

Mayor's Blog – September 24, 2019

Zorra Council will begin developing the 2020 budget in October based on the Strategic Plan. Council intends to complete the budget process sooner in order to get tenders out for capital projects and equipment sooner which could result in more competitive bids and better prices. There will be a Public Meeting at the end of the process, but ALL Council meetings are open to the public, so please follow along and participate in YOUR budget.

The Township is still working on plans for the former Maple Leaf property in Thamesford, and things are proceeding according to plan. If things continue that way, we could be making announcements this fall, with Public Meetings to follow.

This Friday September 27th is the annual Zorra Volunteer & Senior Appreciation Breakfast. It's our chance to thank residents for doing their part to make Zorra vibrant. It's one of my favourite events of the year because it's a room full of "doers"! Please join us and accept our thanks.

This year's Farm Show was great as always, with many Zorra and Oxford representatives showing the agriculture world what we have to offer from genetics, to equipment, to research and development all right here in Zorra.

The "Say Cheese!" Embro Fair was a great success this year. This group does a fantastic job of both promoting agriculture and giving a great weekend of entertainment to our community. I ate way too much...

Are you, or someone you know, thinking of starting a business? Considering an expansion or relocation? Challenges with workforce or looking for funding opportunities? Rural Oxford Economic Development (ROEDC) is your one call to reach boundless connections and resources. They are your business concierge service, here to support the continued prosperity of Rural Oxford businesses and communities. roedc.ca

And speaking of ROEDC...

Are you an entrepreneur who lives in rural Oxford? Or do you wish to be one? We want to help you build more back road business connections! Some entrepreneurs are obvious, such as those who run a restaurant or keep a store open, those providing professional services, those operating home and farm-based businesses. As well, some entrepreneurs may not see themselves as being in business, such as those who wheel and deal on Kijiji or sell eggs to their neighbours. If yes, you are invited to a free networking event where you will have the chance to mingle, chat and network with other rural based entrepreneurs. Who knows, you may pick up a marketing hint or meet a potential customer. You may simply enjoy chatting with someone who faces similar challenges to yourself. Light refreshments will be provided, as well as free Wi-Fi. Oxford Rural Entrepreneurs Thursday October 17th 5pm in the upstairs of the old Embro Town Hall (Thistle Theatre).

The next three Zorra Council meetings will be in our schools:

Wednesday October 2nd 9:00 a.m. in Zorra Highland Park P.S.

Wednesday October 16th 9:00 a.m. in Thamesford P.S.

Wednesday November 6th 9:00 a.m. in A.J. Baker P.S.

As usual these meetings are open to the public, so if you want to see some amazing delegations from students please come and join us! These are some of my favourite Council meetings of the year.

We continue to strive to make Zorra better by doing our part. Zorra is progressive, environmentally conscious, economically strong, and prosperous.

Check in on the website, follow the Township on Facebook or Twitter, phone or email Staff or Council: we want to hear from you.

Join us, and add to your community by doing your part!

As always you can contact me on any issues at:

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