

Township Times Publication

July to October 2023



Community Improvement Plan

The Planning and Development Department is working with Re:public Urbanism and Parcel Economics to complete a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) for our Township.

Through this Plan, the Township will seek to:

- Establish a long-term vision and priorities for community improvement,
- Enhance the Township's built environment and public spaces, support local businesses and organizations, and create economic development opportunities; and,
- Identify incentives, initiatives, and strategies to support community improvement.

The CIP will be developed from May to December 2023, and there will be several ways for the community to get involved at various stages in the project.

Please visit www.leeds1000islands.ca/communityimprovementplan for details.



New Councillor Appointed

The Township is pleased to welcome Angela Kelman as the new Councillor for Ward 2. Kelman is a longstanding resident of Ward 2 and actively participates in many causes within our community.

Please join us in welcoming Angela Kelman!

FoodCycler Municipal Pilot Project

Join your municipality in tackling food waste by piloting FoodCycler™ technology in your home. Support your municipality by testing this innovative technology!

The Food Cycler is an energy-efficient food recycler which transforms your leftovers and food scraps into a nutrient-rich soil amendment. The process reduced food waste by up to 90% of its original volume, leaving a nutrient rich supplement that is scientifically proven to nourish your garden.



Sign up to purchase a FoodCycler™ through TLTI, track your use once a week for a period of 12 weeks and then answer a brief exit survey.

Register at <https://bit.ly/FCLeedsThousandIslands>. Note, only 100 FoodCycler spots will be available.

To learn more, contact Steve Donachey at cao@townshipleeds.on.ca or 613-659-2415 ext. 213.

Local Happenings

Lansdowne & Area

- The Lansdowne Seniors will reconvene the first Wednesday of September at 10 a.m. at the Lansdowne Community Building (1 Jessie St., Lansdowne). New members are welcome. To join, contact Marilyn Dwyre at 613-659-3860.
- The Leeds and 1000 Islands Historical Society invites everyone to check out their display at the Lansdowne Fair (July 21 to 23, 2023). Regular meeting takes place at 7:30 p.m. on September 18th at (1 Jessie Street, Lansdowne). Contact admin@lthistoricalsociety.org.
- If you are a crafter, the Lansdowne Craft Fair, taking place on October 28th is now taking registrations. Contact Cheryl Handa-Peters at mapleleafchick17@gmail.com.
- The Lansdowne Fair will be running July 21st to 23rd at 1186 Prince St., Lansdowne. Check out their website for the full schedule of events, www.lansdownefair.ca.
- The Annual Show N' Shine and Auto Parts Flea Market is on August 19th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lansdowne Fairgrounds (1186 Prince St., Lansdowne). Visit @LansdowneFair on Facebook for details.

Rockport & Area

- Live Music at the Rockport Customs Park (27 Front St., Rockport), July 19th & August 16th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bring your own chair, singalong, dance and connect with neighbours. All are welcome. This free event is sponsored by the Rockport Development Group, donations are appreciated. For more details, visit @rockportthousandislands on Facebook.
- Visit the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Archives, located at 1367 County Road 2, Mallorytown, open Thursday's from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. or by appointment.
- St. Lawrence Parks Commission is excited to introduce the newly revitalized Brown's Bay Beach and Picnic Area. The park re-opened in May with some areas still fenced off for construction. Please note, due to construction, the park has only a temporary washroom and no running water. Guests can enjoy swimming, picnicking and boating as usual, as well as access to the playground and new perched beach area. We look forward to resuming full operations and to celebrating Brown's Bay's transformation in August.

Seeley's Bay & Area

- As part of the Canada Day Celebrations, a Fishing Derby will be held on July 1st at 139 Main St., Seeley's Bay from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Register at 613-387-3474. Visit @Seeleysbayontario on Facebook for more details on Canada Day Celebrations.
- The Seeley's Bay Musical Retirement Home (138 Main St., Seeley's Bay) hosts weekly live musical performances from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Call 613-387-9990 for details.

Lyndhurst & Area

- Come out to the Turkey Fair taking place September 16th from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Lyndhurst. For details, please visit www.turkeyfair.com.
- BLAM! #2 Beverly Lake Anglers Meeting is being held July 26th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 922 Kendrick's Lane, Lyndhurst. For details, visit www.lbla.net.
- The Lower Beverly Lake Association Annual Picnic is being held August 5th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Kendrick's Park (245 Short Point Rd., Lyndhurst). For details, visit www.lbla.net.
- Bach on the Beverley is happening August 26th from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Kendrick's Park (245 Short Point Rd., Lyndhurst). Visit www.lbla.net for details.

Recreation Programs July to September



Fit & Fab 1

Designed for adults to help improve aerobic capacity, strength, flexibility, balance and coordination. Wendy Desrocher is a certified fitness instructor specializing in older adults. Please bring your own mat, exercise ball and water bottle. Class runs from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Session Dates: July 3 to September 22, 2023

Register at www.leeds1000islands.ca or call 613-659-2415.



Fit & Fab 2

Fit and Fabulous 2. Designed for older adults and slower paced than Fit and Fabulous 1. Emphasis is on endurance, strength, range of motion, balance, posture and coordination. Please bring your own fitness ball, mat and water bottle if you are able. Class runs from 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Session Dates: July 3 to September 22, 2023

Register at www.leeds1000islands.ca or call 613-659-2415.



Tai Chi

The Fall Session of Tai Chi classes will commence with an Open House on Tuesday, September 5th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 am at the Community Centre. All are welcome to attend.

A new beginner class begins September 12th. Please contact LansdowneTaiChi@gmail.com for more information.



Fencing

The Kingston Fencing Club specializes in teaching sabre fencing and equipment is provided to beginners. Instruction will be given by Head Coach Henk Pardoel with over 45 years of fencing experience and Assistant Coach Luigi Burjato a competitive fencer/coach from Brazil. Summer hours are 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday's starting July 5th. In the Fall, additional hours will be added on Saturday's from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information contact Coach Henk by text at 613-331-4981 or by e-mail at henry.pardoel@gmail.com.



FAB Nature Camps

The Summer comes and goes quickly in the Frontenac Arch Biosphere, so don't miss out on making this one of the most memorable ones yet! Summer Camp experience is designed with children between 5 to 13 years of age in mind, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To register or for more details, visit www.frontenacarchbiosphere.ca.

Township Insight

Council and Committee Meetings

How can you get involved with your local government? Being informed is a great first step to participating in decision making. Council and Committee meetings are being held in-person, no pre-registration required. Attendance is capped at 84 visitors based on the Council Chamber's capacity. To participate in a meeting virtually, visit www.leeds1000islands.ca/CouncilMeetings. Past Council and Committee meeting videos can be found on our YouTube Channel: Township Leeds. Find out what's happening in the Township by watching Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands Council and Committee meetings.

Upcoming Meetings

July

- Committee of the Whole | July 4, 2023
- Council | July 10, 2023
- Heritage Committee | July 21, 2023
- Committee of Adjustment | July 25, 2023

August

- Committee of Adjustment | August 29, 2023

September

- Committee of the Whole | September 5, 2023
- Council | September 11, 2023
- Committee of Adjustment | September 26, 2023

October

- Committee of the Whole | October 3, 2023
- Council | October 10, 2023
- Heritage Committee | October 20, 2023
- Committee of Adjustment | October 31, 2023

Community Grants

The Fall Intake for Community Grants is accepting applications until Friday September 1, 2023. Visit www.leeds100islands.ca/CommunityGrants.

Final Tax Bill

2023 tax bills will be mailed in August with a due date of September 15th. For details, visit www.leeds1000islands.ca/taxes.

Special Event Permit

Are you or your group interested in hosting a special event in the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands (TLTI)? TLTI recognizes the importance of special events in enhancing the quality of life, tourism, culture, recreation, education, and in providing economic benefits to the local economy. Each year, TLTI receives several requests from individuals and groups who wish to host special events throughout the Township. These events vary in scope, purpose, size, cost, and complexity. Most special events represent a major investment of time and money by event organizers and volunteers. When well conceived and planned, they can bring rewarding outcomes to the organizers as well as the community. TLTI's Special Event resource guide will assist you in preparing for your event. As well, completing the Special Event Permit Application works within a framework that:

- establishes guidelines for the allocation and management of special events within TLTI.
- informs all the affected municipal departments about your proposed event.
- ensures health and safety guidelines are provided based on information outlined in the submitted application.
- provides organizers with information on necessary permits, permissions, insurance requirements, and approvals based upon information provided in the submitted application.
- makes reasonable efforts to ensure municipal services are not negatively impacted by your event.
- mitigates risk to the event organizer, guests and TLTI.

To submit an application, visit www.leeds1000islands.ca/specialeventpermit.

For questions about Special Event Permits, contact Tracy Holland at 613-659-2415 ext. 207.

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Leeds 1000 Islands Fire Service

Did you know that your cottage or cabin must have working smoke alarms on every storey? Please ensure the entrance to the property has a clearly visible sign indicating the property number so emergency responders can find you in the event we need to. No civic number? Contact us to discuss a pre-incident plan for your property!

Who doesn't enjoy a BBQ while relaxing in the summer heat? Remember, always use barbecue grills outside, away from all doors, windows, vents, and other building openings. Grills can produce carbon monoxide (CO) gas. Never use grills inside the home or the garage, even if the doors are open.


Apply for your free open air burning permit! For more details on burning in TLTI, visit lti.burnpermits.com to view the Open-Air Burning guidelines pamphlet and bylaw before obtaining your season permit.

Did you know that a building permit is required for the following types of projects?









Township Building staff are committed to ensuring that construction within the municipality is safe and meets all applicable legislation. Your project may have specific Ontario Building Code requirements.

- all new residential and commercial building, renovations, and additions, (e.g., bedrooms, family rooms, bathrooms),
- changing roof systems from shingles to steel or steel to shingles,
- electrical systems,
- in-ground, or above-ground pools and associated decks,
- boathouses/boat ports and shore docks,
- decks (new or repair/replacement),
- sheds/garages /accessory buildings larger than 10 square metres (15 square metres if for storage only associated to a primary use/dwelling). This includes site-built or prefabricated and shipping containers,
- tents (open or enclosed) larger than 60 square metres,
- demolition of structures,
- plumbing and gas systems,
- new or replacement septic systems,
- heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems,
- fireplaces and wood burning appliances,
- replacing furnaces or hot water tanks

This list is general and not exhaustive. Before starting any construction or demolition, please contact Township Building staff to discuss your project, confirm zoning compliance and other requirements. Please note that structures built without a building permit may be subject to fines and/or increased fees. Township Building staff monitors construction throughout the municipality, including waterfront and island properties.



BY-LAW REFERENCE GUIDE


 <p>Occupancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Number of users should match septic use permit• Rental listing/agreement should match this number <p><u>Ontario Building Code</u></p>	 <p>Dogs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leashed in public• No trespassing or roaming allowed• Stoop and scoop always <p><u>By-law 22-048</u></p>
 <p>Garbage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Garbage and recycling must be properly contained• Dispose of waste at the nearest municipal waste disposal site <p><u>By-law 22-046</u></p>	 <p>Trailers & Camping</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Trailers are prohibited outside of designated trailer parks and camping areas• Occupancy of trailers on residential properties is not permitted <p><u>By-law 07-079</u></p>
 <p>Parking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All parking should occur entirely on your property• Do not park in areas with no-parking signs• Keep roadways clear for emergency vehicles <p><u>By-law 08-058</u></p>	 <p>Noise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Excessive noise carries over waterbodies and disturbs your neighbours• You can be charged at any time of the day if you are creating disruptive noise <p><u>By-law 22-049</u></p>
 <p>Property Standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lawns should be free of long grass• Property should be clean and free of accident hazards <p><u>By-law 22-046</u></p>	 <p>Burning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open air burning requires a permit (free; renew annually)• A total fire ban restricts all open air burning <p><u>By-law 20-047</u></p>

TO REPORT A CONCERN

Email: bylawenforcement@townshipleeds.on.ca

Phone: 1-866-220-2327 ext. 218

Online: Scan the QR code



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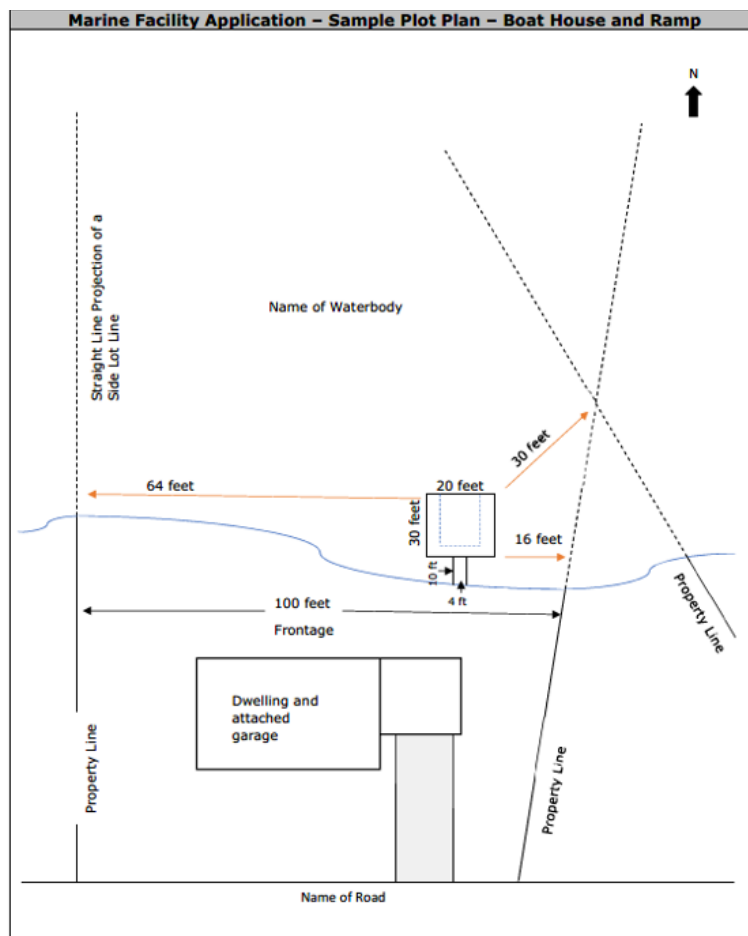
For urgent matters outside of Township business hours, e.g., noise concerns

OPP Dispatch: 1-888-310-1122

Township Insight

Docks, Boathouses & Zoning Compliance

- Planning & Development staff encourage those considering work to construct or alter a marine facility to contact the Township in advance to confirm zoning compliance and potential Building Permit requirements.
- A marine facility is an accessory building or structure located on, over, under or immediately adjacent to a waterbody used to moor, berth, or store a boat. This includes a launching ramp, boat lift, dock, boathouse, marine railway, water intake, pump house or similar structure/use. Marine facilities include both floating and permanent structures.
- A permit under Ontario Regulation 148/06 may also be required from the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority. Please contact their office at 613-546-4228.
- To request a review, please submit an accurate detailed plan of the existing development and a separate plan of what is proposed. Please include the frontage of the property, measurements of all marine facility structures, height (measured from the peak to the water), setback to side yard straight line projections, and the year the existing structures were built. There is no Township fee to pre-consult on your proposal.
- Planning staff will advise if your proposal meets the applicable provisions of the Zoning By-Law or if you will require additional planning approval (i.e., minor variance, zoning by-law amendment). Staff will also advise if a building permit will be required.
- Please submit your plot plan to Amanda Werner-Mackeler, Planning Technician at planningtechnician@townshipleeds.on.ca



TLTI Waste Site Hours

The hours of operation at our 3 Township Landfills have changed to 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- Lansdowne - 530 Eden grove Rd., Lansdowne | Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday
- Lyndhurst - 114 Turk Rock Rd., Lyndhurst | Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday
- Escott - 227 Escott-Rockport Rd., Escott | Open Tuesday and Saturday

Household Hazardous Waste Day is August 19th from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 2714 Outlet Rd, Lansdowne.

1000 Islands Wanderer

Follow our 1000 Islands Wanderer on Facebook and Instagram as he showcases the activities, people, businesses and attractions that make up the 1000 islands.

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Municipal Heritage Properties Register

In response to Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, the Planning and Development Department will be posting the Municipal Heritage Properties Register (MHPR) to the Township website prior to July 1, 2023. In addition, Bill 23 requires that all 'listed' heritage properties be removed from the MHPR by January 1, 2025, unless they have been designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act (OHA). The Township will be mailing a letter to the owners of all 'listed' properties on the MHPR to provide an overview of the recent changes to the OHA and to invite them to contact the Planning and Development Department to discuss options such as proceeding with designation, remaining on the register as a listed property until January 1, 2025 or requesting to have their property removed from the register.

Upcoming Projects from Operations

- Ivy Lea Wharf – Will be closed from July until late fall to allow Kehoe Marine to rehabilitate the wharf.
- Red Horse Lake Rd – Staff will be improving drainage and surface between County Road 3 & Jonas St.
- Kidd Rd North Culvert – Starting in July, for 2 weeks Nash Excavating is working to replace the Kidd Road North box culvert. As a result, the road will be closed to local traffic only between Fairfax Rd and County Rd 3.
- Microsurfacing - Will be completed on the following Roads: Tumbledown, Landsakes, Island View Drive, Binnacle View Drive in the Bay of the St. Lawrence, and Kidd Rd South. The purpose of this is to extend the useful life of the paved surface and reduce green house gases.
- Surface Treatment - Will be completed on the following: Granite Ridge Road (Fitzsimmons Rd to County Rd 3), Kyes Road (Fairfax Rd to County Rd 2), and Marble Rock Road (Various locations between County Rd 32 and County Rd 34). The purpose of this is to extend the useful life of the paved surface and reduce green house gases.
- Ditching – Will be completed on the following: Deryaw, Seabrooke, Rockport-Escott, Gananoque Lake, Pelow, O'Grady, 2nd Concession, Black Church, Back, Berryton, and Lake Roads.
- Culvert Replacements – Will be completed on the following: Days, Router, Kidd, 2nd Concession, Black Church, Kyes, Jonas, and Pelow Roads.
- Centennial Park Shade Structure – Staff are reviewing an alternative design to be presented to Council. Installation to be completed in 2023.
- Kendrick's Park Facility Renovations – Washroom upgrades are underway and will be completed in the summer of 2023.
- Facility Flooring Renovation – Flooring renovations at 1 Jessie Street Meeting Room, Centennial Canteen, Seeley's Bay Library, Kendrick's Canteen and Washrooms. The flooring project is expected to be completed in summer of 2023.
- Roadside Mowing - To improve site lines for motorists and pedestrians, roadside mowing will commence mid-June, depending on the weather. Our two roadside mowers will make their way across the Township and with 660 km to mow, it takes time. The scheduling of roadside mowing is based on the type and classification of road. Unfortunately, we do not have a lot of leeway with scheduling. Our crews appreciate your patience.
- Welcome to our University and High School summer employment program students.

Digital Main Street

Are you a business in the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands? Are you needing an online store, a website, a \$2,500 grant towards the adoption of technologies and one-on-one support? Contact our Digital Service Squad member today at digitalservicesquad@townshipleeds.on.ca.

Township Insight

Review of Short-Term Rentals

The Planning and Development Department will be bringing forward a report to the June 5th meeting of the Committee of the Whole and June 19th meeting of Council. The report will include a summary of the findings of the consultant and a staff recommendation. Interested members of the public are invited to attend in person or virtually and to submit written comments.

Heritage Celebration Grants

An update to the Heritage Celebration and Conservation Grant Program was recently approved by Council to change the eligibility to every two (2) years and to add a one-time grant of up to \$5000 for heritage properties newly designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library

Welcome to the LTIPL Summer Games

TD Summer Reading Club

The TD Summer Reading Club runs from June to August 2023 at all library branches! Participate in online reading challenges, book reviews, and activities all summer long. Tell us about your reading progress to gain in-library prizes and tickets towards a grand-prize draw in August! Great for ages 4 to 12.

The TD Summer Reading Club is accessible for kids of all abilities, no matter how they read! Ask library staff about getting the content of the Club notebook in accessible formats.

How to Participate

- Visit your local library branch or sign up online.
- Read for fun! Have your child read what they enjoy and try some of this year's recommended reads.
- Visit tdsummerreadingclub.ca to vote in the Battle of the Books, post reviews, write stories, read and write jokes, participate in weekly trivia, watch author/illustrator readings and workshops.

Check out what's going on in your library!

- For further events, a calendar is available on www.ltipl.ca posted, @ltipl on Facebook and available in all branches.
- Sneak peek for the next issue: October is Canada Library Month and Ontario Public Library Week, stay tuned for more details.

Visit www.ltipl.com for details



Storytime in Seeley's Bay

Stimulating stories, songs, toys, puppets and flannel graph. Bring a friend! Registration appreciated but not required.

Tuesday's from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. Toddlertime (up to 3yrs).

Knit and Crochet Group

Love to knit and/or crochet? New or experienced to the craft? Join our knit & crochet circle! Bring your own materials or use ours.

Sessions are held on the first and third Wednesday each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Lansdowne Public Library.

Book Clubs

Join our Book Clubs! We meet in Lyndhurst on the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. and in Lansdowne on the third Thursday of each month from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.