

February 18, 2022

The Province has moved forward in the re-opening plan and by the time you are reading this may have moved forward yet again. You #didyourpart. You sacrificed. You physically distanced, wore a mask, missed family events, and 83% (that's higher than the national average!) of you have received two doses of vaccine to protect yourself and your community. The ability to lift some COVID protections is thanks to YOUR efforts! Thank you!

Zorra has increased the allowed capacity of a home childcare provider from 5 to 6. The Child Care and Early Years Act previously only allowed 5, but now allows 6. Council heard a delegation from Rural Oxford Economic Development and Oxford County Child Care asking to allow and encourage rural home childcare providers to address the shortage of available childcare spaces for working families. The intent of this change is to increase financial benefit for rural residents operating licensed home daycare businesses, increase conversions from private to licensed home daycares, and increased spaces available to help families return to work. Please contact Township Staff for details for your operation!

The final reports on 2021 Council remuneration for both Zorra and Oxford have now been published. The total paid by Zorra residents for me to be their Mayor in 2021 was \$30,960.78. The total paid by Oxford residents for me to represent Zorra residents at Oxford County Council in 2021 was \$31,262. Full reports available in the January 15 Zorra Council Agenda, and the February 9 Oxford Council Agenda.

<http://www.zorra.ca/Home/Our-Township/Council/Council-Agenda-Minutes>
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As always, please feel free to contact me on any issue:

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