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Township of Chisholm 5 Years in Review 2019-2023

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What has the township accomplished in the last five years?

Council and Municipal Office

- The tax rate decreased by 0.37% and the assessment growth increased by 13.61% over the 5 years.
- Currently developing a new Strategic Plan.
- Reviewed and updated many By-Laws and Policies (Care of Roads, Procedural, Burning, Procurement, and Landfill by-law and more).
- We finally have a debit machine in the Office!
- Launched a new modern user friendly Website

Did you know that 2023 tax arrears were at a all time low? As of December 31, 2023, only \$37,124 were outstanding.

Equipment

- Purchased new CAT backhoe (financed by part grant and part short term loan)
- Purchased a used dump truck with plow (financed by reserves)
- Purchased a new dump truck with plow (financed as per Capital Plan). **The truck is painted blue to show our support for Alzheimer's Awareness**



Bridges

- Replaced River Road Bridge at Mallard Haven
- Replaced Pioneer Road Bridge (aka Dockendorff Bridge)
- Replaced decking on South Shore Bridge
- Resealed deck with Asphalt on River Road Bridge over Depot Creek

Did you know that all bridges and large culverts have to be inspected by an engineer every other year?



South Shore Bridge Deck

Environmental (Landfill Site)

- Gravel Roadways and new cells (holes) for household garbage
- Improved directional signage at the landfill
- Closed and opened new monitoring wells to monitor any leaching
- Completed a survey to recalculate the lifespan of the landfill

Did you know that it is estimated that the landfill will be at capacity in 25 years? Keep up the good job with your recycling!

Roads

- Gravel applied to Golf Course Road, River Road, South Shore Road and parts of Boundary Road and Kells Road (Mostly funded by Gas Tax and Ont. Community Infrastructure Fund)
- Erosion control along Wasi River on Algonquin Road
- Raised part of Memorial Park Drive west of Golf Course to prevent spring washouts
- Large Rock removed from road side of Bear Mountain
- Guide Rails installed on Golf Course Road and River Road
- Guide Rails repaired on Maple Road
- Replaced all regulatory road signs
- Increased salt content in Winter Sand
- Resurfaced all of Alderdale Road and the north end of Village Road
- Single Layer Hard Surfacing treatment to River Road and Golf Course Road
- Significant Roadside brushing
- Completed a Road Needs Study and purchased software to help with road maintenance, planning and budgeting
- Altered the snow plow routes to prioritize the heavier traffic areas and larger hills

Fire Department

- New equipment: Purchased replacement pumper truck from from the Municipality of West Elgin in 2018.
- Flood response: Wellness checks for Wasi Lake residents during 2019 flooding.
- Community: Annual participation in parades and community events. Thousands of dollars raised for charity by the June car wash and fill-the-boot drive.
- Firefighting: 2022 set a record for fire and medical calls with 38. The largest was the 70-acre Maple Road forest fire. FD members fought the fire for four days to bring it under control.
- Training: The department ran nearly 50 in-house training sessions on 2023. Members also attended live-fire training and other courses from the Ontario Fire College.
- Fire permits: Since autumn, 2023, the online BurnPermits.com system has made it easier for residents to get a permit.
- Awards: The department celebrated anniversaries in 2023 for nine members who, all together, have over 190 years of service. Two members each have over 35 years on the department.



Growth & Economic Development

47 new building lots were created
 36 building permits for dwellings were issued
 167 building permits were issued in total
 10 Zoning By-law Amendments

Communication Towers

Internet (Netspectrum)

- Tower installed on River Road
- Upgraded tower on Chiswick Line

Cell Tower (Rogers)

- Installing along Golf Course Road
- To be installed along Alderdale Road



Where do your taxes go? Broken down by %

Fire Department	5.3%
Public Works	37.8%
Council and Elections	1.5%
Administration and General Gov't	17.1%
Environmental	4.2%
Health/Social/Recreation/Planning	10.3%
Other Expenses	1.6%
Cassellholme	2.0%
North Bay Mattawa Conservation	0.5%
Nip. District Social Services Admin	10.9%
North Bay-PS District Health Unit	1.5%
Policing	6.2%
Powassan & District Union Library	1.1%
TOTAL	100%

Recreation Committee

Park Beautification

- Trees planted at the Beach and the Playground on Bell Cairn Road
- Replaced Port a Johns with wheel chair accessible ones
- Replaced Picnic Tables
(All funded by the Main Street Revitalization Grant)

Community Events

- The 1st Annual Christmas Tree Lighting in 2023.
- The Horseshoe Tournament has been going strong since 2011 (except 2020 and 2021)
- Book Walk tour started at Laporte's walking trail



Message from the Mayor!

It's inspiring to reflect on the remarkable journey of the past five years, marked by collective efforts and achievements. The dedication of both staff and council, past and present, has undeniably propelled our community towards growth and prosperity. From infrastructure development to economic strides, our commitment to progress shines through. We have tackled challenges and celebrated successes, which have in turn created resilience and a stronger community as a result. As we look towards the future, let's renew our dedication to further enhancing the well being and vibrancy of our community.