-9, Sun 2-4.

Ball Hockey:

All age groups welcome. Coaches and referees are needed.
Registration: Wed, April 18th
Season: Every Wednesday starting May 9 until end of June.

Interested in booking ice, please contact Dominique O'Brien at 705-732-4300 ext 263.

Name That Park...

On April 13, 2012 Humphrey Public School and Seguin Township will join forces to celebrate the opening of the New Humphrey Playground.

We are looking for suggestions for its official name! Contact Dominique O'Brien for more information about this event and to submit your entry!
(705) 732-4300 or
dobrien@seguin.ca

Website Photo Contest for 2012

Seguin has recently launched a photo contest to give the community a chance to take part in our Website Redesign. We are looking for photographers to focus on their favourite things about Seguin and showcase all the unique region has to offer as a great place to live, work and play.

Amateur photographers of all ages can submit colour photos on our website for a chance to win one of three great prizes. The entry deadline is March 15, 2012. Click on the "photo contest" icon at www.seguin.ca. Enjoy snapping shots of your most intriguing, exciting, and beautiful scenes in Seguin! Photos may be used on our new website and in future publications!

During our redesign, we would like your input. A website questionnaire will be available at various locations throughout the Township and on our website in February. Please participate and give us your feedback and ideas. Should you have questions, please call us in Community Services at 705-732-4300.

Boating Safety

Boating safety is a concern for many of our residents. In fact, we hear about many unsafe boating incidents on our local lakes, in particular, the lack of speed limit enforcement close to shore. Ontario has adopted a restriction to limit the speed of power driven vessels to 10 km/h within 30 metres of shore with the exception of recreational towing. This 10/30 regulation is in effect for all our lakes (unless otherwise posted) and residents should abide by these rules. Unfortunately, enforcement does not fall under the municipal government; it is a Federal responsibility through Transport Canada.

The Office of Boating Safety recently provided Council vessel restriction information. As a result, we have placed 10/30 signs at each of our boat launches to publicize speed restrictions. We have also constructed two 10/30 signs for each Lake Association in an attempt to slow down the speed of vessels on our Lakes increasing safety. Every association is strongly encouraged to work with the Office of Boating Safety to ensure proper location and posting of this signage.

Let's do our part. Signs can publicize the need to slow down, but we all must set an example on our lakes and keep ourselves, and others around us safe. For information, please contact the Community Services Department.

CHRISTIE LANDFILL HOURS OF OPERATION:

November 2011 - April 2012

Wednesday & Saturday: 10am to 4pm

May 2012 - October 2012

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday & Saturday: 8am-4pm

Please do not leave bulky goods and construction debris at our Transfer Sites, it must be disposed of at the Christie Landfill Site.

Upcoming Events

Jan-March	Public Skating (Sat 1-3, Sun 2-4 Humphrey Arena)
Every Wed	Seniors Cards (10-4, Humphrey Arena)
Every 2nd & 4th Monday	Loon Country Quilter's Guild (Humphrey Fire Hall)
Jan 13 & 27	Movie Night (7pm, Rosseau Memorial Hall)
Jan 27	Humphrey Ski Barn Opening Celebration (10-2, noon BBQ)
Feb 10 & 24	Movie Night (7pm Rosseau Memorial Hall)
Feb 18	Seguin Sled Dog Mail Run (Humphrey 9am opening ceremony & noon in Rosseau)
Feb 26	Humphrey Figure Skating Carnival (2pm)
March 14	St. Patrick's Day Tea (2-4, Humphrey Library)
March 12-16	March Break Day Camp (Humphrey Arena)
March 12-16	Crazy Kid's Club (Rosseau Memorial Hall)
March 16 & 30	Movie Night (7pm, Rosseau Memorial Hall)
April 8	Easter Egg Hunt (Humphrey Museum)
April 13	Humphrey Playground Celebration (Humphrey Community Centre, noon BBQ)
April 13 & 27	Movie Night (7pm Rosseau Memorial Hall)
April 14	Firefighter's Late Riser's Pancake Breakfast (Orrville Community Centre)
April 16	PD Day Camp (Humphrey Arena)
April 18	Ball Hockey Registration (Humphrey Arena, 3-7pm)
April 20	Roller Skating Begins (Fri 7-9, Sun 2-4pm)
April 22	Earth Day Trail Clean-Up (Humphrey Nature Trails, time TBA)
April 30	Swim Registration Begins (Humphrey Arena)
May 3	Mayfest (Humphrey Arena)
May 9	Ball Hockey Season Begins! (Every Wednesday 5:30-8:30pm)
May 11 & 27	Movie Night (7pm, Rosseau Memorial Hall)
May 19	Free Bulky Item Event (Brooks Road Site)
May 19-Sept 1	Market on the Green (Orrville, 9-2)
June 9	Free Bulky Item Event (Humphrey Site)
July 6	Rosseau Market (Rosseau Waterfront - every Friday July to September, 9-2)

Santa Skate a Success!

The 2nd Annual Santa Skate was held at the Humphrey Arena on December 17 to the delight and smiles of close to 250 people. Santa laced up his skates, took children by the hand and glided around the rink amidst the twinkling of Christmas lights and holiday tunes.

Our jolly fellow in red and white was joined on the ice by Sparky the Dog (a resident of the Seguin Fire Department) and the Moose. (from the Moose FM Radio)



By-Law Goes to the Dogs - New Lifetime Dog Tag's

When a dog goes astray, our goal at Seguin Township is to reunite owners with their pets as soon as possible. In an effort to identify the homes of more dogs we have implemented a Lifetime Dog Tag system for 2012.

As an owner, you will be required to purchase a tag for your dog once during its lifetime to enable the Township to immediately return your animal home when found. We encourage all dog owners to please drop into our Municipal Office or call Ana in our By-law Enforcement Department at 705-732-4300 (email: acolins@seguin.ca).

Emergency Call Outs

In an effort to enhance our ability to contact residents during an emergency, we are creating a database of home (and cottage, if applicable) phone numbers for all residences, as well as email addresses for all ratepayers.

This information will be utilized to contact ratepayers if needed during an emergency, such as the 2010 Train Derailment. This will allow us to contact you if access to your residence is affected and what precautions or actions need to be taken. To provide or update your contact information please call the Treasury Department at 705-732-4300 or email kmarsh@seguin.ca

Official Plan Review

The review of the Seguin Official Plan is well underway. Our planning consultant and staff have undertaken a detailed review of provincial legislation and planning issues including those identified during the special public meeting held in July of 2011.

In 2012, an OP Background Report will be presented to Council for public review and comment. There will still be several opportunities for public input as the Official Plan review proceeds towards completion in the late summer of 2012. Public comments are welcome at any time. Once the review is complete, the updated Official Plan will be presented to the Province for final approval.

Requirements for Building Permits

Recently our Building Department has noted a number of confusions regarding Permit requirements for many small accessory structures. We have provided the following information to help clarify requirements in obtaining Building Permits:

Building Permits are required for the following:

- Prior to the new construction or replacement of any existing deck or porch.
- To build or place a prefabricated shed (including metal storage/railway containers), garage, or other freestanding structure (including docks and boathouses) greater than 10 square metres or any size structures containing plumbing.
- Interior construction when walls, doors, windows, bedrooms or hallways are created.
- Any installation or addition to a plumbing system. (Electrical work permits are required from the Electrical Safety Authority 1-877-372-7233 and Sewage system permits from the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority 705-746-7566).
- For the installation of solar panels if attached to a structure. (as well as approval from the Electrical Safety Authority)

Please note: all structures regardless of size must meet the requirements of the Zoning By-Law. Please contact the Building Department at 705-732-4300 if you have any questions as we would be more than happy to help you.

A Big Thank you!

Thank you to the Horseshoe Men's Club, the Puck and Ball Tournament, and the Humphrey Early Years Program for their generous donations towards the new playground equipment in Humphrey and the renovations to the Humphrey Community Centre kitchen!



The donations to our facilities are greatly appreciated!



Safe Winter Driving Reminder:

- * Please give the car in front of your room to stop.
- * Take your time and please don't pass plows doing their job.
- * Ensure children play in a safe area, not on the snow banks close to the road.
- * Please do not push snow onto a plowed roadway.

PLEASE NOTE: PARKING IS PROHIBITED ON SEGUIN ROADS AND FIRE ROUTES BETWEEN NOVEMBER 15- APRIL 15