

Happy Holidays!

Info Wentworth

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR: : Dear citizens,

In the past few months, letters have been published in some local newspapers alleging that the Township of Wentworth has been unfair and inhumane in their refusal to provide snow removal and sanding of certain private roads, primarily in the Diamond Valley and Grace Park areas of Wentworth.

The Township of Wentworth has 32 kilometres of municipal roads and more than 45 kilometres of private roads. Legally a municipality is not permitted to affect works on private roads unless certain procedures and laws are followed.

There are two possibilities:

1. In order to acquire and municipalise all private roads, they must first conform to standards set out in Municipal Bylaw Number 2008-002 "By-law Determining the Applicable Standards for Maintenance and Construction of Roads and Bridges, as well as the Applicable Standards for their Municipalisation". The cost to bring all these roads to municipal standards could exceed seven million dollars. This cost would not include providing services such as snow clearing, sanding, all maintenance costs and expanded garbage collection. Once the road does comply with standards in this bylaw, sixty percent of its ratepayers must sign a petition requesting its municipalisation, at which time the Council has the discretion to accept or refuse the request;

2. The provision of services on private roads comes under the Municipal Powers Act. This legislation was enacted in 2006, in part, to allow municipalities to provide services such as maintenance, snow removal and sanding on private roads by taxing those who benefit directly while ensuring proper management of public funds. In this case, the Municipality must receive an official request from a majority of the property owners who wish to be provided specified services.

Your Municipal Council has recently created a committee to study the direction of the Municipality regarding acquisition of and certain services on private roads. This committee will report their findings and recommendations to Council who will develop the necessary bylaws and/or policies.

Ed Kasprzyk, Mayor

SANTA VISITS WENTWORTH



A lot of smiling faces, a few tears, but mostly the twinkle of **Christmas Magic** was in the eyes of young and old alike when Santa Claus stopped by for a visit at the Wentworth Community Center.

Fifty-plus children attended the Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Wentworth Recreative Center, Saturday, December 3rd. **Candy canes, gifts, Christmas cookies** and of course **Santa** provided a special time for everyone.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW WENTWORTH RECREATIVE CENTRE SKATING RINK AND BUILDING

Saturday, January 21st, 2012 — From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. — Refreshments available

- Ribbon cutting ceremony
- Speeches
- 1st official skate
- Family skating
- 9:00 p.m. music and dance (SAQ permit)

Come and help us celebrate this great accomplishment!

THE FITNESS COURSES AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE ARE BACK

Winter session – 10 weeks

Course	Day	Time	Beginning Date	Cost
Pilates	Monday	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	January 16 th	\$50 / residents \$75 / non-residents
Pilates	Wednesday	10 a.m. to 11 a.m.	January 20 th	\$50 / residents \$75 / non-residents
Yoga	Wednesday	1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	January 18 th	\$75 / residents \$100 / non-residents
ViActive 60+	Monday	1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	January 9 th	\$1 per session
ViActive 60+	Thursday	1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	January 12 th	\$1 per session
Social Dance	Wednesday	7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	January 11 th	Free

For further information, please contact Mrs. June Parker at 450-562-8664 or by e-mail at bigred2171@citenet.net

WINTER HAS ARRIVED!

The winter season is now well underway. The snow removal equipment is ready for action to clear municipal roads. To facilitate their work, we remind you that it is forbidden to park on municipal roads at any time.

ARE YOU ÉCONOLOGIS AWARE OF ÉCONOLOGIS?

Are you an owner or tenant?

Did you know the Éconologis program provides a free service to improve the comfort of your home and help the environment?

Éconologis is an energy efficiency program for low-income households. This program has two components, both free of charge – a visit by an advisor and a technician in energy efficiency that can give you tips to improve the comfort of your home.

Call for more information at : 1 866 266-0008

COMING EVENTS: ORGANIZED BY THE WENTWORTH RECREATIVE CENTRE

Wentworth Community Centre:
86 Louisa Road:

Mark your calendars!

Carnival

Saturday, March 3rd, 2011

Activités

- Broomball tournament
- Lumberjack contest
- Supper
- Music and dancing etc.

St-Aidan's Anglican Church

86 Louisa Road

December 18th 10:00 a.m. — Christmas Lessons and Carols

December 24th 7:00 p.m. — Christmas Eve Service

Health & Wellness Challenge

Sign up as of January 1st for your well being and at the same time help the Township of Wentworth win the MRC challenge!