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COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Idea Bombing: Recreation, Community Development & Canada 150

The Township of Bonnechere Valley hosted a well attended “Idea Bombing” session and spaghetti dinner on Tuesday, January 17th at the Eagle’s Nest. It was an interactive gathering where council, staff and residents came together to share ideas for what kinds of things residents wished to see happening in our community. It was a great opportunity for council and staff to hear directly the priorities and pressing issues within our community. This was a valuable exercise. Important because when funding opportunities arise we can focus our efforts on projects the community is behind. Also it helps guide council on issues of interest to the public.

There were numerous activities discussed at this outreach session: Recreation, Canada 150 and Eganville 125 review, economic development, downtown revitalization and our Community Improvement Plan.

CANADA 150: Many great event ideas were shared and events that we held in the past were recommended to be repeated on an annual basis such as, a children’s festival with bouncy castles, the amazing race, homemade boat races, road race - climbing Foymount Hill, science and astronomy event, a farm tour, stand up paddle boat jousting, slip & slide, logging displays and demo log rolling contest, celebrity challenge, buskers festival, Egan Fest, Holiday family party, fishing derby, indoor famers’ market, poetry contest, father/daughter ball, Holiday family party, Melissa Bishop Day, night parade, community free pantry project, love your neighbourhood events and pumpkin walk.



The Canada 150 Committee Co-Chaired by Jackie Agnew and Meredith Jamieson with Dana Jennings as our staff lead, have met and reviewed the longer list of ideas and are putting together a calendar of events. We can only do as many events as we have volunteers to help out. So please get in touch with danaj@eganville.com to help make this year’s 150 events fabulous.

RECREATION ideas brought forth were: use of the arena in the summer for roller blading circuit like public skating, walking and running indoors, swimming lessons at Lake Clear, tennis courts re-surfacing, bus trips to a ski hill, transportation to events, bubble balls, bus trip to the Pembroke Pool, outdoor arena or play structure at Cormac, earlier pick up hockey times and lending hub expansion to include winter sports like snow shoe rentals or cross country skis. Council is in the initial stages of putting together a volunteer Recreation Committee to help make some of these and more a reality. Please let us know if you would be interested in serving on such a committee of Council.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION: Some ideas that emerged were: awards from the Township honouring great businesses, better internet (see CRTC article), downtown signature look, selfie picture signs, food trucks, Advertising Eganville to urban centres as an affordable place to live outside the hustle and bustle, Community Hub building at the Creamery site, the formation of a Business Development Committee and updates to the change rooms at the Rotary Beach.

Water System Affordability Raised

The Rural Ontario Municipal Association annual conference was held in Toronto on January 29-31, 2017. This year Renfrew County Warden and Bonnechere Valley Mayor Jennifer Murphy, Councillor Meredith Jamieson, and CAO Bryan Martin attended the conference on behalf of the municipality. We are pleased to report that we had a terrific meeting with Grant Crack, the Parliamentary Assistant for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs as well as Ministerial staff. We discussed the unsustainability of our town water facility given our limited user base. Council and CAO Martin put together a background paper highlighting the economic strain on our town residence with suggested solutions that we presented to the Ministry. It was very well received and we are hoping that we will become a case study in association with WaterTap and a representative of the ministry to study this important issue in small rural communities. We are confident that this issue is now on the Provincial government’s radar.



Trending At Council



Council meets twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays. We start with a committee meeting at 1:30 pm and this is where most of our discussions take place. All meetings are open and the public is encouraged to attend. This section is designed to let you know some of the topics that we are or will be discussing. Even if you can not attend a meeting we would love to hear your thoughts. Letters and emails are always circulated to all council members and read. We can do a better job with your help!



Our 2017 budget meeting is set for March 24 & March 27, 2017 at 10:00 am in council chambers. Budget

meeting, like all of our meetings are open to the public and you are invited to stop by and watch us agonize over how we are spending your money.

Radar Sign Board: Has been purchased and the 27" wide and 40" high sign will be placed on a trailer to be rotated among the various areas in the municipality.

Speed Bumps: They will be installed on a trial basis on Buelow Road and Lake Clear Road.

Youth Dances: The 2017 Youth Dances for Grades 5-8 have been confirmed for the school year. The dates are: Friday March 24; Friday, May 26; Friday June 23, Friday October 20 and Friday December 1, 2017. We are always looking for chaperones to assist with these dances. If you can donate a couple hours of your time with any of the above dates please let us know. Contact danaj@eganville.com.

Grand Finale Chili Cook Off

April 21, 2017

11:30 am to 1:30 pm

Eganville Seniors Centre (30 Bell Street)



Champions from the past four years will compete for grand champion at the last and final chili cookoff. BV Fire Chief Dave Murphy will try to defend his title.

Eganville Arena

The Township of Bonnechere Valley is very excited to announce that the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) has approved our Ontario 150 Community Capital Program funding application in the amount of \$445,000. The funding will be used to replace the brine system, ice pad and dehumidifiers at the Eganville Community Centre. Fostering more active lifestyles, this initiative is helping infrastructure for unstructured and structured physical activities. This funding comes under the umbrella of Minister Eleanor McMahon's portfolio with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.



We have a very short window of opportunity to complete this project as we will be honouring previous facility bookings occurring in the months of May and June. Construction will begin in July and must be completed by the mid August to accommodate other bookings. We will try to keep disruptions to a minimum but please understand that this work must be done.

CRTC RULING

The CRTC has declared broadband internet a basic telecommunications service. In a ruling handed down on December 21, 2016, the national regulator ordered the country's internet providers to begin working toward boosting internet service and speeds in rural and isolated areas.

"The future of our economy, our prosperity and our society — indeed, the future of every citizen — requires us to set ambitious goals, and to get on with connecting all Canadians for the 21st century," said Jean-Pierre Blais, the CRTC's chair, at a news conference in Gatineau, Que.

"Today's decision signals a fundamental shift in our regulations for basic services from voice-related issues to broadband-related issues."

Until now, local landline telephone service was the only service deemed "basic" or essential by the CRTC.

The CRTC has set new targets for internet service providers to offer customers in all parts of the country download speeds of at least 50 megabits per second (Mbps) and upload speeds of at least 10 Mbps, and to also offer the option of unlimited data. The CRTC estimates two million Canadian households, or roughly 18 per cent, don't have access to those speeds or data. The CRTC's goal is to reduce that to 10 per cent by 2021 and down to zero in the next 10 to 15 years. The CRTC is also taking steps to improve notices for consumers about when and why they are going over the limits of their data plans.

The regulator says Canadians had complained about getting excessive charges on their mobile phone bills, without warning, because of data-sucking apps. Now, wireless providers will have to provide consumers with information about tools to manage their data, better data plans and information to avoid service charges.

If consumers don't see an improvement in notices within six months, they can file a complaint against their provider with the CRTC's Commissioner for Complaints for Telecommunications Services.

911 Alternatives

Did you know that our policing costs are affected by the number of calls we make to the OPP over the 911 system? The 911 system is designed to be used for **emergency** calls to summon the police, fire department or ambulance services. Once you call 911 there has to be a response by one of these three services even if you hang up right away and those responses are paid for by all of us through our taxes. There are other numbers to use for non-emergency calls that may be a better choice if all you need is some information about a police, fire or health related matter. For example, if you are concerned about a dog running at large on your property you don't want the police unless that dog is aggressive and you fear for your safety. Instead you should call the township animal control number, 613-628-5914.

Here are some other numbers you can use:

*Non-emergency police concerns: 888-310-1122

*Non-emergency fire concerns: 613-312-7361

*Non-emergency medical concerns: 866-797-0000



Remember: if you feel it is an emergency, do not hesitate to call 911.

Better safe than sorry.

Calendar of Events

CHECK THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND ADDITIONS!

PUBLIC SKATING



Free Public Skating at the Eganville Arena

March 5th, 6-7:15 pm.
Sponsored by **Riverside Dental.**

March 10th, 2-3:15 pm.
Sponsored by **Eganville Rotary Club.**

March 12th, 3-4:15 pm.
Sponsored by **Signature Team Realty.**

March 13th, 3:30-4:45 pm.
Sponsored by **Pikwakanagan Fuels.**

March 14th, 3:30-4:45 pm.
Sponsored by **BMO.**

March 15th, 3:30-4:45 pm.
Sponsored by **Heideman's Saw Mill.**

March 16th, 3:30-4:45 pm.
Sponsored by **Canadian Woodworking.**

March 17th, 3:30-4:45 pm.
Sponsored by **St. John's Anglican Church.**

March 19th, 3:00-4:15 pm.
Sponsored by the **Eganville Legion.**

March 26th, 3:00-4:15 pm.
Sponsored by the **Eganville Legion.**



March Break Madness Schedule at BUPL

March 10, 2017, 12 noon - March Break Movie! Come watch Moana and eat popcorn!

March 11, 2017, 3 pm - March Break Matinee featuring The Lucky Charms!

March 13, 2017, 1 pm - Purim Party! Dress up in your favourite costume and celebrate the Jewish holiday Purim! Snacks, games and stories. Open to all!

March 14, 2017, 1 pm - March Break Bingo! Prizes will be won!

March 15, 2017, 1 pm - Candy Sushi! Registration required. Limited space!

March 16, 2017, 1 pm - Design Your Own Snakes & Ladders board game!

March 17, 2017, 1 pm - St. Patrick's Day Fun! Make crafts and scavenge for shamrocks in the shelves!

Freedom to Read Week: Sunday, February 26, 2017 to Saturday, March 4, 2017 at BUPL. Check out their display of challenged books, and get "caught" reading at their mugshot station!

Lego Challenge: Every book read in March will earn kids 3 Lego pieces each! Add your pieces to the base and at the end of the month see what you've created along side your community at the Bonnechere Union Public Library.



Belly Dancing Classes/Yarnia: Rotating Thursdays at 6 pm at the Bonnechere Union Public Library. Inquire at the Library for dates.

St. David's Day: Join the Bonnechere Union Public Library on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 6 pm as they celebrate St. David. Come craft and eat Welsh cakes. Open to all.

Blood Donor Clinic: Monday, March 6, 2017 from 4 pm to 7 pm at the Eganville Legion.

Adult Pickleball: Tuesday March 7th, 21st & 28th, 2017 from 7 pm to 9 pm at EDPS school.

St. Patrick's Soup & Sandwich: March 10, 2017, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm at the Senior Centre. Music by Guy Jamieson. Cost \$8



Ways & Means St. Patrick's Day Party: March 12, 2017 from 2 pm - 6 pm at the Eganville Legion. Cost is \$7/person. Music by the Nelson Towns Band. Donations of sandwiches and squares gratefully accepted.

Eganville & Area Horticultural Society Meeting: March 20, 2017, 7 pm at the Eganville Legion. Guest speaker: Terry Newcombe, Madawaska Valley Horticultural Society (Barry's Bay), will present Organic Farming on an Island Volcano.

Youth Dance: March 24, 2017 from 7 pm - 9:30 pm at the Eganville Legion for Grades 5-8. Cost is \$5/person. Music by DJ Shanon.



Curling Club Trivia Night: March 24, 2017 from 7:30 pm at the Eganville Curling Centre. Team of 6 at \$60/team. Prizes for top teams; door prizes. Limited space. MUST book in advance. Call Gerald at 613.628.1836.



Ways & Means Dance: April 2, 2017 from 2 pm - 6 pm in the Eganville Legion Main Hall. Cost is \$7/person. Music by the Douglas Connection.

Adult Pickleball: April 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th from 7 pm - 9 pm at EDPS school.

Poetry Slam: April 5, 2017, 6 pm at BUPL in celebration of Poetry Month.

Passover/Easter Party: April 12, 2017, 6 pm at BUPL. Join them for an Easter Egg Hunt.

Eganville Skating Club End of Season Ice Show: April 1, 2017 at the Eganville Arena. Free-will donation.

National Canadian Film Day: April 19, 2017 at BUPL. The Library has joined forces with REEL Canada to celebrate a nation wide movement. They will be hosting a Double Feature Film simultaneously with every province across Canada. At 6 pm viewing: Blue Butterfly (PG) and 8 pm viewing: Defendor (14A). FREE tickets available at BUPL and the BV municipal office.

Red Hot Mamas: April 26, 2017, 2 pm at the Seniors Centre will be entertaining with jokes and song.

My Big Fun BUPL "Wedding" Library Fundraiser: April 29, 2017 at the Eagle's Nest. Hosted by the Library Board. Tickets available at the Library.



An Evening with Elvis: April 29, 2017, Eganville Legion. Featuring Norm Ackland Jr. Doors open, 7 pm; Show starts, 8 pm. Cost is \$20, with luncheon. Tickets call 613.570.1884 or 613.281.4325



Business Bistro Networking Event: May 1, 2017. Details to TBA.

Blood Donor Clinic: May 1, 2017 from 5 pm to 8 pm at the Eganville Legion.

May the Fourth Party: May 4, 2017, 6 pm at BUPL. Dress up in your favourite Star Wars character!



EDPS Fun Fair: May 11, 2017 from 5 pm to 7 pm at the school.

Ways & Means Dance: May 14, 2017 from 2 pm - 6 pm in the Eganville Legion Main Hall. Cost is \$7/person. Music by the Peter White & Mixed Country.

Eganville & Area Horticultural Society Meeting: May 15, 2017 at 7 pm, Eganville Legion. Guest speakers: Sarah Lawless & Alex Marchant, Fern & Fungi of Killaloe.

P.A. Day Film: May 19, 2017, noon at BUPL. Stop by for a featured film and popcorn. Family friendly. Film TBA.

Plant & Bake Sale: May 20, 2017, 8 am at the Seniors Centre.

Eganville Curling Club Fundraising Brunch: May 21, 2017 from 9 am to 12:30 pm at the Curling Club. Adults \$9, under 12 \$4, under 6 free.



Youth Dance: May 26, 2017 from 7 pm to 9:30 pm for Grades 5 to 8 at the Legion. Cost is \$5. Music by DJ Shanon.

Let us know about your events in June, July & August