



Spring/Summer eNews 2019

Your latest news and opportunities to connect with your community!



"The Natural Place to Be"

Mayor's Message

Spring has finally sprung in Seguin. With the May long weekend upon us and blackflies happily hatching it has been a spring of plenty of water. Flooding continues throughout the Seguin and Boyne River watersheds as the water is gradually flowing out of Lake Muskoka and further down the Great Lakes. The Ministry of Natural Resources is estimating that it will be at least another month before water levels can be expected to be back in the normal range.



To all of the volunteers who helped with sand bagging and flood watch, a very special thank you. To the residents that are still dealing with very muddy roads, we truly appreciate your patience. Seguin work crews are out in full force encouraging the frost out of those stubborn bumps and ruts. We all need a string of warm dry days.

For those anxious to boat, please be mindful of your wake, especially in areas where water levels remain high, in order to minimize damage to our shorelines and waterfront properties. If your property has been impacted by the flooding, please visit ontario.ca/DisasterAssistance to find out if you are eligible for financial help.

I am pleased to report that your Council has passed the 2019 Capital and Operating

budgets, which represents a 1.55% municipal tax rate increase over 2018. For the average residential property, total taxes will increase in 2019 by .05% or \$1.25 compared to 2018.

Your Council, like those throughout northern Ontario, is facing significant cost downloading from the province in coming months and years. We are particularly concerned about the provincial cutbacks to EMS, 911, ambulance services and public health care. Through the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) municipalities are pressuring our provincial counterparts to be more conscious of the local impact of these cuts. We simply cannot do without ambulances and 911 services but our only source of funding when costs are downloaded to Seguin are your taxes. We urge all citizens of Seguin to speak up when cuts are made to services you depend on.

Seguin is in the midst of a Strategic Planning process. We want and need your input. Please submit any thoughts, ideas and priorities to us at strategicplan@seguin.ca or join us for a Public Information & Listening Session at the Rosseau Memorial Hall on Saturday, June 15th at 9:00am. This plan will shape Council priorities for the next 3 years and beyond so your thoughts are very important. For more information on this process, please visit www.seguin.ca/strategicplan.

Finally, if you have not already done so, I strongly encourage you to complete our Community Engagement Survey at www.seguin.ca/communications. The survey closes on Monday, May 20th, so don't delay. This information will assist with the development of our new Corporate Communications Plan and will be the starting point to what I believe will be a more engaged community, and a more engaged Council, offering a more respectful dialogue in all that we do.

Ann MacDiarmid
Mayor

Get Involved!



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Living in the North and learning to swim go hand in hand. This skill is essential and the Township of Seguin provides numerous opportunities to learn at the *Foley Matheson Beach and the Rosseau Waterfront*.

Session #1: July 2 - July 12
Session #2: July 15 - July 26
Session #3: July 29 - August 9
Session #4: August 12 - August 23



BUILDING IN SEGUIN WORKSHOP

Please join the Seguin Building Department for an informational session. Topics will be geared mainly towards contractors, designers and property owners that have ongoing projects or future plans for development.

Humphrey Community Centre
Saturday, May 25th
9:00am to 12:00pm

Also offering Bronze
Star/Medallion/Cross

Click here to register online!



YOUTH LACROSSE

Tuesdays May 7 - June 18
Humphrey Arena

Click here to register online!

*For a list of topics or more
information on the workshop
please click here*

RSVP's appreciated to 705-732-4300 or
bmartin@seguin.ca



YOUTH BALL HOCKEY

Wednesdays May 8 - June 19
Humphrey Arena

Click here to register online!

Seguin Township Strategic Plan 2019-2022

Seguin Council is beginning a strategic plan review to identify key priorities for the next three years & beyond. We want to hear from you.

**Public Information & Listening
Session - June 15, 2019
Rosseau Memorial Hall 9:00am**

Frequently Asked Questions



We invite you to direct any additional questions or comments about the Strategic Planning process to strategicplan@seguin.ca

Community Engagement Survey



We value your input! Please take a few minutes to complete the survey to tell us how we can improve the way we

We are currently in the process of conducting a communications survey to identify ways that we can enhance two-way communication between the Township and our ratepayers. Based on this feedback, staff will begin the process of creating and implementing a Corporate Communications Strategy & Plan.

News from Public Works

2019 Projects

Our Public Works crew will be busy again this season with several maintenance projects and capital projects that have been budgeted and passed by Council during budget deliberations, such as:

- Salmon Lake Road (east of Bon Echo) will receive drainage improvements, gravel and some surface treatment.
- Turtle Lake Road (Phase 1) will substantial drainage improvements from Highway 141 to Tally-Ho Swords Road
- Sealing of select surface treated roads – South Seguin Estates and Islandview

Roads

This spring has been extremely challenging for Public Works staff to keep our roads in a continual state of repair. The saturated wet fall, quick frost and snow in November, frequent freezer-thaw conditions and the increasing volume of commercial traffic in the half load season has put our roads in less than desirable conditions. We have had up to three motor-graders fixing our roads at the same time working with half loaded gravel trucks to keep the roads passable. We appreciate everyone's calls into Public Works notifying us of conditions as it's very difficult to see all roads every day.

Waste

Waste Disposal is for Seguin residents and property owners ONLY! Please do not dump illegal materials at our transfer sites, as the cost of cleanup is ultimately absorbed by the taxpayer. If you observe someone dumping illegally, or want to report the condition of a waste transfer site please call By-law Enforcement during regular business hours at 705-732-4300, or after hours at 705-751-0050.



Belvedere Heights has receptacles located at all transfer sites for collection of aluminum cans. Canadian Diabetes Association's Clothesline bins are located at all waste transfer sites. The Township diverted **24,000 kgs** of textiles from the landfill in 2018, and the charity collects materials for fundraising. Win-Win!

Hazardous waste is accepted year round at the McFarlane Street transfer site in Parry Sound. For more information and hours of operation, please call Parry Sound at 705-746-2101 or visit www.parrysound.ca

Summer Hours
8:00am to 4:00pm
Closed Tuesdays & Thursdays
(May 1st to Oct 31st)

The Landfill will be once again offering Free Bulky Waste Days from June 22 to September 8. The landfill will accept furniture, mattresses, brush, appliances, scrap metal, electronics, car tires for free. Fridges, construction materials, shingles, boats will continue to be accepted at their regular tipping fee. In addition, staff will also be holding the Special Bulky Events at transfer sites throughout the township.

Upcoming Special Bulky Item Event dates and locations:

- Saturday May 18 - Brooks Road
- Saturday June 01 - Humphrey
- Saturday July 20 - Brooks Road
- Saturday August 17 - Airport
- Saturday August 24 - Stanley House
- Saturday August 31 - Brooks Road
- All events are from 8am - 4pm**

RECYCLING 101

Here is a list of things you can recycle at each of our transfer stations:



CONTAINERS

- Clear & coloured glass
- Steel
- Aluminum trays and foil
- Cat litter tubs with plastic handles
- Rigid plastic bottles
- Plastic soft drink bottles
- Clear compact disk cases
- Tubs & lids



FIBRES

- Newspaper & mixed paper
- Phone books
- Boxboard
- Brown paper bags
- Cardboard
- Magazines & flyers
- Wax coated milk & juice cartons

Coming Events

Building in Seguin Workshop

Humphrey Arena
May 25, 2019

Seguin Township Strategic Plan Public Information & Listening Session

Rosseau Memorial Hall
June 15, 2019

Rosseau Regatta

Rosseau Waterfront
July 27, 2019

Pancake Breakfast

Orrville Community Centre
Saturday, August 3, 2019

Rosseau Horticultural Society

Seguin Family Fun Night

Humphrey Arena
June 21, 2019

Orrville Canada Day Celebration

Orrville Community Centre
June 29, 2019

Foley Canada Day Celebration

Foley Community Hall
July 1, 2019

Evening Coffee House

Foley Community Hall
July 6, 2019

Dance

Rosseau Waterfront
August 3, 2019

Rosseau Fall Fair

Rosseau Fieldhouse
August 24, 2019

Foley Fall Fair

Foley Community Hall & Fairgrounds
August 31, 2019

Fly In - Drive In

Parry Sound Area Municipal Airport
September 7, 2019

*For more information about upcoming events and programs
please visit www.seguin.ca/calendar*

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