



MAYOR'S NEWSLETTER #18

Mayor's Message: I am pleased to present the 18th edition of the Mayor's newsletter. The following information is intended to make residents aware of some of the many events that are happening in our Town.

Corporate Services: By putting safety first, boaters and swimmers can ensure that everyone will enjoy all of the water activities along our beautiful shoreline this summer. Young swimmers should always be supervised and boaters should use extreme care anywhere near the shore. Within 30-meters of the shoreline, all water traffic must observe the universal maximum speed limit of 10 km/hr. Anyone not obeying this law is subject to a minimum \$100.00 fine for each offence.

Fire Services: In 2003, Innisfil Fire and Rescue Service responded to a record high of 1552 calls. To try to lower this number we would like to "Spring into Summer" by encouraging fire safety at the home, the cottage and while camping. Stop by Fire Station 1(Alcona) to receive your free copy of "Summer Smart", a magazine full of useful safety tips.

"Prepare Today for a Safer Tomorrow". This slogan is Innisfil's initiative to ensure that the residents of the Town are aware of what can be done to prepare for emergencies that can impact on our municipality. The Town is taking an active role in preparing for emergencies by re-developing the emergency response plan as well as educating the public about what to do before, during and after an emergency. During Emergency Preparedness Week, brochures were made available at the Town Office and libraries to begin the process of public education. Valuable information about preparing for an emergency is on the Town's website under "Emergency Planning". For further information contact the Town's Emergency Management Coordinator at Innisfil Fire and Rescue Service (705) 436-2763.

Innisfil Fire and Rescue's Fire Prevention program provides fire safety presentations for your school, daycare, or community organization. If you need help with smoke and co-detectors contact the fire hall for assistance. If you plan on a summer yard cleanup or backyard campfire, contact the fire hall, the municipal office customer service staff or visit www.innisfil.ca for the current regulations and by-laws.

Do you know what to do if you see a vehicle approaching with green flashing lights? The green light indicates a volunteer en route to an emergency. They should be treated the same as regular fire vehicles.

Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority held their 53rd Annual General meeting in Newmarket on Feb. 27/04. Councillor Roy Bridge will begin a 4th term as Chairman of the Board and East Gwillimbury Councillor Virginia Hackson was appointed as Vice-Chair. With a watershed that sweeps north from the Oak Ridges Moraine through parts of York and Durham Regions, the city of Kawartha Lakes and Simcoe County to cross 20 municipal boundaries, it is important to build and maintain effective lasting partnerships. Moving forward in 2004 as the lead agency of the Lake Simcoe Environment Management Strategy (LSEMS), the Board Members and staff will continue to work with our Federal, Provincial, Municipal and Community Partners to achieve the goals of the LSEMS program.

Parks and Recreation: Staff is busy with spring cleaning of Parks, which officially opened on May 24, along with Arena facilities. Council has authorized capital projects, which will provide residents with improved facilities. Eleven washrooms at the Stroud/Innisfil and South Innisfil C.R.C. will be renovated. The refrigeration project update at the Stroud Arena will be completed by July 30th before installation of summer ice. Four new playgrounds will be installed at Royal Alcona Park, Brandy Lane Park, Village North Park and Meadows of Stroud Park. Small Municipal Water system improvements at Centennial Park and the Knock and South Innisfil Community Centres should be completed by June 30th. Structural reviews will be undertaken of the Stroud and South Innisfil Community Centres. Staff looks forward to another great season and hopes our residents will take part in some seasonal events, especially Summerfest. Residents are asked to keep off the baseball fields and soccer pitches until May 24th so that the turf has a chance to recoup from a long winter.

Parks & Recreation – The Program Department is proud to introduce "inn-Touch" our new Internet registration. Take advantage of our new site by browsing our programs online. "inn-Touch" will be available for our continuing Summer Program registration as of June 1st. Full launch of our online registration is scheduled for Fall of 2004. Anyone wishing to register for summer programs can help test our new system by registering online at inn-touch.innisfil.ca. Residents currently setup in our database will have received by mail a card identifying their Family Pin # and Client Barcode. If you have not registered for a program in 2004 or have not received a card and wish to register online please call the Parks & Recreation office at (705) 456-4711 Mon. – Fri. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm to set you up. We would appreciate your patience and look forward to hearing from you with any comments or concerns as we launch this new, exciting service.

Road Services - The following is a list of some of the streets approved to date by Council for work this season:

9 th Line (5 Sideroad to County 27)	Surface Treatment	Sunset St.	Paving
20 th Sideroad (10 th – 11 th Line)	Surface Treatment	Smith	Paving
20 th Sideroad (11 th – 12 th Line)	Surface Treatment	Blackwoods (west)	Paving
Pine Road (from existing south to 3 rd Line)	Surface Treatment	South Porcupine	Paving
Lynn St.	Curb & gutter & paving	Park Road	Paving
6 th Line (Hwy. 400 bridge – 5 th Sideroad)	Paving	Hasting Ave	Paving
Blackwoods (east)	Paving	Spring St. (8 th Line to end)	Design only
Timmins	Paving		
Clifton (east)	Paving		
Kennedy (east)	Paving		

Slurry Seal (preventative maintenance):				Maintenance Gravel:		
Road	From	To	Distance (m)	Streets	From	To
20 th SR	10 th Line	9 th Line	1320	7 th Line	Cnty #4	Landfill
4 th Line	10 SideRd.	Cnty #27	6100	11 th Line	Cnty #27	Cnty #131
9 th Line	20 SideRd.	25 SR	3000	3 rd Line	Hwy. 400	Cnty #27
5 th Line	5 SideRd.	Cnty #27	3100	3 rd Line	Harbour	Lake
10 th Line	5 SideRd.	Cnty #27	3100	2 nd Line	5 SideRd.	Surface Treatment
10 th Line	Stroud RR	25 SR	5000	Pine St.	3 rd line	Surface Treatment
				Alfred	dead end	
Projects to be completed:				Entire Roads:		
20 th S.D. (8 th to 9 th Line) - reconstruction & place base course asphalt				Ruffet; Cameron; West Lane; Isabella; Emily;		
Belle Aire Beach - last year's approved drainage works				Evans Place; Sheppard Trail; Fredrick; Martha;		
Watercourse #3 - last year's approved drainage works				May; Claver & Willow.		
Church St., Cookstown - sidewalk repairs east of Hwy. 27						
Glenn Avenue - will receive top course asphalt this year.						
Innisfil Beach Rd. /St. John's Rd. intersection contract has been awarded for improvements and will start May 1/04 and be completed in June.						

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summerfest, June 18/19/20. Come out for an exciting time and enjoy the games, vendors, entertainment and food. Contact Gord Wauchope at 705-436-5388 for further information.

Canadian Cancer Society Innisfil Branch: join us on June 19/04 at Summerfest for the "Cops for Cancer" event. Sign up to have your head shaved; pledge a participant with a tax-deductible contribution; or sponsor an event by donating cash or prizes. Call Lillian Owen for additional information and pledge sheets. 705-436-1060.

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 547: Canada Day Parade Street Dance, July 3/04 from 2:00 p.m. to midnight. Free Admission. Contact: Bill Van Berkel at 705-456-2462.

Cookstown Agricultural Fair, September 10 & 11, 2004.

Communities in Bloom: Applications for this year's program can be found on the Town's website at www.innisfil.ca. Deadline for submission is June 30/04. The Provincial Judges will be judging the Town on July 23/04. Please take some time and help make our Town a winner in this year's competition.

Painswick Horticultural Society: Join us for the best growing experience in Town; membership only \$5.00 a year. Our main purpose is to educate the public about horticulture through our meetings, projects and shared knowledge. Projects for this year include creation of a Heritage Garden in conjunction with the Innisfil Historical Society at Knock School and the renovation of the Stroud Parkette in cooperation with Communities in Bloom. Contact: John Crow 705-436-5292.

OTHER NEWS

Street Light Outages: to report any Street Light Outages after office hours, please contact 436-3710 and choose Option #4, then provide the following information: the nature of the complaint; the street name and house number closest to the light in question or the pole number; your name and telephone number in case the contractor needs more information on the complaint or the location.

Employment with the Town of Innisfil: We encourage all residents to look on the Town's website: www.innisfil.ca for posted job opportunities. Applicants should be aware that resumes are received for vacant positions only, and unsolicited resumes are not retained.

Robert McAuley, P.Eng. has joined the staff of the Town in the recently created position of Director, Planning and Development. This position, along with the Director, Corporate Services and Director, Community Services positions are part of the administrative restructuring which was undertaken earlier in 2004. Rob's background as a Professional Engineer as well as many years in another municipality will bring strong expertise and guidance to the areas of Planning, Technical Services, By-Law Enforcement, Building Inspection and Committee of Adjustment.

Simcoe County District Health Unit: The Unit's dead bird surveillance began on May 4th. They are asking that residents report any dead bird sightings to Health Connection at 721-7520 (1-877-721-7520). Visit the Town's website at www.innisfil.ca; "Highlights" for additional information and links to the Health Units.

Waste Management: County of Simcoe is responsible for all Waste Management within Innisfil. All enquires and concerns **must** be directed to the County at 705-735-6901, or for those in the 775 exchange 1-800-263-3199.

I trust that you will appreciate the information detailed in this newsletter. Your feedback is important. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions. Thank you for taking the time to read this information letter.