

The first regular meeting of the 2018 – 2022 Council was held on December 4, 2018. Mayor Ryan and Councillors Forbes, Davies, Mitchell and MacDonald were in attendance.



### **Delegations**

There were no delegations.

### **Public Meetings**

There were no public meetings.

### **Department Reports**

#### **Fire**

Zorra Fire & Emergency Services have responded to 13 calls in November and a total of 185 year to date. For the same period in 2017, the Fire Service responded to 162 calls.

Chief McFarlan advised Council that six new recruits have been hired after a successful recruiting campaign.

#### **Recreation**

Thamesford District Recreation Centre and Embro Zorra Community Centre were busy in November with weekly rentals and special events. Thamesford was host to part of the Dorchester Minor Hockey Local League Tournament. Embro hosted the 4H Awards Night, Embro Minor Hockey Yeck tournament and a Tavistock Royals senior hockey home game.

The Township has received two separate requests for waiving of facility fee rentals:

1. Justine Avey, Community Program Coordinator of the Zorra Home and School
2. Bunny Warner & Ellan Wallace, Co-Chairs of the Thamesford Friendship Club.

Zorra Home and School has requested to receive 3 hours of free ice at the Embro Zorra Community Centre in January of 2019 to host a skating day for Zorra Highland Park Public School students. Previous Council has previously granted a similar request from Thamesford Public School. Thamesford Friendship Club was requesting waiver of rental fees at the Beaty Room. Council granted the request from Zorra Home and School Association and denied the Thamesford Friendship Club.

Listed below is the free holiday skating schedule. This year for the first time, there are free public skates that are sponsored by groups other than Tim Hortons.

## FREE HOLIDAY PUBLIC SKATING

The following dates have been generously sponsored by local businesses to provide free public skating in your community.

2:00 to 3:00 p.m.	Embro Zorra Community Centre	Thamesford District Recreation Centre
December 23, 2018	Tim Hortons	Finally Home Team, Century 21
December 27, 2018	Tim Hortons	Tim Hortons
December 28, 2018	Tim Hortons	Realtor's Care of Woodstock Ingersoll Board
December 30, 2018	Tim Hortons	Tim Hortons
January 2, 2019	Tim Hortons	Tim Hortons
January 3, 2019	Tim Hortons	Tim Hortons
January 4, 2019	Tim Hortons	Tim Hortons
January 6, 2019	-	Tim Hortons
January 27, 2019	Mary Ellen Garner Insurance & Heartland Farm Mutual	-

Want to Sponsor a Public Skate?  
Contact [sstarchuck@zorra.on.ca](mailto:ssstarchuck@zorra.on.ca)

### Building and Drainage

The Building Department issued a total of six permits in November and a total of 216 for this year. During the same period in 2017, there were 196 permits issued. A total of three new housing permits were issued in October for a total of 39 for the year. During the same period in 2017, there were 25 new housing starts. To date, the Township has collected \$235,348 in building permit fees compared to \$263,805 for the same period in 2017.

### Public Works

Staff carried out a retro-reflectivity study on traffic control signs over the past month. Any deficient signs have been replaced.

An inspection of the above ground work completed on Phases One and Two of Fraser Subdivision was carried out on November 20, 2018. Any noted deficiencies are to be repaired by the developer.

### Corporate Services

Procedural matters required that Council appoint themselves as Committee of Adjustment and Property Standards Committee. In addition, the following Committee appointments were also made:

- Ingersoll Rural Cemetery Board - Ron Forbes
- Embro Cemetery Board - Steve MacDonald
- Zorra Recreation Advisory Committee - Steve MacDonald and Paul Mitchell
- Zorra Community Policing Committee - Katie Davies
- Zorra Local School Committee - Katie Davies
- Beachville & District Museum Board - Steve MacDonald and Ron Forbes
- Upper Thames River Conservation Authority - Paul Mitchell

Council also set the Deputy Mayor appointments for the upcoming term and are as follows:

<b>Name of Council Member</b>	<b>Period of time</b>
Ron Forbes	December 4, 2018 – November 30, 2019
Katie Davies	December 1, 2019 – November 30, 2020
Steve MacDonald	December 1, 2020 – November 30, 2021
Paul Mitchell	December 1, 2021 – November 14, 2022

### New Council Meeting Dates and Times Approved

Council approved changing meeting dates from Tuesdays to Wednesdays and start times from 9:30 am to 9:00 am and from 6:30 to 6:00 pm for evening meetings. These changes will come into effect once the Procedural By-law has been amended at the next Council meeting.

As well, the meeting schedule for January and February was also amended and will be:

January 8, 2019 – 9:00 am  
January 22, 2019 – 9:00 am  
February 6, 2019 – 9:00 am  
February 20, 2019 – 9:00 am

### Next Meeting

The next Council meeting will be held on December 18, 2018, at 6:30 pm.