

WELCOME

TO THE TOWNSHIP OF ZORRA

Zorra
TOWNSHIP

**DOING
OUR PART**

Zorra Township is a rural municipality located at the north-west corner of Oxford County. The Township is comprised of several rural clusters and two serviced villages (Embrow and Thamesford). The population of Zorra Township is 8,628, with a total land area of 529 square kilometres. Our Municipal Council is made up of a Mayor and four Ward Councillors.

Do you have a dog?

As of 2021 we will no longer be registering dogs at the Township Office. Residents are encouraged to purchase a personalized tag for their dogs to allow them to be identified and returned home in the event they get away from home.



We strive to make Zorra better by doing our part. In Zorra, we take great pride in maintaining our exceptional rural lifestyle, made possible by our highly engaged community and government. Our location allows residents and businesses to enjoy a small village atmosphere with abundant green space, easy and fast access to big city amenities and large consumer markets. Zorra is progressive, environmentally conscious, economically strong and prosperous. Our highly productive rural land provides a solid foundation for successful and varied agriculture and food production. In Zorra Township, we care.

A message from our Mayor.

Welcome! When my wife Theresa and I moved to Zorra in 1997, I never imagined I'd be the Mayor. After having our first child, I made the move from being an Engineering Supervisor in automotive parts manufacturing to the important role of stay at home Dad! I worked for almost 2 years as part of a community that "Saved AJ Baker School" and that was so satisfying and rewarding that I didn't want it to stop! I ran for Council and was acclaimed as Ward Three Councillor for the 2014-2018 term. I won the Mayor's race for the 2018-2022 term and was acclaimed as Mayor for the 2022-2026 term. I am also serving as the Warden of the County of Oxford for this term.

My term as Councillor reinforced my confidence that good work can be done in government. I see so much potential in Zorra Township Staff. They are motivated, they have ideas, and they are ready to do their part. It is Council's job to listen to residents, listen to staff, and advocate and write good policy that will leave the Township better for our children. This Council will turn what we hear from you into action for our community. We strive to make Zorra better by doing our part, and I hope you'll join us.

Please explore the local businesses, festivals, recreational opportunities, and community groups and find your own way of doing your part. Check in on the website, follow the Township on Facebook, Instagram, 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!

**Sincerely,
Mayor Marcus Ryan**



Zorra Council 2022-2026

Pictured (L-R): Ward 4 Councillor Crystal Finch; Ward 3 Councillor Paul Mitchell; Mayor Marcus Ryan; Ward 1 Councillor Kevin Stewart; Ward 2 Councillor & Deputy Mayor Katie Grigg.

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Our website is a valuable source of information for all residents of Zorra. Check back often for updates. Follow us on Facebook or Instagram (Township of Zorra) and Twitter (@ZorraTwp).



What about taxes?

We have many options available for payment of property taxes. Installments are four times per year in February, May, August, and October. Setup pre-authorized payment from your bank account! We can take your payments 4 times per year or choose to pay over 10 or 12 monthly payments. Contact Tax Collector Lynda Thornton at 519-485-2490 ext 7222 or email lyndathornton@zorra.ca.

Open Air Burning

If you are on a rural property, you may find the need to have an occasional controlled burn to get rid of brush, etc. A permit is required. The application form is available on our website and must be approved by the Fire Chief before you can burn. Plan ahead! Complete your burn permit application today and be prepared when the time comes. For more information, visit our website at www.zorra.ca

Garbage and Recycling

Waste Management is managed by the County of Oxford. Curbside collection of garbage and recycling is every Monday morning in Zorra Township. Have your items to the curb by 7am on collection day. Garbage bags cost \$2.00 each and can be purchased at various locations throughout the Township, including the Township Office. You can also purchase the following items at our office (based on availability):

- Blue Boxes \$6.20 each
- Mini blue boxes \$3.50 each
- Above Ground Composter \$10.00
- Green Cone Food Digester \$50.00
- Rain Barrel \$50.00

Free large article pickup occurs every spring. There are also several Special Collection Events throughout the County each year. Watch the Waste Management calendar for details - it is delivered to your mailbox each fall.



Stay up to date with what's happening in Zorra with our Zorra Now magazine. It is full of information about what's going on in the Township, as well as advertisements from local businesses and contact information for local sports organizations and community groups. The most recent virtual issue can be found on our website at www.zorra.ca.