

Sound Opportunities

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Infrastructure Projects

There are a number of infrastructure projects underway in Town. These upgrades support Council's Strategic Plan.

William Street Reconstruction

Work is progressing very well and on time. The contractor has encountered more rock but has blasted their way through it. As of September 23, curb and gutter and paving (as well as all underground infrastructure) is complete from the north end to Riverdale.

Emily Street Reconstruction

The contractor has started on the southern section, next to Seguin Township. The large culvert at Fowler Drive is currently being replaced. It is a very old and deep culvert, and the storm water has been pumped around the site to expedite the replacement. Traffic control measures are in effect, and everyone's patience is appreciated.



Emily Street reconstruction

Cascade Street Generation Project

The contractor has asked for an extension on the road closure, to ensure the work can continue uninterrupted. This would mean that the traffic restrictions on Cascade Street bridge would remain in effect until the middle of January 2017.

Everyone's patience is appreciated during this substantial road and sidewalk detour.

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The Sound of Autumn Community Decoration Challenge

This fall, the Town of Parry Sound, in partnership with Parry Sound North Star, the Parry Sound Downtown Business Association and 103.3 Moose FM, will be presenting the first annual Sound of Autumn Community Decoration Challenge. The contest invites all residents and business owners in the Town of Parry Sound to show their community pride by decorating their front yards and storefronts in the spirit of the autumn season.

To promote community collaboration and encourage community spirit, contest entry will be based on community nominations – contestants cannot nominate themselves, however they are welcome to ask a friend or neighbour to nominate their home or business for competition. The contest, open to all homes and businesses with a Parry Sound address, will accept nominations until October 17, 2016 at 4:00pm.

The contest will be judged on Saturday, October 22, 2016 based on “curb appeal” of the property, with winners being announced for two categories – best decorated Residency (homes), and best decorated Non-Residency (business, buildings etc.). The winner of the Residential Category will take home a \$250 gift certificate to a home improvement store or garden centre of their choice located in Parry Sound. The winner of the Non-Residential category will receive a lunch party for them and their employees, valued at \$250. Additional prizes are available for honourable mentions and a name draw for those who nominate a home or business for competition.

**For complete contest details and nomination forms,
visit www.parrysound.ca or stop in at the Town Office at 52 Seguin Street
during regular business hours.**

Planning and Development Updates

Phase 2 of Granite Harbour (known as The Breakers) has been approved by Council. This condominium will consist of 24 residential units.

The Parry Sound Mall recently received approval for the construction of 44 residential units. These units will mainly be situated along the rear of the mall and behind the commercial stores, in the former A&P.

The former William Beatty School project is also underway. A total of 65 residential units are proposed among two buildings. Site preparation has commenced.

The Town's consultant for the Zoning By-law review has been working on background papers and hopes to have a meeting open to the public shortly.

Important Public Notice

Commencing January 1, 2017, The By-law Enforcement Department hours of operations will change to Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30 pm. There will no longer be bylaw services available on weekends throughout the year or in the evenings during peak season. Bylaw staff may be scheduled on random evenings and weekends throughout the year. Bylaw staff will continue to respond to emergency calls after hours - a dog restrained by a resident of Parry Sound and a dog bite and the dog is still at large.

Thank you
Town of Parry Sound By-law Enforcement Department



Golf Classic

Another year of the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Celebrity Golf Classic has come and gone, and what an exciting year! Along with the likes of Don Cherry, Peter Mansbridge, Doug Gilmour, and Bobby himself, this year we had some extra visitors: a young black bear and a deer with her two fawns! As if that wasn't enough excitement, Frank Phelan sank a hole-in-one!

Congratulations to Robin Yates, Marty Williamson, and E.J. and Ryan Harnden (members of 2014 Olympic Golf Medal Champion "Team Jacobs") for being this year's tournament winners.

We'd like to thank MasterCard and M&M Food Market for making such a wonderful event possible. And of course, our most sincere appreciation to Bobby Orr!

Community Recreation Programming

Council's 2015-2018 Strategic Plan identified 'Active Living' as a Strategic Priority with a specific focus on increasing the level of recreation programs available and improving access to recreational opportunities for all members of the community. The 2016 budget included \$40,000 for community recreation programming and a Community Recreation Programmer Intern was hired through the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund. Brad Weiler, Community Recreation Programmer, has been working with the community to identify, plan and deliver recreation programming.

The Town is working to establish a drop-in ball hockey program at the Mission Park rink while the weather is still cooperative. This program will be free for participants and will engage the youth demographic in the Parry Sound community through physical activity in a safe and supervised environment. In the new year, we are planning to expand this program to be offered at other locations in Parry Sound to increase participation and reach as much of the youth community as possible.

For the senior demographic, we are working to establish and deliver a shuffleboard program before the end of the year. This program would utilize the Bobby Orr Community Centre to deliver senior-focused recreation and socialization opportunities in the Parry Sound community.

For those interested in a fun night out, the Town is working with the Stockey Centre to offer an Art & Wine night for the adult community in Parry Sound. This program will utilize the Stockey Centre, and partner with local artists to teach a different discipline of art each session while program participants enjoy a glass of wine. Program sessions will include arts such as graphite sketches, quilting, pottery, stained glass and many more. With this program, the Town can promote local artists, and offer residents the chance to be active in their community through creative expression.

With each of these programs, the Town is aiming to leverage our recreation infrastructure to build more community involvement and offer safe and affordable opportunities for all members of the community to lead healthy, active lifestyles.

Carbon Monoxide Alarms are now required by law!

A reminder to all residents that Carbon Monoxide Alarms are now required in your home. Carbon Monoxide, also called the Silent Killer, is an odourless, colourless gas that is produced by the incomplete combustion of fossil fuels. Any home that has a fuel burning appliance requires Carbon Monoxide alarms to be located on the floor of the appliance that could produce the gas and outside all bedroom areas. In addition, if you have an attached garage you are also required to have a Carbon Monoxide detector near the entrance leading from the garage to the dwelling.

The Ontario Fire Code has been amended to make it an offence to not have a Carbon Monoxide alarm located as described above.

It is equally important to ensure that the batteries are changed regularly in a Carbon Monoxide alarm in the same manner that you must change the batteries in a Smoke Alarm. The cost of a Carbon Monoxide alarm is very low in exchange for the protection and peace of mind that it provides in ensuring the safety of your family.

DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (DBA) FALL EVENTS

As the fall season begins, the DBA has a few more Downtown events planned. On Saturday October 29th, downtown businesses will open their doors to trick or treaters. Bring your children downtown dressed in their Hallowe'en costume between 10am-2pm and look for the orange balloons attached to participating businesses. After trick or treating head over to the Parry Sound Public Library for more Hallowe'en activities.

On Friday November 18th it is the Annual Light up the Park event held in Market Square Park starting at 6pm. Come out for free hot chocolate, chances to win downtown dollars, visit with Santa with one lucky child getting to flip the switch to turn on the Christmas lights.

Watch the downtown light poles for some warm accessories. Scarves are being knit by the community and will be tied to the light poles in mid-November. These scarves are not lost, they are waiting to be taken home by someone who needs them. Anyone wishing to donate a scarf, either handmade or store bought please drop them off at the Parry Sound Sewing Centre by November 1st.

For more information about these events and also to find out when Santa will be downtown in December, visit the D.B.A. website at www.downtownparrysound.ca



Canada 150 Celebration Ad-Hoc Committee – We Need You!

The Town of Parry Sound is gearing up for Canada's sesquicentennial birthday next year, and we need your help!

We're looking to establish a working committee to create priorities, projects and initiatives for the big Celebration.

If you're interested in sitting on this ad-hoc committee, please contact Brad Weiler, Community Recreation Program Coordinator at 705-746-2101, ext. 227 or email bweiler@townofparrysound.com

Canada 150 Celebration Garden – Car Wash Gazebo Parkette

The Town of Parry Sound is the lucky recipient of one of 150, 150th Celebration Gardens being distributed across Canada by the Canadian Garden Council in partnership with Vasey's Bulbs of PEI – in celebration of Canada's sesquicentennial in 2017! The Celebration Garden, consisting of 500 red and 500 white tulip bulbs will be planted on Saturday October 22 at 10am at the Car-Wash Gazebo Parkette, at the Corner of Bowes Street and Great North Road. The planting ceremony is being coordinated by the Parry Sound District Horticulture Society, and many other community partners including Distler Construction, Adams Bros. Construction, Hall Construction, Muskoka Rock Company. Everyone is invited to attend, as the Town of Parry Sound makes preparations to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday next summer.

Sewer and Water Line Warranty Program

Town of Parry Sound Council recently endorsed the Sewer and Water Line Warranty Program, which was created by the Local Authority Service (LAS) under the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

This is an insurance program for property owner's water and sewer laterals. These laterals, from property line into the house are the responsibility of the property owner, not the Town. With this insurance plan, any damage or repair required would be covered.

In the upcoming weeks there will be a letter delivered to the property owner outlining all the information, including costs, what is covered, as well as the telephone number to call for further information.

The Town of Parry Sound has endorsed this program, along with 17 other municipalities in Ontario.

Please keep an eye on your mail to receive further information.

2017 Citizen Budget Simulator

It's Your Community –

This year, the Town of Parry Sound is taking an interactive approach to help educate residents about the budget process. This online tool will help you better understand how your tax dollars are invested in the community. It also provides you the opportunity to express your views on how tax dollars could be used in next year's budget.

Why It Matters –

Building a budget for our community requires balancing affordability for our taxpayers and the delivery of services that our residents expect. Town Council must determine what matters most and make choices between what we want and need with what we can afford.

How Your Feedback Will Be Used –

The results will be reviewed by Staff and Town Council and shared as part of the 2017 budget deliberations. Budget deliberations start in December 2016, with an overview meeting on November 29, 2016.

To access the on-line Citizen Budget Simulator, visit www.parrysound.ca





Autumn at the Stockey Centre

The Stockey Centre has a little something to offer everybody this fall! Looking for something fun with the family? Check out Duo Hoops, a family friendly cirque style acrobatics show featuring one enormous hoop and two eccentric characters! Get ready to boogie kid-style with Will Stroet and the Backyard Band, as seen on CBC's Will's Jams.

If you're interested in taking in some of the world's greatest talent, we recommend Johannes Linstead or Collabro! Johannes Linstead is internationally recognized as one of the best guitarists in the world and is Canada's "Guitarist of the Year". Collabro is winner of 2014's Britain's Got Talent, these four will blow you away the same way they did the judges and audience with fantastic music and harmonies that deserve to be heard in the stunning acoustics of the Stockey Centre.

How about The Door You Came In? Not quite a play, not quite a concert, this musical story will make you laugh and cry with its tales of family, memory and war.

Whatever it is you're looking for, the Stockey Centre has something to offer you this fall! Call today for show dates and times at 705-746-4466 and make sure you don't miss out on any of these incredible performances.

Visit www.stockeycentre.com for more details



Visitor Information Centre

The new Visitors' Information Centre in the lobby of the Charles W. Stockey Centre has been a huge success.

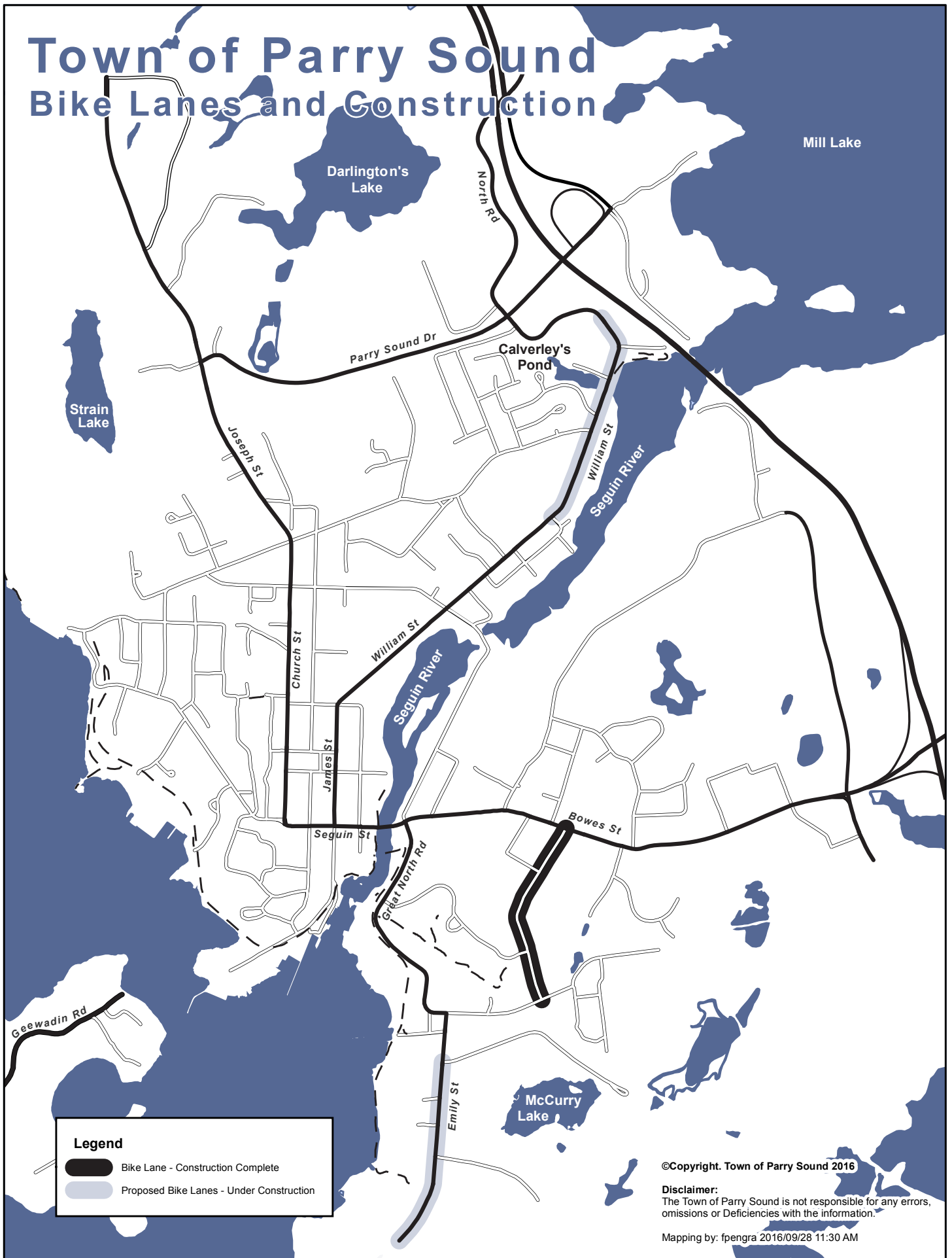
With an average of 10 people a day, the information centre has helped answer the questions of over 900 people!

We will be reviewing signage to ensure visitors know where to find us.

If you have any questions about the Parry Sound area regarding recreation and leisure, upcoming events, accommodations, directions, restaurants, RV's, camping, or anything else you think we can assist you with, come visit us at 2 Bay Street.



Town of Parry Sound Bike Lanes and Construction



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