



Township of McKellar

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Mayor's Report: Tuesday March 8, 2022

Please refer to our recent 2021 Mayor's Annual report and our Community electronic newsletter circulated with our spring tax bills and our newly launched McKellar website. (www.mckellar.ca) On behalf of Council, our thoughts and prayers go out to the people of the Ukraine in this dire time. If you wish to help with a donation, do your research as there are a few scams out there. The Government will match donations to the Red Cross up to \$10 million. Joyce and I support "Global Medic" out of Toronto for their emergency responses around the world with water and medical support.

Community Happenings:

- Thanks to Public works for keeping our roads cleared and safe
- Good news: Rec programs open
- Senior card groups started last week– Sunshine-euchre Thursdays and McKellar Seniors –bid euchre - Sundays, after 2 years of Covid
- Last Saturday, our Recreation Committee and the DunAhmic Snowriders held an excellent run, involving 32 sleds and over 42 people followed by cookies and hot chocolate- a beautiful day
- First FREE Movie nights – Saturday March 12 – "Call of the Wild, 7pm CC, and March break – Mon March 14- "Scoob", 1pm CC
- The Library is hosting several events/workshops during March break: Mar 15- 2pm- "Seeds Soiree"; Mar 16, 2pm; a reading by author Devon Thorne , "Devon and the Giant Dinosaur" and on Mar 26, a workshop on Alzheimers and Dementia
- Kids Fish and Fun Day- March 19, 1-3 pm Armstrong Lake, BBQ
- A very special thank you for Mary Smith and all those who contributed to our excellent electronic newsletter that went out last week with our tax bills.

Council Updates:

- i- Library Board Feb 28, 10 am – is holding numerous workshops during March break while planning special events for their 40th anniversary
- ii- GBB Icecap workshop on priorities Feb 23– see summary
- iii-Recreation Committee – Feb 24 – see minutes, Morley report
- iv- 150th – very involved in planning special events in 2023; involving community groups and committees in organizing related events and in grant writing – Morley to comment
- v- Historical Committee – Mar 3- Mike to comment
- vi-Whitesone Nursing Station – Mar 17 - official NOHFC announcement by MPP- the Mayor will be attending
- vii-Special presentation to our retiring MPP- May 10
- viii- Key 2022 election dates – Ina to update – nominations open and closed, promotion, voting dates and processes
- ix- FONOM conference North Bay May 6-9
- x- Summary of ROMA's conference theme about "Opportunities in the North"

Community Happenings:

- Mar 9 – GBB 10-12 Zoom
- Mar 9 - 150th Committee – 9:30 am council

- Mar 10 – Lake Stewardship meeting – 6:30 – zoom
- Mar 12 – Free Movie Night 7pm- “Call of the Wild”, CC
- Mar 14 – free children’s movie – 1;30 pm CC – “SCOOB”
- Mar 15 – “Seeds Soiree” – Lib 2pm
- Mar 16 – Devon Thorne reading of : “Devon and the Giant Dinosaur”: Lib, 2 pm
- Mar 17 –Special Meeting: Budget and Roads -10 am C
- Mar 19 - Children’s Fish Derby 1-3 Armstrong Lake
- Mar 19 – Library AED workshop – 10-12, Library – cancelled
- Mar 22 – Special Meeting – Committee of the Whole open discussion on a variety of topics: Reuse Tent, Bottle Collection, Market, Boat Launches, Rentals, Election information and processes
- Mar 26 – GBB –“Life on the Bay” – zoom 9am
- Mar 26 – Library’s Alzheimers and Dementia Workshop – 10-12
- Mar 30 – WPS Pool Complex, PS 7pm
- Apr 1- Property Taxes due
- Apr 6 – 150th Committee 9:30 am Council
- Apr 13- Historical Committee- 3:30 pm, Council
- Apr 8 – Council – 6:30 pm CC