

# COUNCIL CORNER

John Hirsch, Councillor Ward 9, South Marysburgh



## Covid Vaccination

Hastings Prince Edward is at only 72% of qualified people double vaxxed – so please take advantage of all the opportunities available – including pop-up clinics. Details at: <https://hpepublichealth.ca/vaccine-booking/>

## Council Activity

Council and all committees have been meeting only via Zoom. In August, we returned to having in-person meetings at the Rotary Hall in Wellington, with the public participating by Zoom.

## Highlights for August

- Dealt with the huge misinformation campaign surrounding parking at Lake on the Mountain, by commissioning an engineering study to recommend appropriate measures for the safety of pedestrians and traffic.
- Awarded a major contract for reconstruction of Elk St. and the waterworks beneath it in Picton. Work to be done this fall.
- Enacted a new bylaw regulating cannabis production to protect adjacent landowners.
- Transferred the over \$2M 2020 operating surplus to reserves – this will help with next year’s budget.
- Supported the effort to protect the Hyatt and MacDonald homes at Sandbanks from demolition.
- Received the CAO’s quarterly report which featured results of our seasonal tourism management strategy (mostly good), announcement of the new Planning Application portal where you can see all documents relating to planning projects. A number of major projects planned for South Marysburgh are upcoming – you can track progress here: <https://www.thecounty.ca/residents/services/planning/active-planning-applications/>
- Received a report from the Picton Town Hall Management Board on progress toward obtaining tenants.

## Coming up:

September will see Council deal with the new noise bylaw, Wellington water and wastewater financing agreements, a new procedural bylaw for Council, review of the first group of policy bylaw reviews – and much more.

I encourage you to check out agendas and their supporting reports – all available on the County website, become informed and participate in our meetings via Zoom.

## LOCAL EVENTS

South Marysburgh (SM) hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Pedaling for Parkinson’s event on three sweltering days August 20-22. Thanks to Bruce Dowdell, Doug McGregor and others from SM Recreation Committee for making this a successful fundraiser for Parkinson’s research.

Coming up, don’t forget the South Shore Clean Up Saturday, September 18 rain or shine. You can help the seasonal cleanup and raise funds for South Shore Joint Initiative – see details at SSJI.ca.

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