

# News & Notes

By Mayor Ted Walker & Council September 2021

## Council Calendar

Meetings will be held by video and telephone conference during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Visit [tay.ca/Meetings](https://tay.ca/Meetings) for information on how to connect to the video conference or how to call-in by telephone.

View meeting schedule and agendas at [tay.ca/calendar](https://tay.ca/calendar)

## Upcoming Meetings

[Heritage Committee Meeting](#)

[October 5th 3:00 p.m.](#)

[Protective and Development Services](#)

[October 13th 9:30 a.m.](#)

## Message from the Mayor



Welcome Autumn! It's hard to believe that summer is over and Fall is now upon us. You'll notice that the Horticultural Committee and volunteers have once again worked their decorating magic around

town, it looks great and really makes me embrace this time of year in Tay Township.

Also around town, I'm sure you've noticed the impactful Memorial Banners showcasing individuals who have served in Canada's military and who had lived in Tay at any point in their lives. The project was spearheaded and organized by Christine van Zandbergen who wanted to bring the names and faces of those who have fought for our freedoms to the streets of Tay Township. On behalf of myself, council staff and all residents in Tay Township thank you to Christine and all those who helped make this project a reality, the banners will be placed around the Township until November 15.

Lastly, be sure to keep a look out for the GoVAXX Bus that will be stopping in our community on October 27. The bus is a mobile vaccine clinic run by the Ontario Ministry of Health. It will be stopping in Tay

Operational Services

October 13th  
1:30 p.m.

Corporate Services

October 14th  
10:00 a.m.

Committee of Adjustment

October 20th  
6:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting

October 27th  
7:00 p.m.

Township on Wednesday October 27 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Bridgeview Park in Waubauskene and then moving to the Municipal Office parking lot at 450 Park Street in Victoria Harbour from 2:30 p.m to 6:00 p.m. The bus operates as a fully functioning vaccine clinic with the necessary supplies and trained staff to provide assistance to people and ensure vaccines are administered safely. Anyone aged 12 and over in 2021 can get their first or second dose, while supplies last. The buses are fully accessible and you do not need an appointment. For more information visit **[Ontario.ca/vaccinebus](https://ontario.ca/vaccinebus)**

Until next time.

*Ted Walker is Mayor of Tay Township.  
Contact him at [twalker@tay.ca](mailto:twalker@tay.ca)*

## Watermain Flushing has begun

**Monday to Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**

**Victoria Harbour** beginning September 20 for approx. 3 weeks

**Port McNicoll and area** beginning October 4 for approx. 3 weeks

**Waubauskene and Rope** beginning October 12 for approx. 3 weeks



2021 [Watermain Flushing](#) started September 20

As a result of this work, you may experience a change in pressure and/or some discolouration or sediment in the water. Water use during the scheduled flushing periods should be kept to a minimum to avoid discolouration from entering your home or business.

During these times, it is advisable to check the water prior to doing laundry. Should you experience discoloured water, following a flushing event, run your cold water for 10-15 minutes to clear the service line. If the water does not clear after this time, turn off the tap and wait 30 minutes and repeat the process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Water/Wastewater Division at 705-534-7248 extension 255.

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## National Day of Reconciliation



Tay Township is committed to reconciliation and ensuring that the tragic history and ongoing legacy of residential schools are never forgotten. To recognize and commemorate this day Mayor Walker, members of Council and staff gathered outside the Municipal Office to lower the flags to half-mast. Councillor Bumstead read the [Culture Alliance](#) joint Orange Shirt Day Statement, and Mayor Walker read the statement from the [Beausoleil First Nation](#) Chief and Council on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The Township also provided staff with resources and opportunities for learning, including opportunity for staff to wear orange and participate in a screening of the film "Secret Path." The film tells the story of Chanie Wenjack, a twelve year-old boy who died October 22, 1966, in flight from the Cecilia Jeffery Indian Residential School near Kenora, Ontario, walking home to the family he was taken from over 400 miles away. The film acknowledges a dark part of Canada's history – the long-suppressed mistreatment of Indigenous children and families by the residential school system – with the hope of starting our country on a road to reconciliation.

To learn more about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation visit the [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation Website](#).

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## Terry Fox Day



Council and Staff showed up in their Terry Fox t-shirts at the September Protective and Development Committee Meeting as a reminder to observe Terry Fox Day. Although this year's local event was once again virtual due to COVID-19, the goal remained the same, to help raise funds towards Terry's journey which continues to raise money for cancer research.

## Memorial Banner Program



Mayor Walker cuts the ribbon celebrating the kick-off event for the first ever Memorial Banner Program in Tay Township. The project was spearheaded and organized by Christine van Zandbergen who wanted to bring the names and faces of those who have fought for our freedoms to the streets of Tay Township. The criteria for the Banner program incorporates individuals who have served in

Canada's military and who had lived in Tay at any point in their lives. On behalf of all residents in Tay Township thank you to Christine and all those who helped make this project a reality, the banners will be placed around the Township until November 15.

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## We're Hiring!



The Planner is an integral part of our collaborative Planning and Development Services Team!

We are seeking a dynamic, driven individual who thrives in a culture of change and innovation. We are looking for adaptability to our growing and evolving Municipality and enthusiasm for making a positive

impact on the Corporation and our Community as one.

Apply TODAY. Posting closes October 14, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Apply at [tay.ca/jobs](https://tay.ca/jobs).

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## Applications for Community Funding

Tay Township is inviting applications for the Township's Grants and Donations Program. The program supports local groups and organizations that provide, with assistance from volunteers, a direct benefit to Tay residents.

The deadline to apply for the next round of community funding is October 31, 2021. The Grants and Donations Policy and Application Form are available at [tay.ca/grants](https://tay.ca/grants)

For more information on the Grants and Donations Program, visit [tay.ca/grants](https://tay.ca/grants) or contact us at 705-534-7248 x261 or email [jgenis@tay.ca](mailto:jgenis@tay.ca).



## Future Mayor?

### COVID-19 Resources Visit

[tay.ca/COVID-19](http://tay.ca/COVID-19) for the latest information about impacts to Tay Township municipal services and links to COVID-19 resources.

### Vaccination Clinics

[Provincial Vaccine Information Line](#)  
[1-888-999-6488](tel:1-888-999-6488)

[Ontario.ca/COVID19](http://Ontario.ca/COVID19)

Transportation to  
vaccine Appt.

Community Reach  
**705-528-6999**



Mayor Walker first met Easton two years ago, when the two started talking about their passion for local government at the local Canada Day celebrations. Mayor Walker promised Easton a tour of the Council chambers back then, but due to COVID-19 protocols it was delayed.

Easton and the Mayor were finally able to get together with the recent restrictions being lifted on indoor gatherings, and we have a strong feeling Easton will be back, perhaps answering to the name of Mayor.

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## Tay Township Public Library Update

For anyone wanting to learn more about the history and ongoing impact of Residential Schools in Canada, the library has selected titles on the

**COVID-19  
Public Health  
Information**

[Simcoe Muskoka  
District Health Unit](#)

[Public Health Ontario](#)

[Public Health Canada](#)

[Telehealth Ontario](#)  
**1-866-797-0000**

**Ontario Ministry  
of Health  
Self-Assessment  
Tool**

[Self-Assessment Tool](#)



subject to help inform and educate Canadians of all ages. Review the entire list at [tay.ca/library](http://tay.ca/library)

For additional information and support for survivors, please visit the [Indian Residential Schools Survivors Society Website](http://www.indianresidentialschools.ca)

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## Automated Cart Collection

Automated cart collection starts November 1, 2021.

- New carts are being delivered NOW.
- Do not use the new carts until November 1.
- Tay Township's collection date will stay the same (Tuesday)
- To receive real-time service alerts, download the Simcoe County Collects App.
- For more information on waste collection in Tay Township please call the County of Simcoe at **1-800-263-3199** or visit [carts.simcoe.ca](http://carts.simcoe.ca).

Holds more waste.  
Takes up less space.



If a residence has not received a trio of carts by mid-October, please contact Service Simcoe Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 1-800-263-3199 or [service@simcoe.ca](mailto:service@simcoe.ca).

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## LINX Transit Route 6

County of Simcoe LINX Transit Route 6.

Route 6 connects Midland and Orillia with stops in Victoria Harbour, Waubaushene, Coldwater and Warminster.

As with all LINX routes, fares are determined by



zones and are either \$2, \$4 or \$6 depending on zones travelled along Route 6.

### **Catch the LINX Bus in Tay Township:**

#### **Victoria Harbour:**

Richard St. and Albert St. (heading to Midland or Orillia)  
Park St. and Industrial Rd. (heading to Midland or Orillia)

#### **Waubashene:**

415 Sturgeon Bay Rd (heading to Orillia)  
Sturgeon Bay Rd. and Pine St (heading to Midland)

Route 6 LINX PLUS+ is now running. Visit [linx.simcoe.ca](http://linx.simcoe.ca) for more transit information or to book your LINX PLUS+ ride.

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## **Online Service Request Portal**



Tay Township residents can access account information, report a problem or request assistance with any municipal service, online. Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to visit [MyTay.ca](http://MyTay.ca) to register an account, from there, you will be able to submit and track service requests, receive email and text message confirmation and check the progress of your request.

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## **A Message from the Office of the Fire Marshal**

The **easiest**  
(and probably  
the **loudest**)  
test you'll  
ever do.



Test your smoke alarms every month. **#GetLoud**



# HOUSE NUMBER

## Is your House Number Clearly Visible from the Street?

### Seconds count in an Emergency

- Protect your family and your property by having large visible house numbers.
- Firefighters, police and paramedics will find you faster when your home is properly marked.

### Use large visible numbers

- Put the number under lighting, and use numbers with a contrasting background, so they will be visible at night.
- Post your house number on both sides of a mailbox or sign pole at the end of the driveway near the road.
- Be sure to keep the numbers visible by trimming streets and bushes.



**On the House**  
Away from obstruction and with proper lighting.

And



**Near the Road**  
Visible from both sides of the mailbox.



## Tay Township is on FACEBOOK

As we continue to ramp up our communication efforts, Tay Township is now on Facebook. Give us a follow or like [@TayTownshipON](https://www.facebook.com/TayTownshipON) to see our latest videos, news, events and information about the Township and what's going on in our community.



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