



# WARD 6 NEWSLETTER



December 2020  
**COUNCILLOR RON ASHMORE**  
"Putting Ward 6 First"



**Dear Ward 6 Residents,**

**Serving you is an honour. I am so proud to represent you at Council. I will always put your needs first!**

## **CITY-WIDE NEWS**

**Covid-19:** Thanks to the hard work and resilience of our community, we are now in recovery mode. As a member of the Community Pandemic Recovery Task Force, I am working hard to meet your needs. Look here for local resources: <https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/covid-19-information.aspx>

**MPAC Assessments:** Ontario will not raise assessments during the pandemic. 2021 assessments will be based on 2020 valuations.

**Budget:** Council passed a tax-supported capital budget of over \$55 million to stimulate our economy with a focus on maintaining our vast roads network, enhancing downtowns (including Omeme), and upgrading community and recreation facilities. The \$3 million 2019 operating budget surplus will go into a contingency reserve to support community, economic and corporate recovery from the pandemic.

**Online Petitions:** I made a successful motion to introduce online petitions to CKL. In 2021, this initiative will make it easier for you to petition Council with signatures online.



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**Infrastructure:** In 2020, many Ward 6 roads were resurfaced, gravelled and given lifecycle asphalt overlays. We also put in new docks and boat launches in Thurstonia and Pleasant Point.

**The Omemee Mill Pond Bridge** has been approved for 2021 construction. This \$1.5 million project is a much-needed infrastructure project for the Village of Omemee.

**Ward 6 Town Halls:** We had a great town-hall meeting by Zoom (to accommodate pandemic restrictions) and I look forward to hosting more in-person or Zoom town hall meetings in 2021.

**2021 Ward 6 Investments:** I have secured \$1.7 million for 2021 Ward 6 investments. Dunsford will receive major road and street resurfacing, numerous other Ward 6 roads will be resurfaced and gravelled, and many culverts will be replaced. We will make upgrades to the Emily Omemee Community Centre, Coronation Hall, Omemee Beach Park and Omemee Fire Hall.

**Customer Service:** I am committed to ensuring superior customer service to Ward 6 residents. I have logged many case files on your behalf and will continue to follow up on these until your issues are resolved.



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**Please enjoy a safe and happy Christmas. My best wishes to all for a prosperous 2021!**