

DIRECTOR'S DISPATCH

How Scugog Public Works is Working for You

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter to share how the Township of Scugog Public Works and Infrastructure team is working hard for the residents and businesses of Scugog.

Winter Has Arrived in Scugog

Public works staff have been busy for the last month to ensure that we are ready to take on the snow and ice that happens every winter. The newly completed sand/salt dome at the Port Perry depot and the dome at the Blackstock depot have been stocked with salt and sand. Equipment has been inspected and converted over to be ready for plowing, sanding and salting of our roads.

Several winter events have already occurred and our crews have been on the roads to clear snow. The winter weather event on Sunday November 20th was completely different depending on where you live. Areas such as Seagrave, Scugog Island, Caesarea and View Lake received significant snow from lake effect streamers, while other areas to the south received only flurries. Thanks to our road patrollers we were able to direct our resources to where they were needed the most.



Our grader operators were out last month preparing our gravel roads for the winter freeze up and crews are busy patching pesky potholes that pop up during these freeze thaw cycles as the weather gets colder.

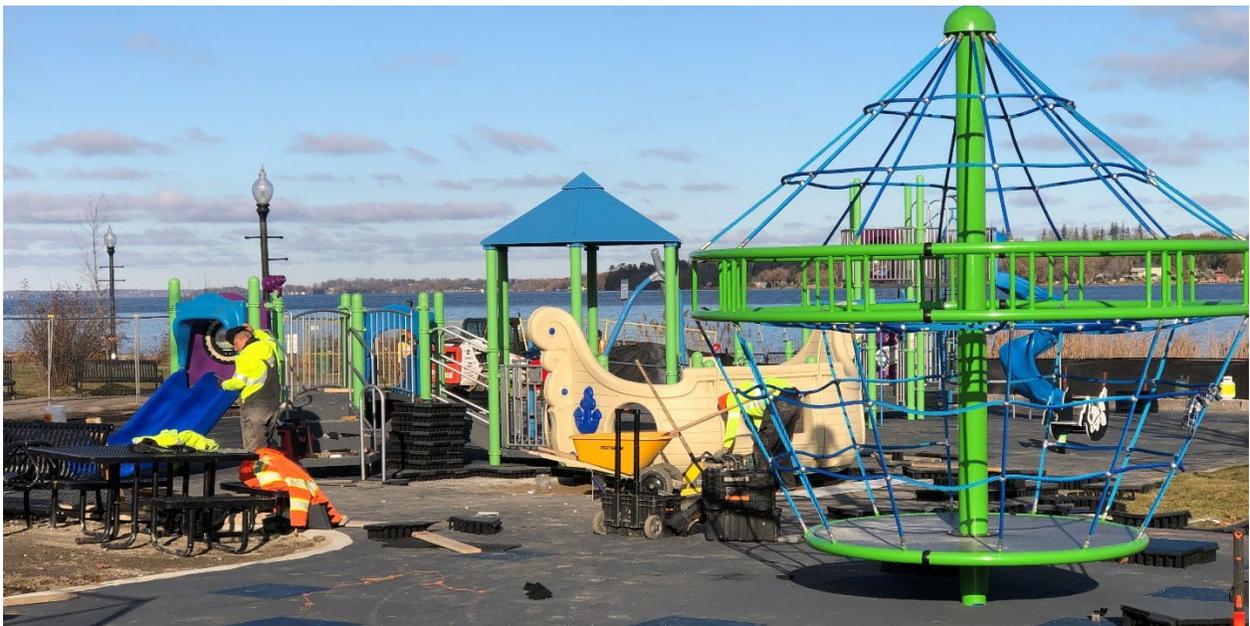
Winter Reminders

To ensure roads are cleared as quickly and efficiently as possible, I would like to remind residents to please keep vehicles off the streets during a winter weather event. Also, a remember that parking is not allowed on Township roads from **November 1st to April 15th between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.** Any vehicle parked during these hours is subject to ticketing and towing.

And please, give snow plows plenty of space and never pass a working snow plow. The time you save is not worth risking your safety or the safety of others. It is also important to check the weather and road conditions before heading out and leave extra time, if necessary.

Palmer Park Playground Nearly Complete

We are excited to see the final stages of the new Palmer Park playground underway and can't wait for the completion of this playground. Thanks to federal funding for the new playground and feedback from residents, the new playground will be inclusive with many great features including a rubber play surface, wheelchair accessible rock'n ship, quiet grove, junior climber, senior tower climber, spinning climber and zipline! The playground is expected to be completed early in January.



Safety Improvements Continue with 3 New Pedestrian Crossings

The Township has been actively working to improve safety for all road users (vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians, etc.). Three new pedestrian crossings were identified in the Township's Active Transportation Plan. These crossings provide improved safety and will help promote active transportation within the urban areas.

The pedestrian crossings include:



- A Pedestrian Crossover on Old Simcoe Road at Doctor Archer Drive (just north of Paxton Street).
- A Pedestrian Crossover on Simcoe Street at Paxton Street.
- An Intersection Pedestrian Signal (IPS) in the hamlet of Greenbank to provide a safe pedestrian crossing for Highway 7/12 at Cragg Road.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations Now Available at SCRC and Downtown

The highly anticipated EV Chargers are now ready for use. There are two chargers at the Scugog Community Recreation Centre on Reach Street and two at the municipal parking lot in downtown Port Perry behind 181 Perry Street. Rates are \$1.50 per hour for the first 3 hours and \$4.00 per hour afterwards. Why does the rate increase after 3 hours? To encourage users to not park any longer than necessary to allow more people to use the charges.



New Customer Service Portal Launched

Public Works is the first department fully connected to the new online portal, My Scugog Connected. The new portal will provide a single source of contact for customer service and allow residents to submit and track their requests as well as find answers to frequently asked questions.



Do you have a request? Want to provide feedback or find answers to your questions? Please visit www.myscugogconnected.ca.

Happy Holidays

I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas season. And if it happens to snow while you are enjoying time with family and friends, take a moment to give a wave to our public works operators who are working so you can travel safely.

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