



# Council Meeting Highlights

## June 5, 2018

### **Delegations**

#### **Derek Richmond**

Derek Richmond from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers presented on behalf of Save Canada Post Campaign. Mr. Richmond was requesting support from Council to ask the Minister responsible for Canada Post to consider expanding postal services to make the Corporation more vibrant and viable. Council supported this request.

#### **Stephanie Radu**

Council was introduced to the new Curator of the Beachville Museum, Stephanie Radu.

### **Department Reports**

#### **Fire**

Zorra Fire & Emergency Services have responded to 19 calls in May and a total of 103 year to date. For the same period in 2017, the Fire Service responded to 82 calls.

John Renkema has been appointed as Deputy District Chief – Uniondale Station.

#### **Recreation**

A demonstration of the new scheduling and booking software was presented to Council. It is hoped the new software will be up and running in the fall. This will provide residents with a convenient way to book ice and halls.

#### **Building and Drainage**

The Building Department issued a total of 37 permits in April and a total of 92 for this year. During the same period in 2017, there were 62 permits issued. There were four new housing permits issued in April bringing the total to 21. During the same period in 2017, there were 11 new housing starts. To date, the Township has collected \$104,664 in building permit fees.

#### **Public Works**

Dust suppressant application began on May 16 in the south end of the Township and was completed on June 1. Maintenance gravelling in the north end began on June 4 and will take approximately two weeks. Dust suppressant application resumed on June 11 and will take three weeks to complete.

Rehabilitation work on Road 60 started the week of June 4 and will take approximately four working days, weather permitting.

Council approved an addition to the 2018 Budget to completely rehabilitate Road 64 between 17<sup>th</sup> Line and 19<sup>th</sup> Line. This road section experienced severe pavement failure this spring and the road is in very poor condition. Rehabilitation will see the road pulverized, fine graded and paved with 60mm of hot mix asphalt. The net cost of the project will be approximately \$200,000 and will be funded from the Federal Gas Tax Reserve.



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Council passed a by-law to reduce the speed to 50 km/h on North Town Line from 19<sup>th</sup> Line to the Ingersoll town boundary. This will see a consistent 50 km/h speed on the entire stretch of North Town Line.

### Finance

The Township's Auditor, Christene Scrimgeour, presented the 2017 consolidated financial statements to Council. In the statement to Council, the Auditor noted the financial statements *"present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Corporation of the Township of Zorra as at December 31, 2017 and its financial performance and its changes in cash flows and net financial assets (liabilities) of the year ended in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards"*. Ms. Scrimgeour thanked Director of Finance, Maureen Simmons for work on the audit and commended her for the work carried out.

### Administration

The Township received a request from a landowner to close an unopened portion of 23 Line (allowance for road between Concessions 11 and 12, East Nissouri) just south of Road 74. Council passed a by-law to carry out this road closure.

The CAO provided Council with an update on the following 2018 Capital Projects:

- Bridge Guiderail Installation
- Road 60 Rehabilitation
- Road 78 Rehabilitation
- Road 88 Rehabilitation
- Harrington Hall Roof Replacement
- Embro Soccer Field Construction
- Thamesford Spray Pad/Skatepark
- Council Chamber Renovations
- Embro Fire Station Addition

### Next Meeting

The next Council meeting is to be held on June 19, 2018, at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers.