

# Seguin Newsletter

January 2021



## Mayor's Message

2021 will be a year of transition – Seguin Township is looking forward to transitioning back to full community programming following the on again – off again closures associated with COVID-19. We look forward to having broad-scale community vaccinations as early as possible in 2021 and continue to work closely with our partners at the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit to keep our community safe.



Please join me in continuing to celebrate all of the frontline workers that help keep all of us safe, fed and healthy. Essential service personnel across the nation, province and locally have stepped forward in 2020 like never before. I know how grateful we all are for their commitment to delivering key services and it is important to recognize all that they continue to do for our community.

Similarly, it is vitally important that we all continue to support our local economy and the businesses that have stayed open and struggled through the uncertainty of COVID-19. Our local businesses are the mainstays of our community and they need our help to recover, rebuild their business and thrive throughout 2021 and beyond.

We are very hopeful that the West Parry Sound Pool and Wellness Centre will move forward this year. I believe that we are closer than we have ever been before to receiving very significant provincial and federal funding because of the collaborative efforts of the 7 West Parry Sound municipalities. This Wellness Centre initiative is the first and best example of what can happen when we gather with our neighbouring municipalities. The larger the voice – the more impact we have with our elected representatives in Queen's Park and Ottawa.

Township staff are working with our neighbouring municipalities to request that the Province coordinate the timing of the move to producer responsibility in all forms of recycling. Please stay tuned for exactly what this will mean for you and our Waste Management plans.

Affordable, robust broadband remains a top priority for your Council. The \$280,000 allocated from our modernization funds to match a Vianet investment will bring enhanced connectivity to over 4000 homes/businesses by summer 2021. Work is underway to further expand this level of connectivity in the Highway 518 and Orrville area to provide more reliable services to your home.

Several Seguin consultation initiatives will be coming before Council early in 2021 that will influence the strategic direction of Seguin over the next several years. You will be seeing the first draft of the new Official Plan, results and next steps associated with the short-term rental issue and continuing improvements to more seasonal roads.

Jason Inwood joined Seguin in November as our Chief Administrative Officer. I look forward to working with Jason to ensure that we deliver an exceptional community experience, support community prosperity and be strong environmental stewards for our precious township. Jason has expressed great enthusiasm about joining the township and moving his family to the community. Jason will be working closely with me and all of Council on achieving the strategic objectives set by Council at the beginning of this term. We look forward to his expertise and passion for community building into 2021.

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### Stay Safe While Enjoying our Winter Wonderland!

Winter has arrived in Seguin Township and that means our snowplows are back out salting, sanding, and plowing the roads to keep us all safe.

Here are some quick tips for those who enjoy a brisk walk or run outside:

- Stay off your phone and don't listen to music.
- Walk on the shoulder, against traffic.
- Wear bright coloured clothing (wearing all black or all white can be difficult to see by drivers).
- Include safety gear (flashing light, florescent stripes or hi-visibility vest).
- Do not cross in front or closely behind a working vehicle. Stand back and allow plows and trucks to safely pass you by before attempting to cross roads.



Discuss these safety tips with your family and friends and please be diligent when out in the community. Together we can all enjoy a safe winter season!

# REMINDER

In an effort so as not to interfere with the clearing of snow, please do not park a vehicle on any Township maintained roadway and/or fire route. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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## Stay Alert & Be Aware of the Dangers of Lakes and Rivers

### Ice Thickness Chart Safe Ice Depths



Note: These are rough guidelines for clear ice only.

"Ice Thickness Safety Chart," The Old Farmer's Almanac, N.p., n.d. Web. <http://www.almanac.com>.

## Stay In Touch!

