

September 21, 2022

On August 24th the new splash pad in Embro turned on the water for the first time! What a day! Alicia McCall-VanGinkle, Crystal Finch, Debbie Baker, Emily Moitoso, Victoria Cybulski, and Danika Lyons worked so hard to make this happen for their community. They did the politics, they did the organizing, they did the public input, they did the fundraising. And in the end, they delivered a beautiful splash pad to our community's kids! Thanks for doing your part!

The weekend of September 10th and 11th the Lakeside Triathlon took place for the first time in two years. An event like this is a great opportunity to highlight physical activity in our beautiful rural setting. But athletes, drivers, and residents should be safe, and residents should have fair notice that the event is happening. Many people contacted me about the event over the whole weekend, but as it is not a Township sanctioned event and Multisport Canada (the business that runs it) did not notify the Township, I knew nothing about it. This is not ok. People live and work in our communities all year round, we are not simply a site for them to use once a year. While we have been willing to host the event in the past, that was always based on communication and working together. I had a debrief meeting with Zorra Public Works Staff and Oxford OPP after the event, and Multisport Canada (who organizes and runs the event) intends to make a delegation to Council. The event must be better run in the future.

On September 17 & 18 we enjoyed a fantastic Embro Fair! Thanks Embro Zorra Agricultural Society for giving us all a great weekend. Your organization is rejuvenating and reinvigorating itself and we are all benefiting.

Several members of Zorra Council, Staff, and Zorra Fire & Emergency Services have volunteered this week to help decorate Smile Cookies at the Thamesford Tim Hortons store. All proceeds from cookie sales will go to support Andrew's Legacy to generate funds and awareness of AED'S in the community in Andrew Stoddart's memory. Smile week will wrap up on Sunday with home delivery of cookie orders in a Zorra Fire Truck! Thanks to everyone for #DoingYour Part to support this important fundraiser.

The municipal election is on October 24th. Again, I'm honoured to be acclaimed for another term as Zorra Mayor and Oxford County Councillor, but there are still races in Wards 1 & 4, whatever your voting intention, please vote. Please ensure you are on the voters list by checking at voterlookup.ca. Details at elections.zorra.ca

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

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