



The Cornerstone

Township Of O'Connor

JANUARY 2024



PLEASE NOTE that the Township Office is closed for the holiday season and will reopen Tuesday, January 2nd at 9:00 am.

Employment Opportunities -

Disposal Site Attendant, Casual

The Township of O'Connor is currently looking to hire an individual for casual employment as Disposal Site Attendant. The individual would be required to fill in for the Disposal Site Caretaker when required.

By-Law Enforcement Officer, Casual

The Township of O'Connor, along with the Municipality of Neebing and the Township's of Conmee and Gillies, are currently looking to hire an individual for casual employment as By-Law Enforcement Officer.

For full job descriptions or more information, please visit the Township Website at www.oconnortownship.ca under "Careers," or call 807-476-1451. Applications are to be dropped off to Clerk-Treasurer Buob at the O'Connor Township Office at 330 Highway 595 or emailed to twpoconn@tbaytel.net on or before Monday, January 22nd, 2024 by 4:30 p.m. Please indicate which position you are applying for. Council will review applications at their meeting to be held later that evening.

EMERGENCY INFORMATIONS FORMS

As a small community, Staff and Council are always concerned for our residents' well-being. By filling out an Emergency Information Form, Staff will have the information they need to ensure that your needs are being met during an emergency or in the event of an emergency evacuation. All information is kept confidential and used only in the event of an emergency. Don't need help in an emergency, but want to help your community? This information is also on the form! See the enclosed insert to fill out or find the Emergency Information Form on our website under "Emergency Services." Email completed forms to twpoconn@tbaytel.net, or drop off to the Township Office at 330 Highway 595. Thank you.

O'CONNOR EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGING SERVICE

Please sign up for O'Connor's Emergency Text Messaging Service. It is free of charge to you and phone numbers are for this service only. Stay informed on road closures, emergencies, municipal events and updates happening in O'Connor Township. Instructions for the Township of O'Connor Emergency Text Messaging System can be found on the Township Website "Emergency Services." Please see the insert for instructions.

PLEASE NOTE: The text messaging service is for outgoing messages only. If you wish to send us a message, please do so by emailing us at twpoconn@tbaytel.net. Please do not respond to the delivered text messages as these are not checked on a regular basis.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next meetings of Council will be held at 330 Highway 595:

Monday, January 8th at 6 p.m. - Public Meeting (see back page) followed by Regular Meeting at 7 p.m., O'Connor Community Centre

Monday, January 22nd at 7 p.m. - Regular Meeting, Council Chambers

To view meeting agendas, please visit the Township Website at www.oconnortownship.ca to access them through the "Council" page.

Council welcomes your involvement.

Mayor: Jim Vezina, 807-577-6735

Councillors:

Alex Crane, 807-473-9420

John Sobolta, 807-624-8025

Bishop Racicot, 807-620-6030

Carly Torkkeli, 807-620-2579

Emergency Contacts:

Medical Emergencies: 911

Fire: 911 Police: 911

Police Non-Emergency 1-888-310-1122

Municipal Office Hours:

Monday to Thursday:

9:00 am to Noon & 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Fridays: 9:00 am to Noon

Office Phone: 807-476-1451

Fax: 807-473-0891

Garage: 807-476-1453

Community Centre: 807-476-1452

Website: www.oconnortownship.ca

E-mail: twpoconn@tbaytel.net

Find the Cornerstone on our website!

Disposal Site Hours:

Winter Hours (Sept 1-Mar 31)

Tuesdays 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Summer Hours (Apr 1-Aug 31)

Tuesdays 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturdays 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Volunteer Fire Department:

O'Connor needs Volunteer Firefighters and First Responders! For more Information or questions on volunteering, please see page 2.

Dog Control Officer:

Margaret Foster 807-632-1235

Building Permits:

By-law Number 2016-12, being a by-law respecting Construction, Demolition, Inspections, and to set out the rates for permits within the Corporation of the Township of O'Connor states that building permits will be required for the construction, erection, alteration, repair, removal, relocation and change of use of all buildings, decks or structures within the Township of O'Connor. If you are building anything larger than **161.2** square feet or any building with heating and/or plumbing, you are required to apply for a building permit. For more information, please call the Township Office or the Township's **Chief Building Official, Martin Tempelman, at 807-630-9726 or email to cbomartint@gmail.com** Applications are available on the Township Website or at the Township Office.

Oliver Paipoonge Library Hours:

Rosslyn - Tues & Thurs 10-8 pm

Fridays 10-3 pm

Saturdays 1-4 pm

Murillo - Mon & Wed 10-8 pm

Saturdays 9 am-12 noon

Email: oplibrary@tbaytel.net

<http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca/>

Thunder Bay District Health Unit:

807-625-5900 Toll Free: 888-294-6630

Telehealth Ontario: 1-866-797-0000

Call Ontario 2-1-1 to find programs and services in your area.



Volunteer Fire Department News

Since our last newsletter, the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department received 1 Motor Vehicle Accident call and 1 First Response call.

FIRE SAFETY CHECKLIST

- * Trim branches hanging over your house or vehicle so they don't cause damage or fall on some unsuspecting person if they get weighed down with snow and ice.
- * Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors monthly to make sure they are in good working order.
- * Have your chimney inspected and cleaned to ensure it's not a fire hazard.
- * Stock up on salt to prevent falls on your driveway/steps/walkway.
- * Make sure fire extinguishers are properly stored, easily accessible, charged and undamaged. Also make sure everyone in your household knows how and when to use it.
- * Keep your fire numbers visible from the road and driveways wide enough for emergency vehicles.
- * Review your Home Fire Escape Plan with the family, and talk to your neighbours to see how you can support one another in the event of an emergency.

For more information on fire safety, please check the Township website at www.oconnortownship.ca or ask the Township Office staff for available information pamphlets.

BECOME A VOLUNTEER! WE NEED YOU!!

The Township of O'Connor is looking for volunteers for O'Connor's Volunteer Fire Department and First Response Team. For more information, please call Henry Mattas at 807-628-3523.

SMOKE DETECTORS & CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

The O'Connor Fire Department has for purchase:

Kidde Smoke Alarms.....\$25.00

Kidde Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarms.....\$25.00

Kidde Combination Smoke/CO Alarms.....\$50.00

These units can be picked up at the O'Connor Township Office during regular office hours.



DONATE YOUR:

- ⇒ POP CANS ⇒ BEER CANS
- ⇒ LIQUOR BOTTLES ⇒ BEER BOTTLES

FOR THE O'CONNOR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT!

HELP OUR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT RAISE MONEY BY PUTTING YOUR CANS AND BOTTLES IN THE SPECIALIZED BINS FOR O'CONNOR!

The O'Connor Fire Department Auxiliary has pop & beer can, beer & liquor bottle bins at the O'Connor Disposal Site, the O'Connor Fire Hall, Kakabeka Falls Public School and Green Acres Variety. Using these bins, rather than the regular recycling bins, helps raise money for the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department equipment thus reducing the tax dollars needed during budget time.

FEELING EXTRA CHARITABLE??

Remove your pop can tabs and drop them off at the Township of O'Connor Office for the March of Dimes.

Happy New Year
to all O'Connor residents and their families.
We wish you the very best in 2024!
From the Council and Staff of the
Township of O'Connor.



O'CONNOR TOQUES FOR SALE

\$15 EACH

Stop by the Township Office to get a toque. Orange, blue or white available. Cash or cheque payments only. Cheques should be made out to "The O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary."



Commemorative Plaques

Celebrate a family member, friend or loved one and order a plaque TODAY!

The Township of O'Connor offers plaques to observe special anniversaries of 50 years or longer and birthday celebrations of 75 years or older for present and past residents of the Township. If you know anyone who will be celebrating either of these special events, please contact the Township office three weeks prior to the date and a plaque will be ordered at no charge.



O'Connor's History Book

"First Hundred Years Of Country Living At Its Best" makes a great Christmas gift!!

The Township of O'Connor has copies of the O'Connor History Book which commemorate the "First 100 years of O'Connor's Country Living At Its Best." Copies of the hardcover book can be purchased for \$40 at the O'Connor Township Office during regular office hours.



O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Book your next special occasion at the O'Connor Community Centre. Maximum capacity in the Community Centre is 162 people. If a liquor license is required, the Centre's capacity is 132 people. Please call the Township Office at 807-476-1451 for more information or to book your event.



Dogs Running at Large

The staff of the Township of O'Connor would like to give a friendly reminder to check your dog's leashes and collars inspecting for cracks, tears and breaks, and batteries in your battery operated dog leashes. If you are having trouble with dogs running at large, please contact the Township's Dog Control Officer, Margaret Foster at 807-632-1235.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT/FIRST RESPONSE MEMBERS

this month featuring

Volunteer Firefighter & First Responder Brendan Rea



Brendan Rea volunteers for the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department as a Firefighter, as well as a First Responder. He grew up in Oliver-Paipoonge and has now set his roots in the Township of O'Connor. Brendan went to school in Thunder Bay and Sudbury. He trained as a Machinist and is currently a Machine Shop Foreman for Thunder Bay Hydraulics.

Brendan first joined the Fire Department because he wanted to help people. He has now been with the department for just over three years. Prior to joining the department Brendan had no experience required to be a firefighter or first responder. All the knowledge he has now, he gained while training for the department. Brendan's hobbies outside of work and the department are fishing and hunting.

Brendan's favorite food to eat is Coney Sauce. See page 10 to get the recipe.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT/FIRST RESPONSE MEMBERS

this month featuring

Acting Captain for the Fire Department & First Responder Paul Phillips



Paul Phillips is not only a Volunteer Firefighter for the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department and Acting Captain, but he also volunteers for O'Connor as a First Responder. Paul has been with the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department for eight years.

He grew up in Murillo and now resides in O'Connor Township.

Paul's interests outside of work and volunteering for the fire department are photography and fly fishing.

Emergency Management:

HOW TO CONTACT HYDRO ONE

In case of an emergency or power outage you can reach us by calling our emergency number below.

HYDRO ONE POWER OUTAGE & EMERGENCY LINE

1-800-434-1235 - Use this number to report a power outage, fallen tree hazard or emergency (24 hours, 7 days a week).

FOR MORE INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency or power interruption we encourage you to take a moment to visit HydroOne.com, or follow Hydro One on Twitter to check power outages and safety information.

SIGN UP FOR OUTAGE ALERTS VIA TEXT OR EMAIL

Outage Alerts give you the information you need to plan around them. You'll also be able to report an outage by text! When you sign up to receive Outage Alerts by text or email, we'll let you know when the power is out, restoration updates throughout the power outage and once the power has been restored.



O'CONNOR SKATING RINK

The Township of O'Connor, in the hopes of getting snow and cold enough temperatures, is looking for volunteers to join the Rink Committee to help flood the rink once the cold weather arrives and to help maintain the rink through the skating season (shovelling, snowblowing, and flooding). If you are interested in volunteering or for more information, please call the Township Office at 807-476-1451. If you volunteered last year, you are still on the list and staff will contact you. Your help is appreciated!





EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Keep an emergency preparedness kit

Households are encouraged to build an emergency preparedness kit in case of a power outage or winter conditions that prevent people from being able to leave their homes. Kits should include items like a flashlight, water and non-perishable food to last for at least 3 days.

This year, take advantage of those post-holiday sales to get the emergency kit items you might be missing or have run out of! Examples of items to look for to include in your home or car emergency kit are:

Home Kit

- Bottled water
- Toilet paper
- Batteries
- Candles and matches
- Hand sanitizer
- Ziploc bags
- Personal items and toiletries (soap, toothbrush and paste, etc)
- Medications
- Garbage bags
- Duct tape
- Pet or baby supplies

Car Kit

- Kitty litter, sand or salt
- Antifreeze
- Windshield washer fluid
- Road flares
- Candles and matches
- Blankets
- Batteries
- Snowbrush or scraper
- Phone charger
- Warm hat and mitts
- Folding shovel

Food items for either kit

- Apple sauce cups
- Pudding cups
- Granola, energy or cereal bars
- Canned food (don't forget the can opener) such as tuna, beans, pasta and fruit
- Mixed nuts or granola
- Peanut butter
- Cereal and crackers
- Powdered milk
- Dried fruits

More tips: ontario.ca/BePrepared

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Winter brings snow and snow brings out the plow trucks. Please use caution and slow down when approaching plow trucks on Municipal roads and on Provincial highways and let them do their job to ensure roads are clear and safe to drive. When plowing and shoveling snow from driveways, residents are reminded that it is illegal to push the snow across a roadway. Ridges that are left behind can cause a potential hazard to motorists. Be cautious in inclement weather, slow down and always be aware of other drivers. If you haven't put your winter tires on yet, the sooner the better. Also, it is important to check your winter tire pressure on a regular basis as the cold temperatures can decrease tire pressure. Please drive safe.



#BePrepared & fire safe this winter. If you are a home owner, have your chimney inspected & cleaned annually to ensure it's not a fire hazard.

More tips: ontario.ca/page/winter-storms

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Include emergency preparedness in your goals for the new year so that you can #BePrepared for anything!

Make a plan, build a kit, and stay informed.

More tips: ontario.ca/BePrepared

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DISPOSAL SITE

Start the 2024 year off right and recycle that waste appropriately! If you are unsure where to put your waste, please ask our Disposal Site Attendant for assistance. They will show you where to dispose of your items properly. Please read what refuse is accepted at the O'Connor Disposal Site.

Household Garbage – All non-recyclable waste and larger items (ie. totes, coolers) need crushing and belong in the truck. Please no glass or hazardous waste as this could be harmful for our staff and the environment.

Recycling – Our recycle bins have two compartments for easy sorting. Paper and Cardboard go on one side and other recyclable containers, including #1 - #7 plastics, tetra (milk and juice cartons) and tin cans go in the other side.

Pop/Beer Cans & Beer/Liquor Bottles – Please help raise money for our local Volunteer Fire Department and separate your pop, beer and liquor containers. These items can be placed in the O'Connor Volunteer Fire Department Charity Bin located on site.

Items containing Freon – Anything containing freon such as fridges, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, etc. requires a permit fee of \$20 which **MUST** be paid at the Township Office prior to disposal. Please remove all doors/lids prior to disposal. Proof of payment must be provided to the Disposal Site Attendant before dropping items off.

Scrap Metal – In this pile, we accept items such as scrap from old cars, steel beams, household appliances, tire rims, etc. Empty, dry paint cans are permitted. For cans with paint still in them, please refer to the Hazardous Waste section in the Waste Disposal Guide.

Burn Pile – For any burnable items such as clean wood, brush or tree limbs. Any painted, varnished or pressure treated wood should go in the treated wood pile.

Treated Wood – For all wooden furniture and any treated, painted or varnished lumber.

Upholstery & Other Textiles – Includes mattresses, tarps, carpeting, etc. Please tie up rollable items to keep the area tidy.

Glass – Any non-recyclable glass bottles, glass jars, mirrors and glass doors. Please remove all lids.

Used Tires – All tire sizes are accepted. If possible, please remove all rims and place in the Scrap Metal pile.

Waste Electronics and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) – All WEEE items are to be placed in the large shipping container located on site. WEEE item examples are computers, peripherals (keyboards, mice), monitors, printers and televisions, telephones, copiers, stereos, radios, and other audio-visual equipment. Please place items with caution to ensure they receive no further damage. NO batteries please. Please check the Waste Disposal Guide for where you can bring your batteries.

For more information on recycling and disposing of your items, please visit the Township Website at twpoconn@tbaytel.net and check out our Waste Disposal Guide on the Disposal Site page.

HAT FOUND

If anyone knows the owner of this tilly hat, please have them contact the Township Office at 807-476-1451. It was found on the Township grounds. Thank you.



LOST DOG

This is Max. He has been lost since Friday, December 15th. He was last seen at home on Pool Road in O'Connor. He's a dachshund chihuahua mix. He's wary of strangers and other dogs but can be coaxed with cheese or food. He answers and will come to his name. If anyone has information or has seen him, please call 807-475-5876 or 807-630-1879.



O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CLUB

Thank you to everyone that came out to enjoy the Community Christmas Dinner. A big thank you to all that donated prizes for the event. Thank you to Santa and his elf for taking time out of their busy schedules to visit the children in O'Connor that night.

The O'Connor Community Club will be holding their Annual General Meeting and are looking for new members! If you are interested in joining the team or volunteering for the club, please join us at our AGM or contact Lorna at 807-476-1451 for more information.

**The AGM will be held on
January 23rd**

**at
7:00 pm
in**

**O'Connor Council Chambers
330 Highway 595**

All are welcome to attend. Regular meetings are flexible to adhere to members availability. We are always looking for new members, event ideas and activities! Please join us to see what the club is all about and ensure that social events continue to happen in O'Connor.

RURAL 60 PLUS

5 Pineview Road, Kakabeka Falls
807-475-5779, www.rural60plus.ca, rural60@tbaytel.net

MONDAYS

Carving – 10am to 3pm
Disking – 1pm to 3pm

TUESDAYS

Weaving – 10am to 3pm
Knitting – 10am to 3pm

WEDNESDAYS

Cribbage – 1pm to 3pm
Quilting – 10am to 3pm
Beginners Carving 10am to 3pm

THURSDAYS

Weaving – 10am to 3pm
Knitting – 10am to 3pm

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Craft Room is open 10am to 3pm
Rural 60 Plus will be closed on the holidays and will reopen on Monday January 8, 2024

Happy New Year!

NEW YEAR'S SELF CARE CHECKLIST

After the Hustle and Bustle of the holiday season, now's the time to be mindful of ourselves and take some time for a little self care. After all the work and effort you put in over the holidays, you deserve it!!

Here are some things to knock off your self care checklist this month and throughout the year.

**Get at least 7+ hours
of sleep per night**

Get Fresh Air,
take a walk outside

Take time for your hobby

Call a friend or a relative

**Cuddle your kids or
your pets**

Write a letter

Take a power nap

Do an at home
spa treatment

**Spend quality time with a
friend or loved one**

Cancel an activity and stay in
for the night

Read for 20 minutes

Sing out loud

Take some alone time

Focus on your own goals

Meditate for 10 minutes

**Eat healthy
(3 nutritious meals per day)**

Make your favorite recipe or
try a new recipe

Declutter a small space

Go for a scenic drive

**Watch your favorite
show or movie**

Watch the sunrise or
the sunset

Schedule a date night

Donate something you
no longer use

**Write down 3 things you're
grateful for**

Write in a journal

**Treat yourself
(and don't feel guilty about it)**

Listen to a podcast
or audiobook

**Maintain your
physical health**

**Drink more water
(8 glasses per day)**

Listen to your
favorite music

**Put your phone away for a set
amount of time per day**

Try something new

Sleep in

Sit by the fire

**Take long baths or
showers**

Practice yoga

Give a hug

Buy yourself some
flowers

Slow down

Sip a hot drink and
put your feet up

**Set clear boundaries and
prioritize your well-being**

Don't be afraid to
say no

JANUARY 2024



NorWest Community
Health Centres
Centres de santé
communautaire NorWest

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
1 CLOSED FOR NEW YEARS	2 Dietitian	3 Fly the C.O.O.P Social Group @Nolalu C. Centre	4 LifeLabs	5 Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm
8 Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 1pm-6pm Chair Yoga / Virtual Chair Yoga	9 Mobile Clinic - Armstrong 8:30am-1:30pm Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group Diabetes Educator	10 Virtual Yoga	11 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs Walk-In Clinic 8:30am-4:30pm	12
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Kakabeka Site

4785 ON-11 Unit B,
Kakabeka Falls,
ON P0T 1W0

(807) 473-5528

PROGRAM INFO.

Call Shaun at (807) 473-5528
ext.1 to register for all programs

Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group
Meet at Legion Hall - Kakabeka
10am-11am

Fly the C.O.O.P Social Group
-Tea, History & Crafts! 1-3pm

Chair Yoga
Hosted at O'Connor Community
Centre at 10:30am

Virtual Yoga
Hosted virtually at 10:30am

Please call to book an
appointment for:

- LifeLabs
- Dietitian
- Diabetes Educator



Follow us!

NorWest Community
Health Centres -
Kakabeka Falls Clinic

www.norwestchc.org

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

Provides FREE dental services
to eligible seniors

You may be eligible if you:

- Are 65 or older
- Are a resident of Ontario
- Have no access to any other form of dental benefits (e.g. private insurance or other government program)
- Have an annual net income of \$22,200 or less for a single person OR a combined net income of \$37,100 or less for a couple

For more information:
Visit TBDHU.com/SeniorsDental

To apply online:
Visit ontario.ca/SeniorsDental

For assistance or to book an appointment:
Call (807) 625-5984 or toll-free: 1-888-294-6630



Thunder Bay District
Health Unit

Vaccine Clinic

- COVID vaccines (flu vaccines will also be offered to anyone getting a COVID vaccine)
- Routine vaccines for children and youth 4-18 years old

January 5

1:30-3:30pm

O'Connor Community Centre

Walk-in only



Murillo Library

Monday 10 – 8:00 pm
Wednesday 10 – 8:00 pm
Saturday 9 – 12 pm
935-2729



Storytime with Kelsea
will resume on
Thursday
January 11th
at 11:00 am

Email:

oplibrary@tbaytel.net

Website:

<http://oliverpaipoonge.olsn.ca>

*Indoor carpet bowling
will now will held every
Thursday afternoon
from 1:30 to 4:00 at
Rosslyn Library.*

Rosslyn Library

Tuesday 10 – 8:00 pm
Thursday 10 to 8:00 pm
Saturday 1 – 4:00 pm
939-2312



Thank you to Rosslyn Women's Institute for their annual gift of homemade cookies. Every Christmas they reach out to the various departments with this thoughtful show of appreciation.



Radon detectors available to borrow at
Oliver Paipoonge Library!



It is recommended that you test for radon during furnace season.

For more information regarding Radon visit Eco Superior:

<https://www.ecosuperior.org/homeenergy>

Seniors Carpet Bowling

Rosslyn Community Centre

Sponsored by Rosslyn Library

Rosslyn Hall

every Thursday

Beginning January 11, 2024

1:30 -4:00 pm

Call the library at 939-2312
for more information.

Please bring indoor shoes!

Seniors!

**Enjoy a fun game of
carpet bowling!**

Relaxed & gentle pace of exercise
Free
Socializing & Fun times
Refreshments

Beginners welcome!!

An EarlyON Storytime Adventure



**Monday, January 22nd
1:00pm-2:00pm**

The Rural Family Centre is taking storytime on the road to the Murillo Library! We will be meeting at the library to enjoy some engaging tales, free play and crafts!

All ages welcome, no pre-registration necessary!

Call the Rural Family Centre at 935-3009 or ask a staff member at the library for more information!



CRIBBAGE

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

EVERY TUESDAY 1 P.M.

ROSSLYN COMMUNITY CENTER
3405 ROSSLYN ROAD



Thank you!

Rosslyn Cribbage Club just celebrated their 1st anniversary on Oct. 17th. Over the year we grew from 9 to 34 players with room for many more. So come and join the fun and friendship!



**Story Time with Kelsea
Every Thursday at 11:00 am
at Rosslyn Library**

(resuming January 11th)

**'Get Creative' craft gathering
Every Thursday from 1 to 4:00
at Rosslyn Hall**



Bring in your current craft project to work on alongside other 'crafty-minded' people. Games of Canasta, dominoes or other card games can be arranged if you wish to play. This is a great time to meet new people, socialize and share tips and ideas.
Call 939-2312 for more information.

Free exercise class for all ages and abilities.



Every Tuesday: Bands and Balls } At Rosslyn Hall from
Every Thursday Weights } 11:30 to 12:00

No Registration necessary.

We still have room for anyone wishing to keep active and join others in fun, laughter and conversation.

These activities are open to anyone interested in getting out of the house and meeting new people.

Call Rosslyn Library for more information 807-939-2312

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Neighbours Helping Neighbours

Conmee Municipal Complex
19 Holland Rd, Kakabeka Falls P0T1W0
807-285-0836

**Next Food Bank is
Wednesday, January 17, 2024**

**Registration 9 am to 11 am
Drive-thru pick up**

We sincerely thank all those that continue to support us.
Your donations enable the food bank to remain open.

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

shouts

*Thank
You!*

The Rural Cupboard Food Bank had a "Stuff a Cruiser" food drive at Odena Foods on Saturday, December 9th. Thank you to everyone who bought and contributed food items and donated cash that day. Thank you to everyone that has contributed all year long. Your donations keep the food bank running. Thank you to the OPP, City of Thunder Bay Police, Conmee Fire Department and all the Food Bank volunteers. A special thanks to Jodi of the OPP, that spent 8 hours volunteering her time at the food drive.

Sincerely, Lorna Krieg



Hymers Fair News

Submitted by Erin Laforest



The Hymers Agricultural Society

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

will be held

Saturday, January 20, 2024

1:00 p.m.

at the

CLE Grounds, Cardinal Room

Elections for the 2024 Board of Directors will take place. Become involved! Contribute your great ideas to the Society and the Fair by becoming part of it.

We are always looking for people who are willing to serve as Directors and Committee members. Please be aware that this is a working Board, which means attendance at monthly meetings, being responsible for one Committee or Area, and participating on other Committees as needed.

Volunteers are always needed throughout the Spring/Summer to get the Grounds ready, and during Fair Weekend.

Don't want to commit to being a director? That's ok! Come join the AGM anyway. We would love to see you there. There are still opportunities to join as a Committee Lead or member, or as a Volunteer. Can't make the meeting?

Please visit our new website at <https://hymersfair.ca> and find our Volunteer Application Form under Volunteers.

Forms can be emailed to:

volunteers@hymersfair.com

or mailed to:

**PO Box 196
Kakabeka Falls, ON, P0T 1W0**

For full details on becoming a Director, Committee Lead or Volunteer, please email:

Debbie Hoover at info@hymersfair.com

or

Erin at hymersagsociety@gmail.com



Kakabeka Falls

& Rural District RCL Branch #225

Kakabeka Legion, 4556 Highway 11-17, Kakabeka Falls

Saturday, January 13th

- Exec/Gen Meeting - 2:30/3:00 pm

Sunday, January 14th

- Breakfast 8:30 am until noon

Sunday, January 21st

- Jam Session - 7:00 – 9:30 pm

Saturday, January 27th

- Dance with Quest - 7:00 - 10:00 pm

Sunday, January 28th

- Afternoon of Music - 2:00 - 4:00 pm

On behalf of the Kakabeka Legion we wish you
a Happy New Year.

Call the Legion hotline for any changes at 807-473-9122.

WINTER WORD SCRAMBLER

(answers on page 11)



1. WSON _ _ _ _
2. GIKNSI _ _ _ _ _
3. GSNLIID _ _ _ _ _
4. BODWAISONRG _ _ _ _ _
5. ANTKGIS _ _ _ _ _
6. CEI _ _ _
7. EGOSNNWISOH _ _ _ _ _
8. NSWOSFT _ _ _ _ _
9. KLNSWEOAF _ _ _ _ _
10. SRTOF _ _ _ _
11. ADRIZZBL _ _ _ _ _
12. MONNSAW _ _ _ _ _
13. CECLII _ _ _ _
14. OWSN LGENA _ _ _ _ _
15. CIE SFGIHNI _ _ _ _ _
16. MSTETIN _ _ _ _ _
17. RCFAS _ _ _ _

CONEY SAUCE

Submitted by Volunteer Firefighter Brendan Rea

- 2 lbs ground beef, fried up
- 1 red onion, diced up

Place beef and onion in the slow cooker.

- 3 - 156 ml cans of Tomato Paste
- 1 Beef or Chicken Bouillon cube with 4 cups of water
- 3 Tbsp Onion Powder
- 3 Tbsp Mustard Powder
- 1 Tbsp Crushed Chili Peppers
- 1/4 Cup Brown Sugar
- 2 Tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
- 3 Tbsp Black Pepper
- 1 Tbsp Turmeric
- 1 Tbsp Seasoning Salt
- 1/3 Cup Vinegar
- Splash of Hot Sauce

Cook everything in the slow cooker on low for 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Mix occasionally.



NEW YEAR'S EVE

F	T	C	E	L	F	E	R	T	S	E	M	A	G
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MIDNIGHT
CLOCK
FAMILY
MUSIC
HORN
REFLECT
RESOLUTION
FRIENDS
GAMES
TOAST
CHEERS
CALENDAR
NOISEMAKER
PARTY
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5:30 pm - Blake Community Hall,
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3. SLIDING
4. SNOWBOARDING
5. SKATING
6. ICE
7. SNOWSHOEING
8. SNOW FORTS
9. SNOWFLAKE
10. FROST
11. BLIZZARD
12. SNOWMAN
13. ICICLE
14. SNOW ANGEL
15. ICE FISHING
16. MITTENS
17. SCARF

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St. Mark's Anglican Church

5 St. Mark's St., Rosslyn, ON

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Rector: Reverend Jonathan Blanchard
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St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Church

10 Porter St., Kakabeka Falls, ON

For information, please contact
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10 PORTER STREET, (basement)

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JANUARY 28, 2024

12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m.

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(Cost by donation)

50/50 Draw

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The blessing box is being filled at least once a week, but needs everyone's help in keeping it stocked. If you are able to donate, please contact Shelley at 807-629-2851. Some products that can be added to the Blessing Box this season are (Please keep in mind NO canned food at all, or liquids during the winter months):

Mixed nuts	Spices	Pasta
Granola bars	(ie. salt,	Rice
Fruit roll ups	pepper,	Cereal
Dried fruit	garlic powder,	Oatmeal
White sugar	sage,	Bread
Brown sugar	poultry seasoning,	Bagels
Flour	lemon pepper,	English muffins
	basil, etc.)	Pancake mix

Keep in mind when temperatures are averaging -5 Celcius you can add frozen products to Blessing Box such as:

Pizza	Frozen veggies
Hot Dogs	Frozen fruit
Bacon	Perogies

Toiletries are also a great donation, items such as:

Deodorant	Feminine products
Tooth brushes	Diapers
Toothpaste	Bar soap



DANCE CLASSES

Tuesdays

Classes to be held at:

O'Connor Community Centre

330 Highway 595

Kakabeka Falls ON

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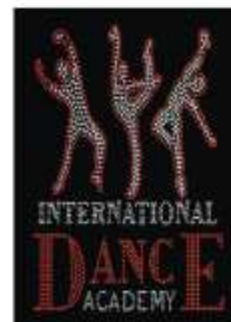
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About your instructor: Nerissa

Nerissa has studied Ballet, Pointe, Pas de Deux, Repertoire, Classical Variations, Character, Ethnic Dancing, Modern, Contemporary, Lyrical, Hip Hop and Musical Theatre both locally and in the Professional Training Division of Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet School to study. Returning to Thunder Bay in June 2009, she has passed her Cecchetti Intermediate and Advanced I Ballet Exam, all ADAPT Jazz exams up to Intermediate 3. and graduated from Police Foundations at Confederation College.

Nerissa has trained with numerous world renowned instructors including Mia Micheals and Wade Robson from SYTYCD, U.S.A, Blake McGrath and Nico Archambault from SYTYCD, Canada..

She currently teaches locally at International Dance Academy.

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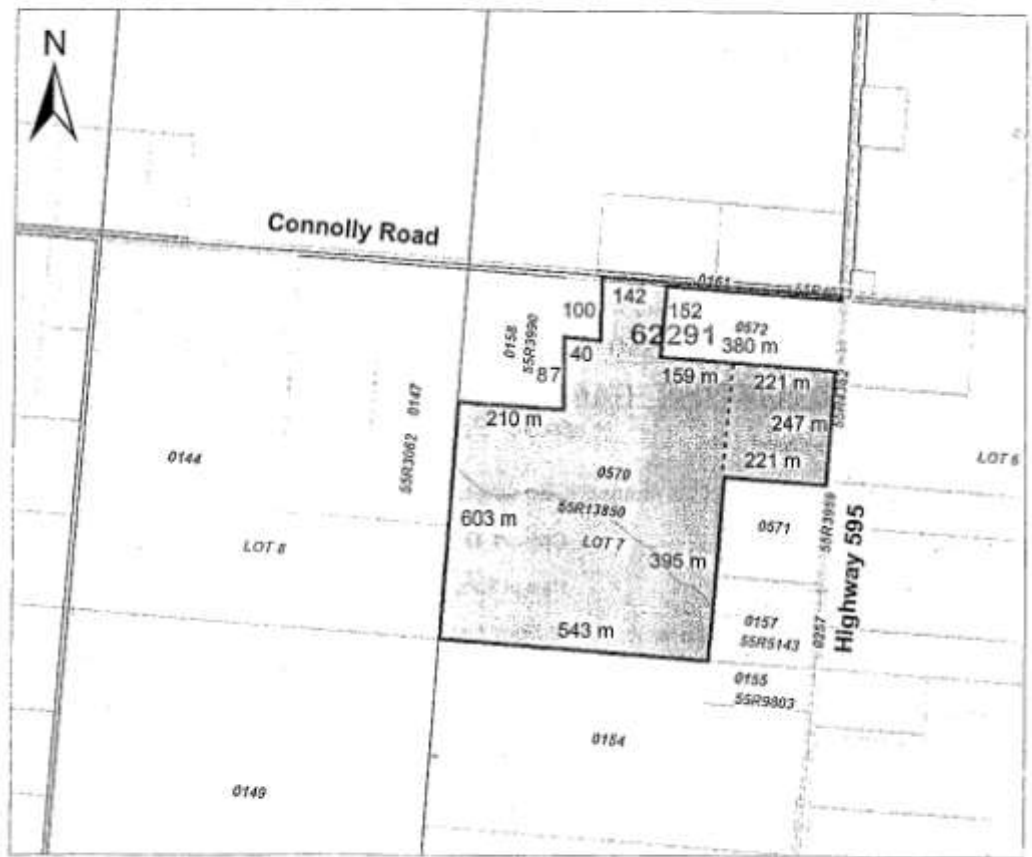
Re: File no. 2023-01 –
Application for
Proposed Official
Plan Amendment for
property located at
51 Connolly Road to
allow the property
owner an additional
lot severance to be
created along
Highway 595.

The Public is invited to
participate in a Public
Meeting, which the
Township of O'Connor
Council will be holding on:
MONDAY, JANUARY 8,
2024 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE O'CONNOR
COMMUNITY CENTRE
– 330 HIGHWAY 595

FOR MORE
INFORMATION,
PLEASE SEE
THE BACK PAGE OF
THIS MONTH'S ISSUE.

T. & J. Silvaggio Property

51 Connolly Road – O'Connor Twp.



Proposed Line of Severance -----

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Re: File no. 2023-01 – Application for Proposed Official Plan Amendment for property located at 51 Connolly Road to allow the property owner an additional lot severance to be created along Highway 595.

The Public is invited to participate in a Public Meeting, which the Township of O'Connor Council will be holding on:

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.
IN THE O'CONNOR COMMUNITY CENTRE – 330 HIGHWAY 595**

to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment for the property located at 51 Connolly Road.

Purpose of meeting:

- For the applicant to present the proposal
- For interested parties to express their opinion about the proposal
- For community input to be used to evaluate the proposal

Proposal

The Applicant has applied for a site-specific amendment to the Official Plan to permit an additional lot severance along Highway 595.

Purpose and effect of Proposal

The purpose and effect of the proposed amendment is for a site-specific amendment to the Official Plan to allow a third severance of this parcel of land, known as 51 Connolly Road. The current Official Plan, Section 9.3 states: Where subdivision by Consent is proposed, a parcel held under unity of ownership as of November 1, 1997, may be subdivided into a maximum of two parcels, exclusive of the retained parcel, except for the purpose of boundary adjustment, partial discharge of mortgage, easements and right-of-way.

A key map of the subject land can be found on the Township Website or at the Township Office.

How to participate

Submit written comments: Interested parties are encouraged to submit written correspondence and questions prior to the meeting by dropping off or mailing to the Township office at 330 Highway 595, or by emailing twpoconn@tbaytel.net by 12 p.m. on Monday, January 8, 2023. Please quote the file number 2023-01 in your submission. All correspondence will be provided to Council and to the applicant. **The collection of personal information including names and contact information provided in written submissions is made under the authority of the Planning Act for the purpose of creating a Public Record. Personal information is collected in compliance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.**

- **Attend in person to present comments** at the Council meeting, advanced registration is not required.

Right to appeal

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of O'Connor before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of any appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Township of O'Connor to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of O'Connor before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

Additional information

A copy of the proposed amendment is available for viewing at the Township of O'Connor Office, 330 Highway 595, during regular office hours.

At this time there are no other applications, under the Planning Act, pertaining to the subject lands.

The report and proposed amendment that will be considered at the public meeting, will be made available for viewing on Monday, January 8, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the meeting.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Township of O'Connor Council on the proposed Official Plan Amendment, you must make a written request to myself at twpoconn@tbaytel.net

If you have any questions in regard to this notice or you require accessible accommodation or materials, please contact me.

Yours truly,
Lorna Buob, Clerk-Treasurer