

Pursuing 'RECONCILI-ACTION' Among Key Outcomes From Indigenous Awareness

Township seeks to foster stronger relationship



Indigenous awareness training was recently hosted at the Township's Municipal Centre where members of Council and staff participated in a day-long session focused on learning the local history surrounding the Eastern Woodland here. Pictured above, Brian Charles helps trace time and history through 'Wampum' as members of Township staff join the presentation and earn a strong understanding of the Indigenous culture. At top right photo, Deputy Mayor Julius Lachs, Councillor Adam Cox, and Councillor Anub Simson join Manager of Building Services/CBO Debbie Anderson presenting a wampum belt that is made from various shells. Wampum were used to mark agreements between peoples.

Council hosted a special meeting on May 3, 2024 for Indigenous Aware Training with members of the Indigenous community offering a full day session for staff and council members. The session included messaging and values around family-life-community responsibilities, discovery and 'learning' of existing nations as well as grasping the beginnings, misunderstandings, improved understandings and the importance of decision-making.

The morning opened with a smudging ceremony and was followed by a journey through time thanks to a presentation from Brian Charles entitled Treaties through Wampum. His recitals focused on Indigenous History, Treaties and Aboriginal rights and Aboriginal-Crown relations.

"What we do today is based on how it will impact the next generation," Charles explained. "The consideration and thoughts on decision makers through wampum focused on decisions that would serve and provide benefit for the next seven generations, not our own. That's a big responsibility and reminds us as leaders today that the decisions of today are more than just about today's issues as we need to learn that our decisions are for the next generation's benefit."

The afternoon presentation was led by Tiffany Taylor and was entitled the Historical Relationship with the Crown and Reconciliation and

focused on the history and legacy of residential schools, and reconciliation. At the end of the training session, Ms. Taylor, posed the question, "What could reconcili-ACTION look like?" This question will prove to serve as the inspiration for the Township's next steps.

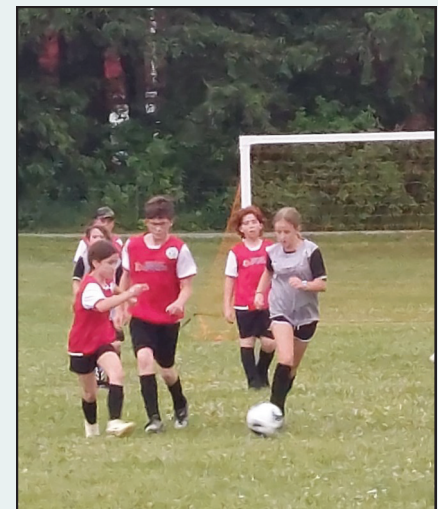
Taylor's presentation highlighted examples of actions taken by several municipalities throughout Ontario to advance reconciliation. The actions highlighted in the presentation varied greatly amongst them but were generally a reflection of what reconciliation meant to each community. The various actions included the development of a land acknowledgement, a "Seven Feathers" cross walk representing the seven teachings, the development of formal relationships with Treaty First Nations, and events to honour the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

The training session ultimately inspired several conversations between Staff, Council and the presenters regarding the potential actions that Adjala-Tosorontio could take to advance reconciliation and support the seven principles and teachings: love, courage, respect, truth, honesty, humility, and wisdom.

Staff are proposing that an ad hoc committee continue the conversation by exploring options for reconcili-Actions that represent what reconciliation means to the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio and how to prominently share these with the public.



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Message from Mayor Scott W. Anderson

I am pleased to see and welcome the restart and refresh of the Township newsletter!

The history of the Township newsletter dates to the early 2000's when the newsletter was started by Council to share their thoughts on Township matters and provided the community with ongoing events and announcements. The newsletter evolved over the many years and welcomed contributions from around the community to deliver a lot of diverse information.

Township Council strives to offer as many avenues as possible to share information and engage with you. We hope by restarting this newsletter we can share more and allow the reader to be informed on the issues and the work the Township is doing, while showcasing the wonderful community we live in.

Aside from this printed newsletter, published at least two times a year, we will continue to update our website, www.adjtos.ca, share information within our tax bulletins, on social media platforms and with our new web-based platform – Your Voice ADJTOS.

This new platform at www.yourvoiceadjtos.ca, lets you follow along with the active projects we are working on, subscribe to the projects for direct email notifications, and allows you to connect, comment or complete surveys.

Outside of these electronic means of communication, Council and Staff continue to

welcome your feedback or concerns by telephone or by stopping by the Township Office. If you wish to provide a concern on any of our operational matters, such as by-law or road issues please use the "Report a Concern" function on the Township website.

Council is actively trying to bring more engagement and awareness to the issues which matter the most to you and we welcome your input on the newsletter or other ways to communicate directly with you.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of our amalgamation of the former Townships of Adjala and Tosorontio to the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio. In this newsletter you will see some of our history and planning is underway to share more of our heritage throughout the year in various formats. As we reach such a milestone, I take this opportunity to acknowledge all our current and former Staff and Council Members for helping to shape the Township and to all our residents and volunteers for your involvement and encouragement in making Adjala-Tosorontio one of the best places to live in Simcoe County. We should all take pride in the history of our community and continue to build on this into the future.

It is a pleasure to serve this great community as Mayor, and on behalf of Council, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer.

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—Mayor Anderson

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Regular Meetings of Council

Regular Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, with Closed Session starting at 5:30 p.m. when required, and Open Session starting at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held as hybrid meetings to allow for in person and electronic participation. Residents may attend the meeting in person in Council Chamber at the Township's Municipal Centre or watch the live stream.

Upcoming Regular Council Meetings in 2024

- July 10
- August 14
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11

Township Mayors

Through our 30 year history the Township has had 5 mayors. Our first and longest serving Mayor Tom Walsh, led the Township through amalgamation in 1994, and served as Mayor for an additional 17 years.

The Township's current Head of Council, Scott W. Anderson was elected in 2022, and is the youngest serving Mayor in Township history.

Township Co-Hosts Annual Business Excellence Awards

The 2024 South Simcoe Business Excellence Awards were co-hosted by the Township with Nottawasaga Futures on May 2nd. This year's event required some last minute relocation of its ceremonies from the Municipal Centre to the Gibson Centre in Alliston. The relocation did not hinder this year's attendance as the return of the awards was well received by the business community. At right, Mayor Scott W. Anderson delivers opening remarks at event prior to the presentations to all award winners. As pictured at far right, Mayor Anderson was joined by MPP Brian Saunders in presenting the "Community Excellence Award to the locally-based Alliston & District Humane Society.



2024 South Simcoe Business Excellence Award 2024 winners:

- ◆ Youth Entrepreneur - Rafid Yousif Gradience Barbershop - Town of Bradford West-Gwillimbury
- ◆ Technology Innovation - Kumi Canada Corporation - Town of Bradford West-Gwillimbury
- ◆ New Business - Magical Events - Town of Bradford West-Gwillimbury
- ◆ Entrepreneur of the Year - Nana Boateng Alliston Flooring Inc. - New Tecumseth
- ◆ Customer Service Excellence 1-9 Employees - Pet Grocer - New Tecumseth
- ◆ **Community Excellence - Alliston & District Humane Society - Township of Adjala-Tosorontio**
- ◆ Customer Service Excellence 10+Employees - Lemar's Pizza - Town of Bradford West-Gwillimbury
- ◆ Business Excellence - Taqueria El Norte - New Tecumseth
- ◆ Agricultural Excellence - Lost Meadows Apiaries & Meadery – Essa

Adjala-Tosorontio Soccer Successfully Kicks-off 2024 Season



Partnership with Simcoe County Brings Bike Hub & Repair Station



The Municipal Centre is proud to be home to another symbol of regional partnership with the installation of a strategically located Bike Hub Station. The colorfully designed hub includes bike racks, resting bench and a bike repair station (above). The collaborative between Simcoe County and the Township provides support for active transportation enthusiasts that enjoy their treks around the Warden Park trail.



Wardens Park is kicking with great enthusiasm this season as it plays host to its first full season with the Adjala-Tosorontio Soccer. Twenty teams across four age divisions including Tyke, Atom, Junior and Midget are enjoying their game days as highlighted above. The Township is enjoying an overall increase in activity and rentals of the recreation fields this year including baseball as well. If you or your organization is looking to rent sports fields go to: www.adjtos.ca/en/things-to-do/facilities-and-rentals.aspx



Township of Adjala-Tosorontio 30th Anniversary

On January 1st, 1994, the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio was established by the County of Simcoe Act, 1993. The Act amalgamated the former municipalities of the Township of Adjala, the Township of Tosorontio and a small portion the Township of Sunnidale.

Stretching over 371 square kilometers, approximately 11,000 residents call Adjala-Tosorontio home. With agricultural roots and a foundation as a safe, friendly, and peaceful place to live, Adjala-Tosorontio has a history to be proud of.

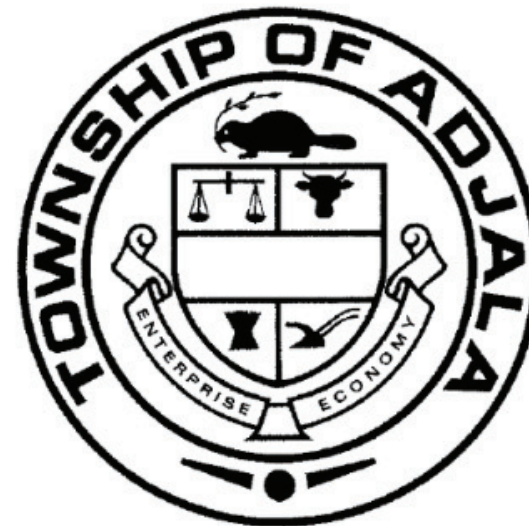
Indigenous Roots

The area that became the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio has been home to waves of settlement and migration by many Indigenous peoples. On October 17, 1818, the Lake Simcoe-Nottawasaga Treaty No. 18 was signed by representatives of the Crown and certain Anishinaabe peoples.

Township of Adjala

The Township of Adjala was incorporated in 1842, with majority of its early settlers coming from Ireland. A census conducted in 1842 identified 204 homes were located within Adjala, with an approximate population just under 900 residents.

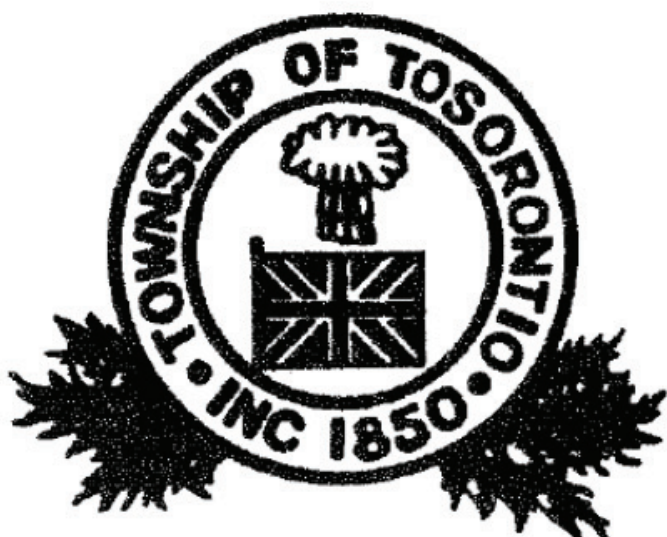
Did you know the Township of Adjala was named after the wife or daughter of Chief Tecumseth.



Township of Tosorontio

The Township of Tosorontio was incorporated in 1850. The first Council of the Township was comprised of a Reeve and four (4) Councillors. Grain, in particular, wheat played a prominent role in the early days of the Township, cementing the Township's roots in agriculture.

Did you know "Tosorontio" is a Huron word meaning "beautiful mountain".



Township Crest

As part of amalgamation in 1994, the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio created its official Township crest. The crest incorporates symbols which represent important aspects to Adjala-Tosorontio.

- The hands symbolic of unity, equality and peace;
- The beaver symbolic of industry;
- The wheat sheaves symbolic of our agriculture roots;
- The red maple leaf symbolic of our Canadian heritage;
- The gold veins symbolize prosperity; and
- The colour blue represents the clear waters of a pristine environment.



Establishing a Municipal Centre

In 2002, approximately 24 acres of land was purchased from the Modl Family, at an approximate cost of \$182,000, for the future site of the Township's Municipal Centre. On November 4, 2002, Domm Construction Ltd. was appointed the General Contractor for the project in conjunction with the Township's Building Committee, and construction began in late 2002. The approximate cost of construction was \$1.275 million dollars.

On October 20, 2003, the Council of the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio held its first Regular Council meeting at the newly built Municipal Centre, and would celebrate the Grand Opening on October 26, 2003, with a ribbon cutting ceremony.

In December of 2003, Alan and Brenda Lundy donated approximately 1.7 acres as additional lands, to the property already owned by the Township.

Today, the Municipal Centre is home to a 1.35 km walking track, gazebo, three (3) soccer fields, and Warden's Park.



Our Future

As a Township, we have so much to look forward to. In 2024, the Township will complete its Strategic Plan, which will guide decisions and actions about the future of Adjala-Tosorontio.

As we think about the future, we recognize the path forward is one to be taken collectively.

Traditional Push-in ceremony for new Tanker



The ATFD recently acquired a 3200 US Gallon Tanker from Dependable Emergency Vehicles and in honor of the new addition to their fleet, the entire Adj-Tos Fire Department gathered Tuesday June 4th to assist in a traditional “push in” ceremony. As pictured above, the ceremony took place at Station 2 in Loretto with firefighters rolling up their sleeves and pushing the tanker home. Fire Chief Matt Poliziani reflected on this time-honored tradition within the fire service. “Celebrating the arrival of a new unit has been a source of pride for fire departments across North America for over a century, he noted. “In recent years, the push-in ceremony has gained popularity, particularly in smaller communities.” The history of the ceremony dates to the 17th Century where early hand-drawn fire engines, ladder wagons, hose carts, and other apparatus had to be pushed back into the station by hand after every call. The horse-drawn steam engines that followed in the 18th century could be backed up. However, having to control the horses made it difficult to align the engine’s steam connections with the station’s steam connections. For this reason, the horses were typically disconnected and the engine was again pushed back into the station by hand.

Team Work Makes the Dream Work in Public Works



Be on alert for ongoing ‘Road Maintenance Notices’! The Township’s roads department has seen a busy change of season from winter patrol to fair weathered road maintenance. In recent days the crews have been applying calcium to our gravel roads as a dust suppressant. The material attracts and holds moisture from the air, when combined with gravel & dust particles keeps the surface damp which assists with dust control. You will notice construction signage during all operations allowing our trucks to navigate the roads safely. Always be mindful of the safety of our road’s crew as they complete this work. Thank you for your patience & cooperation. Pictured above, we recently acknowledged **National Public Works Week** and paused for a team snapshot. Public Works Department professionals provide a variety of essential services to our community. Rain, snow, sleet or shine, we are thankful for our dedicated employees work hard to improve, repair and maintain our municipal infrastructure.

Help shape our local economy



The County of Simcoe is conducting its first **Simcoe County Employment Survey** to gain a better understanding of the local businesses and workplaces that form the economic heartbeat of our region.

We’d love to hear from your business!
simcoe.ca/employmentsurvey

Township of Adjala-Tosorontio



Career Opportunities

Looking for a career in Municipal Government?

Be sure to check out the Employment Opportunities at: www.adjtos.ca

- ✓ Manager of Planning Services
- ✓ Director of Infrastructure & Development
- ✓ Deputy Fire Chief/Training Officer
- ✓ Public Works Supervisor

WE NEED YOU!

If you are interested in joining our Fire Services as a Volunteer ‘Paid On-Call’ Firefighter, we invite you to one of our upcoming information sessions

These sessions will provide an overview of our Fire Services, the recruitment process, and candidate expectations.

❖ Mark your Calendars:

- * Monday July 8th at 7pm - Everett Station, 6234 County Road 13
- * Wednesday July 17th at 7pm - Loretto Station, 2821 County Road 50



VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER RECRUITMENT

Property Tax & Municipal Water Users

- ✓ Pre-Authorized Payments
- ✓ Electronic Billing

Register Online Today!

Services Contacts

GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Landfill Site

6815 Concession Rd. 4

HOURS:

Mon- Fri 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 4 :00 p.m.

Customer Service 705-735-6901

Toll Free: 1-800-263-3199

COUNTY OF SIMCOE

Main Switchboard

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

(non-emergency issues)

705-434-5055

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(Education Centre)

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905-729-2265

Residents North of HWY 89:

705-728-7570

SIMCOE MUSKOKA CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

705-722-3555

WATER SYSTEM

EMERGENCY

1-800-461-9675

Updated Water Rate Study Complete

The Township retained Watson and Associates to prepare a rate study of the Water and Wastewater system based on the future operational and capital needs as well as forecasting future growth. The Rate Study was completed on March 13, 2024. The recommendations made by Watson and Associates resulted in an increase to the current water and wastewater rates as well as introducing a new sewer consumption rate.

At the April 10, 2024 Regular Council Meeting, Council adopted new Water and Wastewater rates. The new rates will take effect on **July 1, 2024** and will be applied to the third quarter billings going forward.

A copy of the adopted By-laws containing the new rates and the Rate Study is available on the Township's website www.adjtos.ca and available in paper form at Township Centre. Please see the 2024 Water and Wastewater rates below:

| 2024 Water Rate | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Monthly base rate | \$ 8.89 |
| Meter rate (per cubic meter) | \$ 4.65 |

| 2024 Wastewater Rate | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Monthly base rate | \$ 41.78 |
| Meter rate (per cubic meter) *new | \$ 5.43 |

Welcome New Residents

Check out the items below to learn about the support and services that are available for your property tax and utility billing.

The billing cycle for two Property tax bills is:

1. Interim Tax Bills Notice: Interim tax bills are due on the last business day in March and May. Interim taxes are calculated based on 50% of the previous year's total taxes.

2. Final Tax Bills Notice: Final tax bills are due on the last business day of July and September. (Please note Commercial & Industrial property taxes are due in August & October). Final taxes are calculated using the assessed property value and approved tax rates, less the Interim tax billing.

Please be aware that your tax bill will show separate Special Charges for OPP 1 unit (Policing) for a total annual charge of \$375.00 or \$187.50 for vacant lands.

When you purchase a newly built home, a property assessment process takes place. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) will assess the value of your home and send the information to the Township for property tax billing purposes. This process can take up to three years to complete and will result in a supplemental tax billing from date of occupancy.

Visit www.adjtos.ca/propertytaxes or call 705-434-5055 ext. 224 for more information on payment options and understanding your bill. Paperless billing is available along with preauthorized payment plans for property taxes and utilities.

Suggestions?
IDEAS?
Share with us

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customerservice@adjtos.ca

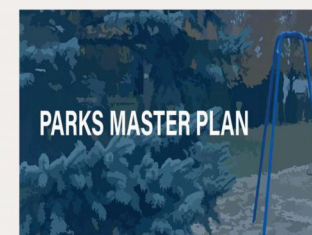
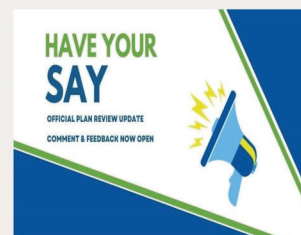
Accessible alternate formats are available upon request by contacting the Clerk's Department at 705-434-5055 or clerk@adjtos.ca

Join Your Voice Adjtos

Community engagement through multiple platforms is a key Township goal. Tell us what you think of our current projects. Have suggestions for this Newsletter?

Please share at email: customerservice@adjtos.ca

Subscribe to: www.yourvoiceadjtos.ca



CANADA DAY

IN ADJALA-TOSORONTIO

CELEBRATING OUR 30TH ANNIVERSARY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 10 AM** **Opening Ceremonies**
Singing of O Canada, Mayor and Dignitaries
Address & Light Refreshments
- 7 PM** **Evening Activities**
Municipal & Fire Vehicle Display
Kids Activities
Community Group Information Booths
Live Music by “Escape”
Chips & Freezies
Raffles
- DUSK** **Fireworks Display (Weather Permitting)**

DON'T FORGET YOUR LAWN CHAIRS AND REUSABLE WATER BOTTLES

Personal Fireworks, including sparklers are strictly prohibited.
Parking is limited. The Township encourages
carpooling where possible.

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024

WARDEN'S PARK

7855 Sideroad 30, Alliston

