



Message From the Mayor



Mayor John Adams

Welcome to the first edition of our Municipal Newsletter. We thought you would find this more informative than our usual tax insert. In the future we hope to continue to bring

you articles of interest.

In this edition we are highlighting some of the seasonal responsibilities we all need to know to keep the Municipality running smoothly, and to keep Leamington a beautiful and livable community.

There are many projects going on around the Municipality including the new municipal offices, the pollution control centre, major improvements to Seacliff Park, the completion of the East Side Arterial Road and on going trail

development to name a few. I hope this newsletter will help update you on some of these topics.

Tell us what you think! Send me a quick email with your suggestions for articles of interest. We'd also like you to help us pick a name for this newsletter. The winning entry will receive a Leamington jacket. Send your suggestions and comments to mayor@leamington.ca.

Sincerely,

John Adams

Accessibility Standards

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act became law in 2005. The standards will address barriers that affect people with the full range of disabilities including physical, vision, hearing, sensory, mental health, developmental and learning. Customer Service for Public Sector compliance came into effect January 1, 2010. The compliance deadline for private sector organizations is January 1, 2012. For more information visit: www.accession.ca/compliance

Message from the CAO

In 2008, Council established a strategic plan. A number of the strategies have been pursued and implemented. The strategic plan is used as a guide to assist in the development of policies, program development, and projects for the Municipality of Leamington.

One of Council's strategies was to develop an approach to how we communicate with you, the ratepayers of Leamington. Leamington has introduced "In the Know" which is a dedicated section found in the Leamington Post every other week which provides information on Leamington i.e. by-laws,

upcoming meetings and events, employment opportunities etc.

We also continue to update our internet site at www.leamington.ca which contains information on "how to's", council agendas, staff reports and basically "what's happening in Leamington". The site is for our residents, businesses and those who may wish to visit or invest in Leamington.

In 2010, Leamington will be undertaking some exciting projects. A number of our capital projects would not be possible without the stimulus programs and cost sharing opportunities that were

provided for by the Federal and Provincial Governments. These programs were designed to stimulate the economy by creating jobs and allowing municipalities to fast track projects.

This publication is the first of many to come, and we sincerely hope you will find it to be a useful piece of information, as we continue to build on the past as we prepare for future prosperity.

Yours truly,

William J. Marck

Chief Administrative Officer

Open Air Fire By-Law

Council has adopted an open air fire by-law which regulates open fires.

Properties zoned Agriculture A1—A4 do not need a permit to burn crop remnants grown on site, but must notify the fire department a minimum of two hours prior to the burn.

All other properties will require an open air fire permit.

More information may be found on our web site or by calling the fire department at 519-326-6291 Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-4:00 pm. Please do not use the 911 emergency line.

Notable News

What You Need to Know



Residents may only hold 3 yard/garage sales per calendar year



Make sure my tag is current

Summer season is a busy time but residents should remember their responsibilities under certain municipal by-laws. For example:

The Grass, Weeds & Debris By-law 840-08, states that every owner of a property is to: cut and maintain their grass and weeds; keep their property free of refuse and debris; and ensure their property is neat and tidy and free of deep ruts, holes and ponding water

Any person who contravenes this by-law may be issued a work order, or be fined, or both.

Pools & Fencing

All outdoor swimming pools (including inflatable pools) holding 11 inches or more of water and not emptied of water on a daily basis are required to be fenced according to Leamington's By-

law 50-99. A Pool Enclosure Permit is required.

For information on these and other property standards by-laws call the Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer.

Garage Sales

By-Law 629-05 states that residents shall hold only 3 yard/garage sales per calendar year. Each sale cannot exceed 3 consecutive calendar days and shall only be within the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Dog Registration/Dog Tags:

The Windsor Corp of Commissionaires will be attending homes throughout Leamington Mondays to Saturdays at various hours to ensure all dogs in Leamington are registered with a dog tag. To register your dog and receive your dog tag, they will accept payment by cash or cheque. Dog registration

forms are available on our website. You may still purchase your dog tag at the Municipal Office.

Only 2 dogs per dwelling unit (By-law 668-06) are permissible.

Marriage Licences & Weddings:

Ontario Marriage Licences are issued at the municipal office for \$130.00. Proof of age, and all original documents are required – no photocopies are accepted.

You may also be interested to know:

Municipal Staff perform Civil Marriage Ceremonies during office hours, evenings and weekends. Ceremonies are also conducted outside of Leamington, and in other languages. Please call or visit the Clerk's office for more details.

2010 Municipal Election

Nomination forms are available for candidates for Municipal Council and School Boards at the Office of the Clerk. Call for details. Nominations close September 10th at 2:00 p.m.



Want one? These lapel pins are available at the Business and Finance Services office for \$.75 each.

How are we paying for Capital Works? Over \$52 million in capital expenditures are planned for 2010. Grants of almost \$30 million plus \$2 million from Federal Gas Tax Funding pay for about 62% of this. Another \$2.5 million comes from directly benefitting landowners, \$2.5 million from new tax dollars and \$6.7 million from reserves. New debt is planned to fund the balance of which \$4.6 million will be funded through taxes.

Pollution Control Centre Upgrades

Upgrades to the pollution control centre involves essentially a new treatment process for the liquid stream of the municipal waste system; new primary clarifiers, biological aeration treatment system, and final clarifiers, plus other additions and improvements to the process.

The overall project is estimated to cost \$36.8 million with contingencies, and is partially funded by the province (\$15.8m) and the federal government (\$9.8m). Funding has also been

promised from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, both as a grant and loan.

At the end of February the work was approximately 47% complete, with commissioning expected in April of 2011. To date the work has involved mostly excavation and concrete work. Installation of mechanical and electrical equipment for the clarifiers will commence shortly, as will the new aeration tanks.

The photograph shows Primary Clarifier #1 being leak tested, with Primary Clarifier

#2 and the two Secondary Clarifiers visible in the background. The reinforcing steel visible above the waterline will support the concrete effluent launder of the clarifier.



PCC Clarifiers

Building Permit Summary—2009 (\$Millions)

Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Institutional	Agricultural	Total
\$8.9	\$10.3	\$31.9	\$2.1	\$9.6	\$62.9

Leamington Kinsmen Recreation Complex

SUMMER REGISTRATION begins Mon. June 7th.

Programs are offered for youth, adults & seniors so come get yourself **in motion!** this summer.

Plan ahead and enroll the kids for Summer Day Camp. With a different theme each week and with swimming, skating, crafts and games galore, the Complex Day Camp will keep the kids amused all summer

long.

Red Cross Swim lessons for all levels offered throughout the summer.

Personal Trainers and Nutrition & Wellness Coaches can help you set and reach new fitness goals.

The Complex is always on the cutting edge with all the latest fitness classes.

June is Recreation Month.

Come visit the complex!

June 6th Jumpin' June Rec. Swim 2-4pm

June 11th Youth Dance sponsored by Sun County Minor Lacrosse

June 18th Rock 'n Swim 7-9pm. Music sponsored by MGS Horticultural

June 19th Kids of Steel Triathlon and Adult Try-a-Tri



Check out the Complex Activity Guide at www.leamington.ca/recreation/activityguide to view all the programs and classes being offered.

East Side Arterial Road Update

Plans for the completion of the East Side Arterial Road are progressing as planned.

The first phase consists of intersection improvements to County Roads 33 & 34 (Talbot Street East) and the construction of the East Side Arterial Road from Talbot Street East to Oak Street East.

D'Amore Construction (2000) Ltd started construction of the first phase in 2009 and is

expected to finish mid April, 2010 and shall be fully complete by June 30, 2010.

The second phase consists of the construction of the arterial road from Oak Street to Seaclyff Drive East.

The contractor "S.L.R. Contracting Group Inc." is expected to start construction in mid May with all work completed on or before September 30, 2010.



East Side Arterial Road

Seaclyff Park Revival

The Seaclyff Park Improvement project has been broken into 4 phases.

Phase 1- consists of walkways, fencing, park furniture and lighting in the upper park area. The fencing and walkways have been installed, lighting and furniture will be installed in the spring.

Phase 2- the largest of the phases, will consist of pathways, parking lots, water spray pad and change room, park furniture, amphitheatre with stage, boardwalk along the beach and into the environmental zone and fencing. The tender for this phase closed on March 23/10

with construction commencing in April.

Phase 3- will involve the remodelling of all the existing buildings; lower washroom/canteen and picnic shelter. The old camper's washroom will be converted into a maintenance garage. This portion of the project will be out for tender in May or June

Phase 4- Will involve the resurfacing of the parking area on Forest and the roadway west of the park.

Anticipated time of completion for the entire project is the end of August.

This project is funded under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, total project cost of 3.17m, 1/3 funding from the Municipality, Federal and Provincial governments in the amount of \$1,057,696 each.



Concept drawing Children's water spray pad

Building Information

Owners and contractors are responsible to ensure a building permit is obtained prior to any new construction, addition, demolition, renovation or alteration.

Arrangements can be made for pre-consultation with Development staff to review your proposal and advise of any restrictions.

Sheds and Decks need to comply with the Accessory Structure setbacks of the Zoning By-Law even if you don't need a permit.

All development is subject to site plan control, except single residential development.

Building permit, official plan and zoning (including interactive mapping) information can be found on our web site.

Private Sewage Systems

Every property owner is responsible to ensure that their private system is maintained so raw sewage is not discharged onto the ground or into a water course. If you have any issues with your system please contact the municipality.

Backflow Prevention: If you are connected to municipal water and have an automatic lawn watering system or non-potable water connection, you are required to install a backflow prevention device to prevent contamination. By-Law 281-01 regulates the installation and testing of all backflow devices located in existing buildings and every owner shall ensure that the device is tested annually and a copy of the test report is sent to the municipality.

Property Tax Information

Pre-Authorized Plans

Our pre-authorized payment plans offer a convenient, no-hassle way to pay your taxes. Whether you choose the monthly plan or the installment plan, you can be rest assured that you won't miss another tax due date again. To enroll in the Pre-authorized Payment Plan your account must be in good standing. For more information or for an application, please visit our website or contact Finance & Business Services.

GREEN TAX NOTICES

Green tax notices are for information only. Payment arrangements are in place with your mortgage company or through our Pre-authorized Payment Plan.

BLUE TAX NOTICES

Blue tax notices are payable on the due date specified on the bill.

Online Banking

If you have access to online banking through your regular financial institution, you may be able to pay your tax bill online. Please contact your financial institution for further instructions on how to set up online payments.



Don't forget to keep your Final 2010 tax bill for income tax purposes!

Low Income Tax Assistance

If you are 65 years of age or older and receive the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) under the Old Age Security Act you may qualify for the Tax Assistance Program. Additionally, if you are a recipient of the Ontario Disability Support or receive disability support under the Family Benefits Act you may also qualify for the Tax Assistance program. The deadline for this program is *September 1, 2010*. Applications are available on our website or may be picked up at the Finance & Business Services counter at the Municipal office.

Changes in Tax Information?

If you require changes to your mailing address, banking or mortgage information please come in or download a form on our website. Please note that changes in name or ownership require a letter from a solicitor or a copy of the registered deed.

Property Assessments

Information regarding your Property Assessment can be obtained from the regional office of the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC).

1695 Manning Road, Unit 195

Tecumseh, ON N8N 2L9

Phone: 1.519.739.9920

Toll Free: 1.877.517.7408

www.mpac.ca

Farmland Property

To register your property as farmland or for questions relating to your farm property, please contact the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA).

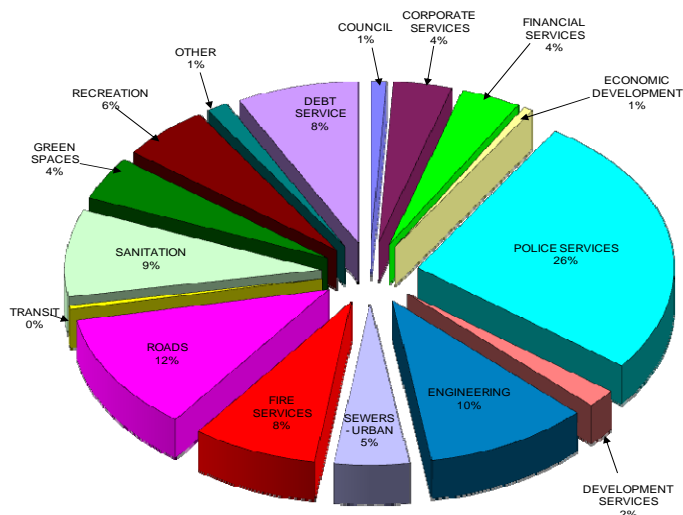
Toll Free: 1.800.469.2285

www.omafra.gov.on.ca



Where Leamington's Tax Dollars Go

2010 Own Purposes Tax Levy



2010 Budget Information

To view the 2010 Budget Summary, Tax Rates and the Treasurer's Report please visit our website:

www.learmington.ca/municipal/finance_budget.asp

A complete copy of the Final 2010 Budget is also available at the front counter of the Finance & Business Services Department.

How Can We Help?

Please contact
Finance & Business Services
for payment options and assistance

519.326.5761 ext. 223

taxes@learmington.ca