

HANOVER BRIEFS | Issue #1 | April 2020 | A Message from Mayor Sue

We continue to be reminded of the advice from public officials - stay at home, wash your hands and don't touch your face. Daily, we are also hearing the sobering numbers of confirmed cases and deaths from COVID-19. We can't forget that behind every number is a person, a family member, friend or a neighbour. The best defense against COVID-19 remains physical distancing and hand washing. Check out Hanover.ca as we keep you up to date on the latest information and resources. If you're on social media, follow #InThisTogetherHanover for examples of how people are remaining positive and coming together as a community. Be sure to stay current on local health advisories by visiting Grey Bruce Public Health's website as well.

Before COVID-19, I had planned to update everyone on council and other municipal activities through a regular article in [The Post](#). These uncertain times may affect or delay some of our projects, but they also remind us of the need to remain flexible, while following all the regulations and directives from our health and government officials.

Welcome to Hanover Briefs – a new quarterly message with tidbits of information about what's happening and important to you in Hanover. In refreshing the town's Strategic Plan, council heard that residents want us to enhance communications. Hanover Briefs is intended to do just that, to keep you in the loop and to be conversational.

In February, council approved the site plan agreement for the anticipated spring start to construction of Revera's new 128 bed long-term care facility, which will be located across from the hospital. We have no information yet on what will happen with their building on 10th Street. MacTavish Esso plans to reconfigure their site and reconstruct the current building on 10th Street. Construction is scheduled to commence this summer. The south end of Hanover's sightline is going to change when P & H Milling (New Life Mills) replaces their six silos. Work is also underway for the new gas station and convenience store at the south end.

Reconstruction of 8th Street from 14th to 17th Avenue and 14th Avenue from 7th to 9th Street is slated for the spring. A new sidewalk on the north side of 8th Street and the east side of 14th Avenue from 7th to 8th Street is also planned. If your residence is on this street and you are thinking about replacing your driveway or landscaping, consider coordinating your improvements with the municipality's work.

We also heard that some find the notices of planning applications published in the newspaper are not easy to understand. Personally, I look for the date, time and location where the application will be reviewed. Then I look for the street address and the reason for the application. For example, an application for a minor variance would be discussed at a council meeting in the council chambers and the reason would be to allow a minor variance for a resident to build a garage on their property.

It may not seem like it, but some good things have emerged from this pandemic – community spirit has united us, people are helping people, families and neighbours are looking out for each other, air quality has improved and the Toronto Maple Leafs have not lost a game in the last month.

It's important that we stay positive. We are in this together.