

News & Notes

By Mayor Ted Walker & Council December 2021

Council Calendar

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

Visit 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

Upcoming Meetings

[Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting](#)

[January 10th 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Heritage Committee Meeting](#)

[January 11th 3:00 p.m.](#)

Message from the Mayor



On behalf of myself, Council and our dedicated Township Staff I want to take this time to wish everyone Happy Holidays. If the pandemic has taught us anything over the past two years, it's the importance of keeping connected with those we love, so I hope you find the time this holiday season to connect with family, friends and loved ones.

As we continue to battle the pandemic, I ask that you continue to follow the guidelines of the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit to keep our community as safe as possible. For the most up to date information on COVID-19 including booking a vaccination appointment please visit www.simcoemuskokahealth.org.

This is also the time to look back and reflect on the year that was, I offer my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the entire community for your continued

Protective and
Development
Services

[January 12th
9:30 a.m.](#)

Operational
Services

[January 12th
1:30 p.m.](#)

Corporate
Services

[January 13th
10:00 a.m.](#)

Committee of
Adjustment

[January 19th
6:00 p.m.](#)

Regular Council
Meeting

[January 26th
7:00 p.m.](#)

collaboration, engagement and support. We will continue to support you, and operate the Township in the most efficient and responsible way possible during these extraordinary times. We've once again taken the extra steps and care necessary to open the Tay Community Rink. Check out the free public skating and shinny times, or book your private rental online today, at tay.ca/rinks.

Lastly, our Municipal Office will close on Friday, December 24 at 2:30 p.m. and reopen on Monday January 3 at 8:30 a.m. For after-hour emergency service for Water, Wastewater, Roads and parks call 705-526-5762. The Tay Township Public Library will also have amended holiday hours, please visit tay.ca/library for more information.

Until next time.

*Ted Walker is Mayor of Tay Township.
Contact him at twalker@tay.ca*

Stay connected with Tay! Find out about upcoming Council meetings at tay.ca/calendar, subscribe to receive Township news at tay.ca/subscribe, view and submit community events at tay.ca/events, and follow us on Twitter [@TayTownship](https://twitter.com/TayTownship) and Facebook [@TayTownshipON](https://www.facebook.com/TayTownshipON)

Municipal Office Holiday Hours



Holiday Office Closure

The Tay Township Municipal Office will close on **Friday, December 24** at **2:30 p.m.** and reopen on **Monday, January 3** at **8:30 a.m.**

For after-hours emergency service for Water, Wastewater, Roads and Parks call 705-526-5762.

Tay Township Council and staff wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

Video Mayors Message 2021



Tay Community Rink is Open

The Tay Community Rink is open to private rentals, public skating and shinny.

COVID-19 protocols and guidelines are in place, including capacity limits, and are subject to change at any time due to public health and Provincial directives. Full details including public skating and shinny times, as well as how to book your private ice time are available at tay.ca/rinks.



We're Hiring!



Join the **#TayTeam**! We're looking to fill the position of **Protective & Development Services Administrative Assistant**

The Administrative Assistant is an integral part of our collaborative Protective and Development Services Team! They will assist in coordinating and executing administrative functions and provide a high level of customer service support to four key Township divisions which include Planning and Development Services, Building

Services, Municipal Law Enforcement, and the Fire and Emergency Services Department.

Review the full job description and apply today at tay.ca/jobs

Township Service Awards

Tay Township understands its greatest assets are its employees and is committed to acknowledging employees and volunteers for their ongoing dedication to the municipality. The year 2021 marked a milestone for several key staff.

10 YEAR PIN

Dan Cormack - Operational Services
Greg Asmann - Operational Services
Lindsay Barron - Administration
Paul Storey - Victoria Harbour Fire Hall
Sheryl Robitaille - Financial Services

20 YEAR PIN

Frank Himburg - Operational Services
Mark Shepherd - Old Fort Fire Hall
Shawn Aymer - Fire Service Years

Thank you for your dedicated service and contributions to the township

2022 Tree Seedling Distribution Program

Severn Sound Environmental Association and Tay Township are working together to provide residents with reasonably priced, native tree and shrub seedlings for planting in early spring 2022.

Tree seedlings must be pre-ordered. **The deadline for ordering is Friday, January 14, 2022.**

Program details are available at the municipal office and online at severnsound.ca



The graphic features the title "Tree Seedling Distribution Program" at the top. Below it is the text "Order NOW!" in a large, bold font. The central image shows two hands holding a small green seedling over a mound of dark soil. Logos for the Severn Sound Environmental Association and Tay Township are positioned on either side of the title. At the bottom, two star icons flank the text "Order before January 14 2022" and "More details at severnsound.ca".

Winter Parking Regulations

Help us clear the roads

Reminder! Winter Parking Regulations are in effect. Please do not park your vehicle on or within 3.05 metres (10 feet) of roads between 3:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

For more information visit tay.ca/WinterParking or call us at **705-534-7248** and press option #5 to connect with a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer, or email mleo@tay.ca

We appreciate your cooperation. You are helping to make the Township snow clearing safer, more efficient and effective.



The graphic shows a line of cars parked on a snowy road. Overlaid on the image is the text "Reminder: WINTER PARKING REGULATIONS ARE IN PLACE". At the bottom, a smaller line of text reads: "Parking is not permitted on or within 3.05 metres (10 feet) of roads between the hours of 3 a.m and 12 p.m".

Fire Permits

Reminder! A Fire Permit is required for all outdoor fires in Tay Township. Get your 2022 Fire Permit instantly online today at tay.ca/firepermit



Tree Lighting Ceremony



PORT MCNICOLL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



Thank you to all who came out to the Tree Lighting Ceremony in Port McNicoll on December 5, 2021. Special thanks to The Port McNicoll Youth Activity Group volunteers for organizing the event, the Port McNicoll Lions Club who helped prepare and serve hotdogs and hot chocolate, as well as the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 545 who provided candy canes. Shout out to Tay Township staff who helped string the lights on the tree and set up, as well as Port McNicoll Fire Fighters who brought the truck and derby car! And last but not least, thanks to Santa and Mrs. Claus for taking time out of their busy schedule to join in the fun!

Culture Alliance Inspirational People's Project



The Heritage subcommittee of the Culture Alliance was proud to present the Inspirational People Project award to Don Ward and Scott Warnock.

The project recognizes and celebrates the contributions of individuals who have made a significant impact in our five communities. Through a community nomination process, two individuals were selected from each community, their images, names, and occupation/specialty were printed on large banners and hung in their respective communities. For more information on this project please visit culturealliance.ca.

Culture Alliance Cultural Asset Program

COVID-19 Resources Visit

tay.ca/COVID-19 for the latest information about impacts to Tay Township municipal services and links to COVID-19 resources.

Do You Remember When?



Do you have interesting stories to tell about the places, people, and events that have shaped the Heart of Georgian Bay area?

The Culture Alliance will be selecting eight participants from Beausoleil First Nation, Town of Midland, Town of Penetanguishene, Tay Township, and Township of Tiny to be interviewed and video recorded for the **Do You Remember When? project**.

Those interested in being considered are invited to apply by January 3, 2022.

More information is available at culturealliance.ca/culturalassets

Vaccination Clinics

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

Ontario.ca/COVID19

Transportation to vaccine Appt.

Community Reach
705-528-6999

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](#)

Wye Marsh Winter Activities

Get your little explorers outdoors and discovering the wonders of winter at the **Wye Marsh!** Learn more and register online at wyemarsh.com/Winter-Pursuits

For those 12 years and older, experience 4 kilometers of woodlands & wildlife on an Eco Tour! Dates available in January & February 2022. Register online at: wyemarsh.com/snowshoe-



Tay Shore Trail Winter Maintenance

With the continuation of the global pandemic, Council has once again directed staff to maintain a section of the Tay Shore Trail throughout the winter in each of the three shoreline communities that the trail passes through.

The sections of the trail that will be maintained are:

- Waubauskene: Pine St. to Coldwater Rd.
- Victoria Harbour: Bass Bay Dr. to Caswell Rd.
- Port McNicoll: First Ave Trail - Davidson St. to Arpin St.



Maintenance on the entire Tay Shore Trail will resume in the Spring of 2022.

Tay Township Public Library Update



**TAY TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**HOLIDAY
HOURS**

December 25th & 26th

**ALL BRANCHES
CLOSED**

January 1st

**ALL BRANCHES
CLOSED**




**Friday
December 24th**

**Port McNicoll
CLOSED**

**Victoria Harbour
10:30 - 2:30**

**Waubauskene
CLOSED**




**Friday
December 31st**

**Port McNicoll
10:30 - 2:30**

**Victoria Harbour
10:30 - 2:30**

**Waubauskene
10:30 - 2:30**



The Tay Township Public Library Board and Staff would like to wish everyone a festive holiday season and all the best in the coming year!



Around the world in 6 spice mixes!

Taste the World

ADD SOME SPICE TO YOUR LIFE!

Pick up a **free** spice kit starting in November!

Register ahead by calling your local branch, emailing library@tay.ca, or messaging us on social media @taytownshippl

Each month we'll feature a new spice blend from around the world! Register monthly to reserve your spice mix & recipe cards

Geared for ages 10 & up! One kit per family.

ADOBO • FIVE-SPICE • RAS EL HANOUT • HERBES DE PROVENCE • JAMAICAN JERK • GARAM MASALA

Everybody in the world - spice up your life!



Tay Township Public Library
Port McNicoll Victoria Harbour Waubauskene
705-534-3511 705-534-3581 705-538-1122
www.tay.library.on.ca/

Sign up for our **[Taste the World – Around the World in Six Spice Mixes!](#)**

Each month we are featuring a new spice blend with recipe cards. Register monthly to participate. Call your branch or email library@tay.ca to sign up.

Pajama Storytime LIVE!

On **[Facebook Live](#)** and **[Instagram](#)** Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Join library staff as we read our favourite books and sing a song. Don't forget to comment while watching live so we can say Hi!

A Message from the Office of the Fire Marshal and Tay Township Fire and Emergency Services



Be Merry, Be Bright, Be Candle Safe



- Keep candles in a **sturdy holder** away from children or pets that might knock them over
- Keep candles away from **anything** that can burn
- **Extinguish all candles** before leaving the room, heading out or going to bed

Consider using LED flameless candles!

For more information contact your local fire department.



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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