



WELLINGTON NORTH

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Wellington North, ON –MAYOR LENNOX 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

While COVID-19 has and continues to impact all facets of our lives, Council and staff have navigated very turbulent and, at times, an uncertain regulatory landscape in 2021 while still delivering exceptional service and completing major projects. Major initiatives include:

Operations:

Roads

- Arthur Downtown Revitalization: curb extension/decorative lighting & benches, outdoor gym, Firehall LED sign in, supporting accessibility and pedestrian friendliness in partnership with Province and Arthur BIA

Water/Waste Water

- Installation of 93 new water services and 96 new sanitary services in support of development activities in Wellington North

Recreation

- Replacing the OPTI-MRS playground and ice surface and piping in the arena in Arthur

Finance

- Asset Management Plan Update
- Development Charges Update for 2021/2022

Administration/Other

- Volunteer Engagement Program
- Website redevelopment launched in 2022
- New Horizons Seniors Supporting Seniors through technology programs
- Historical tours (cemetery and downtown Mount Forest)

Economic Development

- 5 Industrial Land sales (3 in Mount Forest and 2 in Arthur)

Fire

- Implementation of new radios and joined the County of Wellington radio system for Fire dispatch
- Executed agreement with Guelph Fire Department for full dispatching services

Building/Planning

- Issued 364 building permits with a combined construction value of \$80 million up from an average of 235 annual building permits with a combined construction value of \$30 million
- Building department staff grew to accommodate the increased need by promoting a Building inspector to Deputy Chief Building Official and hiring a new Building Inspector.
- 225 development applications/requests processed up from an average of 141 annually.
- One year pilot with the City of Guelph to provide By-law Enforcement Services.

"2021 was a year of significant achievement for the Township of Wellington North" said Andrew Lennox, Mayor. "Council and staff look forward to providing responsive and timely service in 2022."

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