

COUNCIL CORNER

John Hirsch, Councillor Ward 9, South Marysburgh



Covid Vaccination

Both first and second doses are now available for all eligible age groups – age 12 and up. There is increasing availability of appointments, even some walk-in clinics in Picton - so no reason not to be “double vaxxed”.

Council Activity

Council and all committees continued to meet only via Zoom. In August we will return having in-person meetings at the Rotary Hall in Wellington, with the public participating by Zoom.

Highlights for July

Some tweaks have been made to the parking and other tourism related restrictions. Despite disapproval in some quarters, most comments I have received has been positive. We seem to be doing a much better job of managing the influx of visitors than last year. It also appears that the overall number of visitors is a bit lower.

We approved tenders for much needed restoration work on the Crystal Palace in Picton, as well as for installation of a

new pedestrian crosswalk in Wellington.

Committee of the Whole received the consultants report on a new Destination Development Master Plan – with an emphasis on attracting the kind of tourists who benefit the County as opposed to the recent day-tripper phenomenon.

We approved the method to be used for reconstruction of County Rd. 49 whenever funding becomes available to do that – the concrete surface will be rubbleized (breaking up the old concrete surface) and paved over with asphalt. This means we are ready to go if the Province and Feds come up with the grants required to make this possible.

Among recommendations of the Traffic Advisory Committee, Council agreed to implement speed bumps in Cherry Valley to slow down traffic through the village.

Local Events

Now that we are firmly in Step 3 of reopening, public buildings can be used once again. This means that Milford Town Hall and Mount Tabor can be booked with certain capacity limits. To book, you can contact Craig McMillan of the South Maryburgh Management Committee: cmick2000@hotmail.com.

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And don't forget, for immediate service the County help line is available:

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Email: info@pecounty.on.ca

Or submit a request using the online form on the County website: www.thecounty.ca

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