

May 21, 2021

Please follow Southwestern Public Health and Ontario Health for your opportunity to get vaccinated and help your community.

On April 26 I got my first shot.

If you've been vaccinated, or are on a list waiting, thanks.

Your vaccinations will help you stay safe.

Your vaccination will keep your community safe.

Your vaccination will reduce the demand on our healthcare system and workers.

Your vaccination will help schools, services, and businesses open.

Please do your part and vaccinate.

If you want the lockdowns to end, and schools, services, and businesses to open, please do your part and vaccinate.

As I write this on May 21 there are 8 active COVID-19 cases in Zorra, 73 in Oxford, and 102 in Southwestern Public Health as a whole, and we are in a Provincially ordered province wide State of Emergency and Stay at Home Order. While our local numbers are relatively good, that's BECAUSE of the controls in place and increased vaccination rates. Please continue to #DoYourPart to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, to keep your community healthy, and businesses and services open:

- Stay home if you are sick
- Practice physical distancing by staying at least 2 metres apart
- Wear a face covering
- Wash your hands
- Do not gather with people outside your household
- And do your part and vaccinate!

Zorra Staff are diligently following the Provincial rules around the re-opening plan, please be patient with them as they find out about the changes in the same press conference that you do. I will continue to lobby both SWPH and the Province for a science and evidence based local plan for re-opening.

Last year Zorra Council passed a resolution in support of a School Retention Plan recommended by the Zorra Local School Committee. The plan has now been endorsed by:

- Zorra Township Council
- Oxford County Council
- Thames-Centre Council
- Middlesex County Council
- Elgin County Council
- TVDSB

My next step is to get London City Council to endorse it. Then it would be all municipalities in the TVDSB. Then we can start to see some real change regionally for a better relationship between our municipalities and school boards on behalf of the communities we represent, and lobby the Province for policy changes based on this.



Mayor's Blog

In April, Council voted to support residents Penny Poole and Patti Wallace asking me to sign the Mayor's Monarch Butterfly Pledge. Council voted to support the staff report and add additional items as well.

In their efforts to address residents concerns about thefts, the Zorra Community Policing Committee of residents has arranged a virtual Community Watch Public Information Session by the OPP on Thursday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. If you are concerned about these issues and want to do your part, please see the Township website for social media for details.

A lot of people "follow" Council.

Please don't.

"Lead" Council. Contact us, all of us, and talk to us about your issues.

We will not always agree with each other, but we should always be talking to each other.

As always, please feel free to contact me on any issue:

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