



Township of McKellar

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Mayor's report: Tuesday July 19, 2022

On a very sad note, May Ball, a lifelong resident of McKellar passed away at 102 years of age. Condolences to her friends and family. Her many contributions to McKellar will be missed.

1. Community Happenings:

- a. Congratulations were extended to our three McKellar graduates from PSHS who are continuing their post - secondary education this fall: Tieran Moffat – Business Administration – Algonquin College; Hayden Black- Ontario Police College; Ethan Jacklin- Northern Academy of Transportation and future Fire Fighter College
- b. McKellar was “ alive” last Saturday with crowds everywhere: Hurdville raised lots of funds with their famous pancake breakfast enjoyed by over 170 patrons along with their yard and bake sale; over 100 enjoyed the 40th celebration of our Library and their new memorial wall; while 60 vendors enjoyed the throngs of visitors enjoying a gorgeous day overlooking Minerva Park
- c. Our municipal auditors stated that McKellar has a “clean audit, is in a strong financial position, well - managed with good reserves”. Special thanks to our Treasurer Roshan and staff for all their hard work.
- d. We sincerely welcome our new Fire Chief, Rob Morrison and wish him well in his new position
- e. Two workshops – An Artist's Workshop and a Bat House Building workshop- were held recently.
- f. If you have nothing to do next Monday at 6pm, I suggest you come over to the CC ball diamond and cheer on our 35, 3-8 years olds play T-ball .What a successful event!.
- g. Swimming lessons have begun with instructor Evie Brewster. Registration for the second session can be completed in the office.
- h. Thank you to the three groups that have signed up to gather bottles at the transfer station: Whispering River, Volunteer Fire Fighters and McDougall School Parents Association.
- i. Lots of job opportunities in the area. Still looking for summer students to work in our Public Works dept.

2. Council Updates

- Cottage rentals: The committee met on Saturday June 25th to begin the process of

finding a “Made in McKellar” solution to the issue of cottage rentals. See draft minutes. All materials are now on our website. The meeting that was to be held on Thurs July 14m 4:30 pm CC is now rescheduled for Tuesday July 19 6:30pm CC

- Our Sesquicentennial Committee has been very busy planning many events in 2023. They are at the market this summer, promoting our special 150th celebration, selling special flags, t- shirts, buttons and calendars.
- Our Library held their 40th anniversary with a cake, a time to reminisce with Joan ward, former Librarian and celebrate their new memorial tree in memory of Anne Potocknic, courtesy of the Woods family
- WPS Pool Committee Board met on June 28 to give an update on the Y management agreement, the fund raising plan and other agreements – Morley and Ina- minutes on our website
- Hope to arrange for a “Celebration of our Community Volunteers” in the fall along with our Provincial Senior Volunteer of the Year, and our new youth volunteer. Date tbd
- Special thanks to those organizations that applied and received Special Project(s) awards to enhance the quality of life in McKellar
- Nominations are still being accepted for Council until August 19. I have announced I will not be running for a 4th term as Mayor of McKellar

3. Upcoming events

- McKellar Market continues every Saturday from 10-1 pm Minerva Park
- The Recreation Committees Annual Kids Fish Derby is being on Saturday July 16, free registration, 2:30 pm – 3:00 pm in Minerva Park. Their Annual Canoe/Kayak Paddling is being held on Sunday July 24, leaving Minerva Park at 10 am- Morley to explain
- The Ridge at Manitou has cancelled their Annual Golf Classic for Mental Health (CMHAMPS) on Saturday August 27th see the Ridge’s website for more information
- The DunAhmic Snow Riders annual golf tournament is set for Saturday Aug 6 Contact Morley
- Registration for the second session of Swim lessons is now open in the office
- Rental committee has been rescheduled for July 19, 2022 at 6:30pm CC
- The Lake Stewardship and Environmental Committee met on Thursday July 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm
- Agriculture Society meeting is Wednesday July 20, 7pm Council
- Next Hurdville Pancake Breakfast, Yard and Bake sale- Saturday July 30 9 am- Hurdville Hall
- McKellar’s Annual Fall Fair – Saturday, September 10, 2022