

A Message From The Mayor

August 2019

What's new in the Town of Erin?

Your Council has worked hard over the past few years to build a future-focused team that will deliver positive results for residents and take our Town into the future. Today, our staff is focused on serving the public and demonstrating customer service excellence – and respect for taxpayers.



A year ago Council adopted the Town's Citizen Engagement Charter, which was a way for Council and Town Staff to re-emphasise the importance of open communication between the public and Town Hall. Throughout the year, staff have connected with residents, business owners and key stakeholders for feedback on our current levels of service, future development and budget needs. We appreciate hearing from you and listening to your comments as we continue to work together to move Erin forward as a leading municipality, while ultimately providing residents with service excellence.

So far this year we have initiated a new Strategic Plan, our first-ever Parks, Recreation & Culture Master Plan, an Economic Development Plan, the Asset Management Plan, the Growth Management Strategy, a Water Rate Study, and a new Development Charges by-law. These studies will lay down a solid foundation to ensure we are creating a future we are all proud to live and work in.

I look forward to our continued conversations as we work together to build the future of Erin. For ways to stay involved, please visit www.erin.ca or follow us on social media.

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Mayor Allan Alls



Your Council and Town Staff have been working diligently with the Province to push our wastewater project forward. Currently, the Town is awaiting a decision from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks on three appeals that were submitted against the wastewater project. At the beginning of the year, it was promised that we would receive an update from the Ministry late spring/ early summer. Over the past fourteen months, we have had several conversations with Provincial decision makers and will continue to push towards getting the resources needed to move forward with wastewater.

I understand the frustration of many home owners that are dealing with old or failing septic tanks. Please know that we are working to get you the answers you need to make informed financial decisions for your septic tank.

Growth Management Strategy

Thank you for your feedback provided through the recent Growth Management Strategy public survey. The results from the survey will guide Council's decisions as we prepare for future development of residential and commercial land. The goal of the Growth Management Strategy is to define growth and investment over the next 20+ years. The strategy will be used as a guideline when identifying the types of housing built, the focus on developing employment opportunities, all while ensuring the charm of Erin remains.

Next Steps:

Council will receive preferred growth scenarios and make decisions on phasing. Throughout this steps there will be public consultation through the Growth Management Strategy Steering Committee.

As the strategy continues to develop there will be additional opportunities to engage in the process and have your say on the future of Erin.

Up Coming Meetings



Outdoor Cinema

On August 31, 2019 let's come together as a community for a FREE outdoor movie! Bring your chair and watch How to Train Your Dragon 3 with your friends and family.

Location: CENTRE 2000, 14 Boland Dr.

Time: 8:30 PM (Movie starting at Dusk)



Coffee with the Mayor

Coffee with the Mayor is back on September 7, 2019! Join me and Councillor Cheyne for a coffee and let's discuss community projects and Town initiatives.

Location: Hillsburgh Library, 9 Station Street

Time: 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Did you know?

Last spring, we worked with Guelph Solar on the installation of the solar panels on the roof of Erin Community Centre. This initiative has allowed us to receive an annual earnings of \$10,000 in rental income and save over 95,000 kg in CO2 Emissions, which is helping us to mitigate greenhouse gasses. The saved CO2 emissions is equivalent to planting 318 trees or charging your smart phone 11 million times!