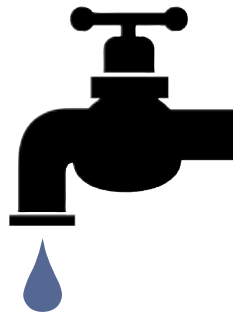


# Sound Opportunities

May 2016 • Newsletter

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## Fluoride Has Been Removed from Parry Sound Drinking Water

At the Regular Council Meeting held March 15, 2016 Council passed a by-law to remove fluoride from the Town's drinking water. By extension, this will affect the McDougall citizens that receive Town drinking water.

As of Friday March 18th the Fluoride delivery system was disengaged and fluoride is no longer being added to the Town of Parry Sound's drinking water.

A plebiscite will take place during the next Municipal Election (October 2018) that will ask the required question: Are you in favour of the discontinuance of the fluoridation of the public water supply of this municipality? This is the only question that can be asked under the Fluoridation Act.

Please note that all eligible voters who will incur expenses regarding the provision of materials, ads, social media, etc. for this question must register with the Town Clerk, at the appropriate time in 2018 in order to comply with the Municipal Elections Act. More information will be provided nearer to the date. Any questions, please contact the Town Clerk at 705-746-2101 X 224 - Jackie Boggs

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## March Break 2016

The Stockey Centre hosted three different activities over the March Break; Zoo to You, Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Scavenger Hunt & Movie Day, and a performance by ROCKgarden!

### Zoo To You . . .

was a free event and brought 500 people into the Stockey Centre to view and interact with exotic animals!



Cheryl Ward with Dolly the Albino Python

### The BOHF Scavenger Hunt & Movie Day

The BOHF saw another great turn out. 223 people participated in the scavenger hunt and watched the movie Minions.

ROCKGarden was an interactive, engaging and musical performance about saving the environment! Every kid in the audience had a chance to get on stage and be a part of the show!



## Stockey Centre has new rental rates!

Did you know that you can rent the Stockey Centre Lobby or Prelude Room, both overlooking Georgian Bay, for \$30/hr? What better place to host your next reception or meeting than in a fully licensed venue that has breathtaking views of Georgian Bay!

Host your next dinner party or gala in the stunning Performance Hall. The Stockey Centre now allows all groups to bring in their own caterer to suit their event.

For all rental rate information please contact  
Nicole Mullen at 705-746-4466 ext 201 or [coordinator@stockeycentre.com](mailto:coordinator@stockeycentre.com)



## 2016 Federal Census

In Canada, a census is taken every five years. The next census will be held May 2016 and will provide a statistical portrait of our country and its people.

In Canada, it is mandatory for all residents to participate in the census. This includes Canadian citizens, landed immigrants, refugee claimants, and people who hold a work or study permit. Each household will receive instructions about the census in early May 2016. At that time, you can decide if your household will complete a census questionnaire online or on paper.

The census is one of the most important sources of statistics for our country. Census information is important for all communities and is vital for planning services such as schools, daycare, housing, police services, fire protection, roads, public transit, and skills training for employment.

Planning services for our community requires an accurate count of all of its members. Every person, young and old, must be included in the 2016 Census. The benefits to Parry Sound increase with every completed questionnaire.

For more information about the 2016 Census, visit [www.census.gc.ca](http://www.census.gc.ca).

Any questions, please contact the Town Clerk at 705-746-2101 x224 Jackie Boggs

## 911 Calls

The West Parry Sound Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to 695, 9-1-1 calls between January 1, 2015 and December 31, 2015. This is a 48% reduction from 2014 and the OPP appreciates the progress. However some examples of the 9-1-1 calls that Police have had to respond to in 2015:

- A man called testing his new phone
- A female called wondering when the Hydro was going to be restored
- A man called asking for the Hospital phone number
- A man called asking for a taxi

The West Parry Sound OPP would like to remind everyone that 9-1-1 is for emergencies ONLY.

## Share the Road

The West Parry Sound Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to remind the public that spring and sunny weather will bring out people riding their bicycles. Keep in mind that motorists must allow cyclers a safe space on the roadway. Cyclists must obey all traffic laws and they have the same rights and responsibilities as drivers. A bicycle is a vehicle, the same as a car or truck. Riding on the road means riding with other traffic and this is only safe when everyone follows the same rules.

**WEAR A HELMET!!!** Helmets are mandatory for all riders under 18 years of age.

Remember to be respectful and to stay safe.

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## Open Streets Parry Sound Returns for a Second Year

What is Open Streets?

Open Streets is an event where the streets are opened to people and closed to cars. People traffic replaces car traffic, and the streets become “paved parks”. People are encouraged to ride their bikes, walk, jog or dance on the open street. There will be activity hubs set up along the route with different groups hosting a variety of activities. Home Depot will be returning with a “You Build it” activity for kids, there will be an obstacle course, giant games, fishing demonstrations, and the Parry Sound Fire Department will be bringing out one of their fire trucks and setting up a giant “sprinkler”.

Open Streets Parry Sound is planned for Sunday June 5th. The street will be closed from 8am-1pm with activities beginning at 10am. The event will be taking place on James Street from Seguin to Rosetta. The goal is to get people outside, active and connecting with others.

For more information about this event please contact Susan at 705-746-6426 or [downtown@psdba.ca](mailto:downtown@psdba.ca). Like us on Facebook – “Open Streets Parry Sound”.

We are still looking for groups to run activities during the event. Let us know if you are interested.

## Cascade Street Generation Station Upgrade

Lakeland Holding Ltd. CEO, Chris Litschko provided Council with an update on the Cascade Street Generation Station upgrade at the April 5, 2016 Council meeting. The existing station was constructed in 1919, is at its end of life, and poses significant safety challenges.

The \$17.5 million upgrade will increase ‘green’ electricity production from 1,200 kilowatts to 3,400 kilowatts. The decommissioning of the existing station has started.

Working with a Local Aesthetic Advisory Committee, the new facility will include an area that is open to the public with a public viewing platform and aquatic spawning improvements will be made.

Construction is scheduled to start in May, 2016 and run through to September, 2017, with operational testing taking place in September, 2017. It is expected that the plant will be permanently on-line in October, 2017 with final landscaping taking place in 2018-2019.

Maple Reinders is the General Contractor for the project. It is projected that \$4 million will be spent locally on labour and materials. Craig Sparks is the contact and can be reached at [CraigS@Maple.ca](mailto:CraigS@Maple.ca) if you have an inquiry about this construction project.



New Power Station

## Be Prepared, Not Scared

The Town of Parry Sound has numerous situations that have been identified as posing the risk of a large scale emergency. Most notably is the CP and CN main rail lines that run through town. This winter during an extreme cold snap, the Town lost a majority of its electrical power for a number of hours. Situations do exist where the community institutions and residents need to be prepared to respond and mitigate a large scale emergency.

Personal preparedness is the first line of defense in any large scale emergency strategy. Residents need to plan on being self sufficient for a 72 hour period. The following is a list of items residents are encouraged to have on hand to look after themselves;

### Essentials

- Food (non-perishable and easy-to-prepare items, enough for 3 days) and a manual can opener
- Bottled water (4 litres per person for each day)
- Medication(s)
- Flashlight
- Radio (crank or battery-run)
- Extra batteries
- First-aid kit
- Candles and matches/lighter
- Hand sanitizer or moist towelettes
- Important papers (identification, contact lists, copies of prescriptions, etc.)
- Extra car keys and cash
- Whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
- Zip-lock bag (to keep things dry)
- Garbage bags

### Special Considerations

- Items for babies and small children—diapers, formula, bottles, baby food, comfort items
- Prescription medication
- Medical supplies and equipment
- Pet food and supplies
- Any other items specific to your family's needs

### Extra Supplies for Evacuation

- Clothes, shoes
- Sleeping bags or blankets
- Personal items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, comb, other toiletries)
- Playing cards, travel games, other activities for children

Residents who are capable of looking after themselves allow community officials to focus their time and energy on members of the community who need help. All community members can also assist by thinking about your neighbours. Know who is around you and who may need help during an emergency and check in on them regularly. After all, isn't that what "community" is all about?







Ontario Provincial Police  
Police provinciale de l'Ontario

## News Release/ Communiqué

**FROM/DE:** West Parry Sound Detachment

### **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS - BEWARE OF DOOR-TO-DOOR SALESMEN**

**(WEST PARRY SOUND, ON)** – On March 18, 2015 members of the West Parry Sound Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) received a call regarding door-to-door salesmen testing water in Parry Sound. The salesman wanted permission to test for high levels of calcium and minerals in the water.

OPP would like to warn residents to be careful when someone comes to your front door saying they are a salesperson and remind the public that a person cannot enter your home without your consent. When a salesperson comes to your door selling any product or service you need to be on your guard. Ask the salesperson for a business card and verify the person's credentials. If you are interested in the product, be sure to take the time to look over any proposal and read the fine print. You do not need to sign immediately. Do not share personal information unless you are sure you want to sign a contract. Finally, if you feel uncomfortable at any time, ask the salesperson to leave. If the person will not leave when asked to, call police at 1-888-310-1122 or 9-1-1.

#### **DOOR THREAT? BE EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS IF:**

1. Unknown person at your door...Don't open it, talk through it!
2. If approached in your yard...Don't invite them in!
3. Suspicious salesperson tries to rush you to buy something...Refuse!
4. Salesperson suggests they're working in your area...Don't believe them, get estimates or call the company to verify their identity!
5. Door salesmen in Parry Sound need a Town of Parry Sound PERMIT.

Remember, you are in charge, take control. Persons who refuse to leave your property when directed to do so are trespassing and can be charged.

To report a potential fraud, call the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501. If you are a victim of fraud or are being harassed by high pressure salespersons and wish to notify the OPP, call 1-888-310-1122.

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**Contact:** Provincial Constable Miles Loach  
Community Service Officer

**Phone:** (705) 746-4225

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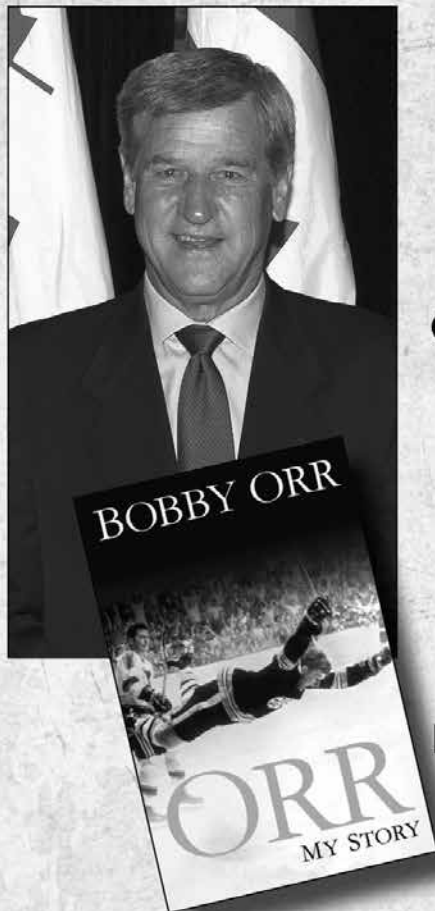
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## **BOOK SIGNING WITH** **BOBBY ORR**

**MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2016**  
**6PM TO 8PM**

**Join us at the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame, where you can purchase a copy of Orr: My Story for just \$20 and have it signed in-person by Bobby Orr!**



**This special event is a fundraiser in support of the Bobby Orr Hall of Fame Celebrating Youth Awards to be held at the Stockey Centre on Saturday, May 28**

**Limitations apply:**  
Maximum 5 books per person. Only copies of *Orr: My Story* purchased at the event will be signed. No outside items will be allowed to enter the building or to be signed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

**Alternate formats available upon request.**