



Township of McKellar

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Mayor's Report: Tuesday April 12, 2022

Community Happenings: Happy Easter: Hope everyone has a safe and meaningful Easter

Free Movie Nights with complementary popcorn and pop have begun. Last Friday: over 15 patrons enjoyed- "In the Heart of the Sea" on April 8 on our new screen and surround sound theatre. On Friday April 22, the award winning documentary, "Honeyland" is being shown on Earth Day, at 7pm CC- free admission, popcorn and pop.

Tribute: McKellar resident, Steve Munroe has recently retired from West Wind Forest after 25 years of service - protecting, preserving and conserving our forests. Steve was the founding father of WEST WIND and has kept us in good stewardship ever since. Moreover, Steve has given back to McKellar in many ways over the years by donating trees, conducting educational walks on the Balsam Trail, providing advice and counsel to many in the community with related tree concerns while conducting talks and walks on raptors in McKellar. He is presently trying to find a large log for our 150th display. We wish him well in retirement.

Artist Bert Weir: The Trestle Brewery in Parry Sound is displaying McKellar artist Bert Weir's paintings for April and May.

Animals on the move: sightings have been made of deer, moose, partridge, loons, and turtles on or near the roads. Please be careful when venturing out.

Re-Use Tent: Hope to have McKellar's Transfer site REUSE tent up and running soon

Bottle volunteers: There will be a meeting regarding those groups interested in bottle collections at our transfer station in the near future. Any interested group needs to apply through the office by April 25.

T ball will be resuming in McKellar this summer for those aged 3-9. Please register at the CC on May 5, 5-7 pm. Cost is \$30 per family or \$ 15 per individual. Program starts Mondays May 30 –Aug 15, 5-7 pm

A special thank you to Mary Smith for her technical assistance and bailing various groups out.

Please continue to support The Ukrainian relief agencies in any way you can.

Finally, I would like to welcome, Lori Bell who, for the next six months will be helping our staff, stay calm and organized by doing anything and everything needed to maintain our excellent customer service. She is looking forward to meeting everyone in the near future.

Council Updates and Reports:

1. **Budget:** We held a detailed budget meeting on Thurs April 7- see minutes. Trying to ensure we cover all our costs while being cognisant of the high COL, staffing, roads and program priorities and commitments.
2. **Fire Chief interviews:** Council has set an interview date of Thurs Apr 28 for five candidates
3. **The McKellar Market:** a public meeting was held on Friday April 8 to look at interim issues of safety, parking and demand. We are working on what can be done this summer to be in compliance while thinking about longer term solutions

4. **Boat launch** – Staff are being asked to present us a report on what can be done to ensure our current boat launches are safer this summer while recommending longer terms more permanent solutions.
5. **Cottage Rentals:** Our CBO and BLO will be giving Council staff reports on the current legislation that McKellar has on the books while our CBO will be reporting on related incidents and issues so when the Committee meets in the near future, we will begin with facts in order to make evidenced - based resolutions for Council's consideration. Several public meetings will be planned. Once we have these reports a meeting will be called
6. **Roads** – on going- see agenda re roads policy and resolution to move forward on Deerfield
7. **Please note Transfer Station Summer hours:**
Sunday 9am-7pm
Monday 9am-4pm
Wednesday 9am-7pm
Saturday 9am-4pm
8. **Please be aware of Fire warnings and permits**
9. **New Website** – if anyone has any suggestions, please make comments to Mary
10. **The Lake Stewardship** committee met Apr 7- see minutes

Upcoming Community and Committee Event

April 22 – Earth Day

April 22 – Free Popcorn and pop Movie Night: award winning “HoneyLand” – 7pm CC

Apr 25 – Library Board – Mon 10 am, Library-zoom

Apr 27 - Seniors walking program halted until next Sept

Apr 28 – Interviews for new Fire Chief CC am

Apr 28 – Recreation Committee 3:30 pm Council

April 30- 1:30 pm - Family Movie- “Clifford , the Big Red Dog” – free pop and popcorn

May 4 – Historical Committee Meeting – 3:30 pm Council

May 11 – 150th Anniversary Committee – 9:30 am Council

May 12 – Council 6:30 pm

-a- Bottle Collection meeting for Interested groups - tbd

-b- Rental staff reports and committee meeting-tbd

-c- Interim Boat launch staff report and future meeting-tbd