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I post regularly on my Facebook page which is open to everyone. You can also see many of my posts on my website.

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- townshipofbrock.ca
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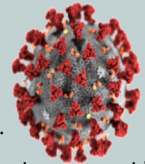
Councillor Grants:

I continue to donate up to half of my councillor salary to our local non-profit organizations and groups.

During these trying times I urge local non-profit organizations to apply.

Full details and application procedures are on my website.

COVID Second Wave



As we enter the fall it appears very likely we're already in the midst of the second wave of COVID-19. PLEASE take appropriate measures to safeguard yourself, your loved ones, and everyone else you come in contact with.

- Wear a mask where required AND whenever you cannot social distance
- Continue to wash your hands and keep surfaces clean
- Keep your "social bubble" to a minimum
- Minimize your social activities
- Monitor your health and when deemed appropriate get tested

Brock Township is working with North Durham Family Health to bring testing facilities to our area. Information will be available from The Township and I will provide updates on my social media and webpage.

Keep up to date by visiting the websites listed at the left of this page.

SAFETY ON OUR STREETS

It is everyone's responsibility to keep our streets safe. This cannot be overstated in Brock where our roadways are often shared between passenger vehicles, commercial vehicles, farm vehicles, buses, cyclists, seniors, students, and everyday pedestrians.

ATVs:

The only roadways in which ATVs are permitted in Brock is on roadways under the control of The Township of Brock. That means that these vehicles are not permitted on Regional Roads. Also, these vehicles may only be driven on Township roadways between December 1st and March 31st and they may not be driven between the hours of 1am and 6am. There are additional restrictions that any driver should be aware of and you can find them on The Township's website by looking at the ATV By-Law 1954-2005-PP.

Of course there are Provincial laws governing the use of these vehicles including which Provincial Highways they may be on, the age of drivers, the age of passengers, and more.

Find the Provincial rules by visiting <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/driver/drive-ATV.shtml>

Parents have responsibilities to make sure youth are adhering to all laws and regulations. Please be considerate of your community!

OTHER VEHICLES:

There are many other vehicles using our roadways. Many of them require proper licenses and license plates to be operated legally on our roadways. Make sure you or your children are legally permitted to drive these vehicles and make sure to abide by the rules of the road including speed.

Durham Regional Police have been requested to step up their enforcement actions with respect to all vehicular traffic in Brock. Fines are unfortunately still the best way to get someone's attention.

Remember the rules of the road when you are walking. If there is a sidewalk please use it. If there is no sidewalk then remember to walk "against traffic". Stay as far from the roadway as possible and keep alert to traffic. The wearing of reflective or highly visible clothing is always recommended.



IGNORANCE OF THE LAW IS NO EXCUSE FOR IGNORANCE

ARENAS - NOW AND THE FUTURE

Budget 2021

Township staff are getting things ready for the 2021 budget.

A budget information kit is being prepared to help residents understand the township budget process including what services Brock Township is and is not responsible for.

Have your say in the 2021 budget. Details available online.

Ward Boundary Review

Brock is doing a review of its ward boundaries. It's the first review since Brock was formed. Get information and give your input on The Township website.

To Our Local Non-Profit Groups

Feel free to let me know what's going on with your group or organization and I'll try my best to promote it on my social media page, website, and newsletter

Also, don't forget that you can submit posters and information to The Township to be included in the electronic monitors which were installed at the municipal building in Cannington. Thanks to the Cannington Lions Club for donating the monitors.

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While COVID Protocols will no doubt cause more changes to our arena use this season the current state of the arenas is that all three will be open but on reduced schedules. Township staff continue to work with user groups to iron out the ice schedules. Council advised staff that they wanted all three ice surfaces open this season even if it meant reduced hours to facilitate maintenance and cleaning.

All members of Council were in agreement that our residents need whatever facilities and programs we can provide as we enter another COVID season with reduced activities.

The Cannington arena roof is still scheduled for major repairs and replacement. Earlier this year Council reviewed a report on a possible open-air arena but it became evident that doing so would not be feasible from both an operations standpoint and an economic standpoint. Council is awaiting a final report from staff on the updated cost of the project. The roof has been in the capital budget for years and it's time to get it done. It is my intention to have RFPs (Requests For Proposals/Tenders) out so that construction can start following the current ice season.

While other municipalities in Ontario are finding out if they have been approved or denied for the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Grant it would appear that either no news for Brock is available or it's not being shared. Brock applied for the grant for the proposed Sunderland Arena expansion project when the intake opened about a year ago. While it has been understood that news of the grant would come in late June or early July there is still no information flowing down to Brock Council members. The grant has been massively oversubscribed and there is nowhere near enough money to go out to the applicants which means there are going to be many disappointed people and municipalities in Ontario. Some have already expressed their disappointment including Wasaga Beach.

Council has been patiently waiting for the answer on this and discussions at the Council table about the proposed Sunderland arena expansion have been muted while the application was being considered. Should Brock fail to obtain the funding it may be finally time to have the real discussion about whether \$7,500,000+ is best spent on the refurbishing of an arena vs. a more viable and productive investment in our recreational infrastructure in Brock.

I made it clear during the 2018 campaign that I did not want to again broach the arena issue in Brock during this term. The last term of Council, through the BARF Committee, decided to keep all three ice surfaces operating. However, if there is going to be ongoing discussions about spending township funds on an expansion project costing millions more than originally planned and grant funding possibly lost then perhaps our hands are being forced on the issue.

Is it time to seriously consider what other municipalities have achieved and consolidate our arenas and community centres? If there is to be no federal and provincial infrastructure grants for the proposed Sunderland project (with our MPP being Infrastructure Minister) perhaps we need to take a hint and rethink the proposal put forward by The Sunderland Lions before more taxpayer funds are spent (so far well in excess of \$150,000 of taxpayer funds have been spent on engineering work alone). The Sunderland Lions have been very generous in their offer to assist in the project funding but their contribution does represent a minority stake and the timing of additional funds through Development Charges adds another wrinkle in this ever-growing mess of escalating costs and diminishing returns.

Many municipalities near and far are getting much more done for relatively comparative amounts. Fenelon Falls built a brand new arena and community centre for \$10.5 Million and that also included money for new road-work leading to the centre. They built in on budget and on time. Brock is going to spend \$7+ Million to refurbish an arena while others build brand new centres for 40% more? Spending anywhere near those amounts make me nervous but perhaps there's a reason we may not receive the grant money (or have not received it).

It is unfortunate that members of Council can't get the answers other municipalities, and their residents, have been able to. It is frustrating to be working in the dark but recent events are pointing to that being the norm rather than the exception which is truly sad.

Arenas..... The saga continues.