



A People Place, A Change of Pace
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COUNCIL 2021 DATES

March 22 • April 12 & 26 • Meetings commence at 6:30 pm.

March 20th will mark the one-year anniversary of my formal emergency declaration in response to COVID-19.

In some ways it seems like only yesterday but when one considers just what we have gone through over the past 12 months, it can also seem like a lifetime ago. It was clear back in March of last year that we were in for a difficult period of uncharted challenges, but nobody quite understood just how difficult those challenges would be, or how long they would last. Twelve months in I think it's fair to say that we all understand that now.

The COVID journey for our community has certainly had its ups and downs. We have experienced tremendous loss and we have also seen some of the best of humanity on display. We have had our lives disrupted in countless ways and we have also seen people come together in remarkable fashion. In many ways we have seen the better angles of our nature on full display, and I will remain forever grateful for the way that our community has collectively risen to meet this challenge.

As I write this letter, I have just been advised that our local public health unit has just opened vaccine registrations for those residents who are 70 years of age and older. Registration can be done online at <https://register.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.CA> This is great news, and our public health unit deserves considerable praise for the efficiency and leadership that they have displayed throughout this pandemic.

Despite all the challenges associated with COVID over the past year, we have also had to keep moving forward both individually and as a community. Thanks to the use of technology, Council has continued to attend to the business of the town with minimal interruption. Although Zoom meetings are not our preferred method of meeting, this platform has allowed us press on and advance the ambitious agenda that this Council set at the beginning of the term. Over the next year, we will see significant new investments in parks and recreation as well infrastructure as we continue to build the kind of community that we all expect and deserve.

The official transition from Shelburne Police to the OPP took place on February 18th which was an occasion filled with mixed emotions. On one hand, we closed the chapter on an institution that has proudly served our community for nearly a century and a half. There was a finality associated with that moment which is never easy and the nostalgic emotion that one can't help but feel should not be ignored. But that moment also represented a very bright and exciting future for our officers and our community.

Our former Shelburne police officers who were hired by the OPP are now back in the community and they return with the full support and resources of one of North America's largest deployed and most respected police services. For our community, this really should be seen as a "win-win" proposition. We will continue to receive community policing service from the same familiar local officers who we already know, trust and respect, and we too will also benefit from the tremendous network of resources that the Ontario Provincial Police bring to bear.

On March 5th, we welcomed our officers back home from their OPP training with a small formal ceremony at Town Hall. Unfortunately, given the COVID-19 restrictions in place, it was not possible to make this a public event, but I know that the officers are well aware of the support that they enjoy from our community. They were all beaming with pride in their new uniforms and the smiles on their faces were a welcomed sight. Please offer a personal note of welcome when you see one of local officers on patrol.

I am hopeful that we are soon able to leave winter behind us and welcome the rejuvenating spirit of spring. It is always a time to refresh and look forward with optimism toward brighter days. Again, I thank each and every resident for your continued support and ask that you keep doing your part to contribute to greatness of our community.

All the best. Stay well,
Mayor Wade Mills



FROM THE
OFFICE OF THE
Mayor



COMMUNITY GARDEN

To reserve your garden bed visit shelburne.ca. Payment for all beds is to be made in person at the Town of Shelburne offices.

TOWN HALL REOPENING

The Town of Shelburne is proactively taking measures to limit the spread of COVID-19. As of March 23, 2021 Town Hall will be open to the public Tuesday to Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. Scheduled appointments are also available from Tuesday to Friday from 9 am to 4 pm upon request. We are encouraging everyone to continue to take advantage of digital processes. The best way to reach staff is by email. You can pay your bills online by visiting our webpage Paying My Bills.

WATER

Water and Sewer bills are in the mail for the period of January 1-March 1. It will reflect the new 2021 rates. Please see the insert included in the envelope about the rate increases. Any questions about the invoice please call 519-925-2600 x 231 or email any questions to water@shelburne.ca Water and Sewer bills are due March 29, 2021.



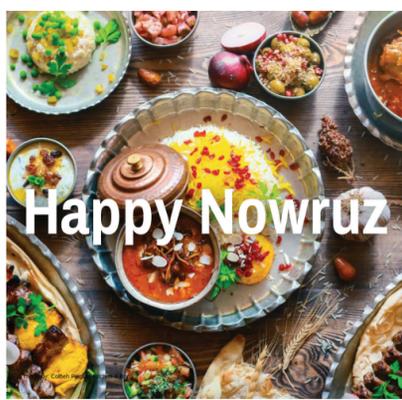
EMERALD ASH BORER – TREE REMOVAL IN SHELBURNE

The Town of Shelburne continues to have Town Ash trees destroyed by the Emerald Ash Borer.

We are issuing this notice as there may be questions from other members of the public on why the Town is removing trees.

Currently there are about 30 trees in various locations to be removed starting the week of March 22, 2021.

See <https://www.shelburne.ca/en/news/notice-of-emerald-ash-borer.aspx>



POLICE SERVICE TRANSFER TO OPP

On March 5th, Shelburne Council welcomed back former Shelburne Police Service Officers as Ontario Provincial Police Officers.

Sgt. Neumann, Constables Widbur, Courtney, Fines, Conner, Button, Roach, McLean, Fudge, Hubbert, Jeronimo, and Lamacchia - on behalf of Council, Town of Shelburne staff, and our entire community, welcome home



March 24

Thank you to all our friendly and helpful school crossing guards for keeping our community safer!

For more information about school crossing guards or how to become one, please contact

Patti Hossie
pattieh@shelburne.ca
519-925-2600 ext 238

Ontario Traffic Council
www.etc.org



Guard

Guard signals you to stop, all cyclists and drivers must stop.

Understand and follow the posted speed limits, especially in school zones.

Always check before turning at all intersections.

Remain stopped until all pedestrians and the guard have cleared the crossing. This is the law.

Do not drop kids off in no stopping or no parking areas.