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1. Asset Management

Goal – To maximize taxpayer benefit from existing and future Township assets which include infrastructure, fleet and facilities.

In 2008:

• **FLEET UPGRADES:**

Fire – New Pumper – replacing the 1994 vehicle, ongoing investment in our Fire Response vehicles.
Public Works – Replaced 1993 Front-end Loader and Motor Grader.

• **KEY FACILITY UPGRADES:**

- New Accessible Playground and first Splash Pad underway at Palmer Park.
- Secured Federal and Provincial funding to build a Cultural Centre at the Scugog Community Recreation Centre to protect archives and showcase our local history.
- Installed a new dehumidification unit on Pad One at the Scugog Community Recreation Centre.

• **ROADS PROGRAM:**

- Carried out bridge inspections and audits on Work Depots.
- Reconstructed King Street and Paxton Street.
- Completed Mary Street and Edgerton Road Bridge project.
- Maintained our rural roads through surface treatment, slurry seal and new gravel.

• **SIDEWALKS:**

- Constructed 3,175 m² of new and replacement sidewalk on Union Avenue, King Street, Ottawa Street and Paxton Street.
- Replaced 675 m² of sidewalk throughout Port Perry including several new ramps, constructed pedestrian bump out at Queen and Perry Street and created pedestrian area at Town Hall 1873.

2. Protect and Improve the Environment

Goal – To promote a safe and healthy environment for both current and future Township residents with respect to Lake Scugog water quality, waterfront, air, environmental features and natural habitats.

In 2008:

- Won 5 Blooms for the third time at the provincial level of Communities in Bloom and recognized with a special award for Natural and Cultural Conservation.
- Continued with Weed Removal Pilot Project in an effort to deal with public concern about weeds in the lake.
- Completed Phase 2 of energy conservation initiatives at the SCC – motion sensors in the Arena Dressing Rooms.
- Delivered a Lake Scugog Conference which involved all partner agencies, stakeholders and the public that have an interest in the health of our Lake.
- Created an Environmental Task Force of staff and agencies.

3. Safe, Healthy and Accessible Community

Goal – To protect the safety and promote the well-being of Township residents through the delivery of public safety and recreation programs.

In 2008:

- Purchased new upgraded communication system for the Fire Department.
- The Township's Emergency Control Group participated in a mock-nuclear emergency coordinated through OPG and Regional Emergency Planning.
- Station 2 Fire Hall completed accessibility upgrades.
- Incorporated accessible sidewalk design standards as recommended by the Scugog Accessibility Advisory Committee.
- Continued with 2nd Annual installment of Scugog's five-year half-million dollar commitment to the Port Perry Hospital "Lighting the Way" capital campaign.
- Piloted new recreational programs – Pole Walking and Windsurfing.



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4. Partnerships and Communications

Goal: To form strong partnerships with external agencies such as the Region of Durham, volunteer groups and other municipalities.

In 2008:

- Successfully completed grants for the new Cultural Centre that will fund approximately 50 percent of the project.
- Partnered with the Region of Durham, Scugog Chamber of Commerce, BIA and local Farmers on a combined Gates Open - Doors Open Fall Festival Weekend.
- In cooperation with the Nestleton Hall Board and Cartwright Sports and Recreation, developed plan for the facility expansion.
- The Mayor's Youth Council assisted with having Scugog adopt a patron Code of Conduct for the Arena.
- Three new youth appointments made to Council Advisory Committees - Library, Accessibility and Museum.



5. Excellence in Public Administration

Goal: To excel in effective delivery of municipal services to the Township Residents.

In 2008:

- Completed Tangible Asset Inventory Valuation to meet 2009 PSAB requirements.
- Developed a Sale of Land Policy and identified surplus Township lands.
- Developed new By-Laws – Exotic Pets, Encroachment, Animal Control, Kennel.
- Negotiated a new four year Collective Agreement with Township Unionized Staff.
- Maintained a strong fiscal position substantiated through the 2007 Financial Audit.
- Developed disaster recovery plan for Municipal Information Technology processes and data.



6. Land Use Planning and Growth Management

Goal: To ensure that land use and growth decisions are consistent with approved plans and desired outcomes for the community.

In 2008:

- Processed the SmartCentres Site Plan application.
- Adopted the Official Plan Amendment for the Port Perry Industrial Area.
- Processed 6 rezoning, 26 site plan and 15 minor variance applications.
- Issued 247 building permits with a construction

value of \$32,329,690.

- Implemented new permit tracking system.
- Completed six Official Plan Background Reports, including Commercial Policy, Rural Character and Sustainability, and Planning Directions.
- Completed Port Perry Downtown Development Strategy and Implementation Plan.
- Created a new Economic Development Advisory Committee which focuses on Township's three key business areas – Tourism, Agriculture and Manufacturing.

2009 - Key Activities for the Township of Scugog

- Commence Waterfront Revitalization Project.
- Continue Fleet Upgrade Program – Fire Rescue Vehicle, Motor Grader, Parks Tractor and two Pick-up Trucks.
- Major reconstruction on Water and John Streets.
- New Waterfront Splash-pad – opening Summer 2009.
- Improve Skateboard Facilities and Trails.
- Build new Cultural Centre at the Community Centre to protect museum archives and create new exhibit space.
- Increase emphasis on Storm-water Ponds through study and maintenance programs.
- Implement new radio system for improved Fire Department communication.
- Adoption of New Township Official Plan which includes a Downtown Heritage Conservation District.
- Continue to naturalize shoreline in co-operation with KRCA.
- Plan, develop policies and train staff on Customer Service Accessibility Standards that are effective January 1, 2010.

MESSAGE

from the Mayor



On behalf of Council & Staff, I am pleased to share with you our 2008 Progress Report.

The 2008 report gives us the opportunity to look back at our accomplishments and challenges of the year as well as looking forward to what lies ahead for our community in 2009.

This report provides a brief overview of our strategic goals as they were envisioned in the year 2000. They continue to be our guiding objectives as we measure our 2008 results.

Your feedback is always important. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your comments and questions.

Marilyn Pearce
Mayor

Our Vision - To be a vibrant community which preserves its heritage while shaping its future.

QUICK FACTS

Population.....	22,500	Fulltime Employees	59
Population 2021(est.)	24,500	Part-time Employees	49
Area in Sq. Kms.....	517	Volunteer Firefighters	55



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Our Mission - To be an open, responsive and fiscally accountable municipal organization which delivers cost-effective municipal services equitably to our residents.

Key Issues for 2009

- Global and local economic conditions.
- Tangible Asset Policies still being defined by Auditors, requirements remain unclear.
- Declining development activity and application fee revenue due to lack of sewage capacity in Port Perry.
- Uncertainty in weather events and petroleum costs creates challenges for budget forecasting.
- Increasing audit costs for compliance with new mandated accounting responsibilities.

How your Tax Dollar was spent in 2008

When a resident looks at their tax bill, remember that approximately 24.7% pays for Township services, with 51.8% going to Regional Services, including Police and Waste Management and approximately 23.5% to school boards. This means on a \$3,000 tax bill the Township receives \$741 and it is spent as follows:

• Roads, including snow plowing	\$348.
• Fire Services	\$106.
• Parks and Recreation, includes arenas, ball diamonds, parkland.....	\$101.
• Library and Museum	\$ 42.
• General Government.....	\$114.
• Emergency Planning, Animal Control, Crossing Guards and Grants.....	\$ 30.



2009 Scugog Township Council

Front: Regional Councillor Jim McMillen, Mayor Marilyn Pearce and Councillor Donovan Smith. Back: Councillors Lynn Philip Hodgson, Georgia Brock, Bobbie Drew, Cecil Lamrock.