

Township Times Publication

October to December 2023



PEER Working Group

The Partnership for Economic Enhancement and Revitalization (PEER) is a working group of local volunteer organizations who support community revitalization, economic growth and tourism throughout the Township. PEER brings ideas and feedback to the Township and is engaged with residents, businesses and community groups. Each of the volunteer organizations that compose PEER have their own regular meetings and assemble as a group to meet with the Township every 3-4 months. To learn more about a PEER member organization, please email the organization:

- Lansdowne Association for Revitalization (LAFR) - lafr@1000island.net.
- Lyndhurst Rejuvenation Committee (LRC) - currently looking to recruit members to the working group. If you would be interested in starting a community group, contact commsupervisor@townshipleeds.on.ca.
- Rockport Development Group (RDG) - rockportthousandislands@gmail.com.
- Seeley's Bay Area Residents Association. (SABARA) - sbara@seeleysbay.com.
- Lansdowne Agriculture Society (LAS) - lasinfo@1000island.net.
- Lyndhurst, Seeley's Bay and District Chamber of Commerce - info@lsbchamber.ca.
- 1000 Islands Gananoque Chamber of Commerce - 1000islandsgananoque@gmail.com

2024 Budget

Staff are currently working on the 2024 Capital and Operating Budget to be presented to Council at a Special Council meeting in December 2023.

The budget process is a complicated task of balancing increasing demands for municipal service levels, ensuring adequate investment in capital infrastructure while also mitigating increases to the property tax rate.

The revenue needed to be raised through property taxes is determined through the operating budget process. The total budget, less other revenues received (user charges, government grants, draws from reserve funds, etc.) equals the net levy requirement – the amount needed from property tax revenue to balance the operating budget.

The capital budget is based on the Township's asset management program. Staff have a comprehensive asset management system which includes all Township-owned assets, and condition and risk data.

New Deputy Mayor Appointed

On July 10, 2023, Council appointed Councillor Fodey as Deputy Mayor until November 2024.

Deputy Mayor Fodey is a long standing resident of Ward 1 and has served on Council since 2018.



Local Happenings

Seeley's Bay & Area

- The **Seeley's Bay Legion Branch 491** is having a **50's/60's dance** on September 2nd from 8:00 p.m. till 12:00 a.m. The cost is \$10.00 per person. For advance tickets call Mike at 613-387-8756.
- Terra Lightfoot with Tony D will be opening for the **"Small Halls"** event taking place on October 14th at 7:30 p.m. at the Seeley's Bay Community Hall. For tickets, please visit www.ontariosmallhalls.com.
- The **ROLL-Aid Centre Annual Food Drive** October 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donations can be dropped off to the Freshmarts in Lansdowne and Seeley's Bay. The LTIPL branches will also be collecting food, non-perishable and hygiene items between October 16th to 20th. Drop off your donations during operating hours at any LTIPL branch. If you are unable to drop off your donation on October 21st, contact Don Stiles at 613-387-8361 to schedule a pickup at a later date. Monetary donations can be made by cheque (payable to ROLL-Aid Centre) and mailed to P.O. Box 163, Seeley's Bay, ON, K0H 2N0 or e-transfer to rollaidcentre@gmail.com.
- The **Seeley's Bay Lions Club** are accepting sponsors for the **Angel Tree Project** starting November 1st. This project covers the areas of Seeley's Bay, Lyndhurst and Morton. Deadline to register is December 7th. Contact Marg Brooker at brooke.r.m@hotmail.com or 613 - 387 - 3743.
- The **Seeley's Bay Pastoral Charge Annual Talent Auction** is November 18th at the Seeley's Bay United Church. Viewing of items, and wine and cheese tasting starts at 5:30 p.m. The auction starts at 6:30 p.m. Donations are greatly appreciated. For details, visit www.visitseeleysbay.ca.
- Join us for the annual **Seeley's Bay Christmas Tree Lighting** being held on November 24th at 7:00 p.m. on Bay Street.
- Meet **Santa at Ridgway Confections** in Seeley's Bay on December 2nd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- The **1000 Islands Gananoque Chamber of Commerce** presents:
 - The **68th Annual Awards Gala** is September 27th at the Ivy Restaurant (61 Shipman's Lane, Lansdowne). Tickets are \$110.00 and includes dinner. Cocktail hour is from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and awards start at 7:30 p.m. Register at www.1000islandsganchamber.com.
 - **"Girls Night Out"**, October 27th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn (777 King St., E, Gananoque). Tickets are \$10.00. If you are looking to be a vendor, contact 1000islandsgananoque@gmail.com.
 - **"Jammin' in the Islands"** is on November 17th, 18th and 19th, 2023 at various locations. For details, contact 1000islandsgananoque@gmail.com.
 - The **Annual Christmas Cocktail** is set for December 20th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at City Cruises Gananoque. For details, contact 1000islandsgananoque@gmail.com

Lyndhurst & Area

- The Annual **Lyndhurst Santa Parade** will take place on November 18th at 1:00 p.m. along the main streets of Lyndhurst. If interested in submitting a float, please contact info@LSBChamber.ca.
- The local **Christmas Shop & Hop** weekend will take place the first weekend in December in all of TLTI! Get a passport and map and travel around to some of our fantastic retailers. It is a great time to pick up those unique Christmas gifts and support local! Watch for updated information at www.shopandhop.ca and find out how you can have a chance to win some prizes.

Rockport & Area

- **Rockport's Annual Light Up The Gates and Tree** at Rockport Customs Park will return on Sunday December 1st at 6:30 p.m. The event starts at the entrance of the Rockport Gates and from there, you will walk your way down to the Rockport Customs Park for Tree Lighting and Refreshments. Visit [@rockportthousandislands](https://www.facebook.com/rockportthousandislands) on Facebook for more details.

Local Happenings

Lansdowne & Area

- The **Lansdowne Seniors** meet on Wednesday's at 1:00 p.m. for euchre at the Lansdowne Community Building (1 Jessie St., Lansdowne). The fourth Wednesday is a potluck at noon with a short meeting and euchre to follow. The group does not meet in December. Contact Marilyn Dwyre at 613-659-3860.
- **Seniors (65+) Day in the Park** is happening September 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Charleston Lake Provincial Park (148 Woodvale Rd., Lansdowne). Celebrate the Autumn Equinox by joining for a free 5km walk in the park followed by a light lunch. To reserve your spot, please call 613-453-4553.
- Save the date! The **Lansdowne Santa Claus Parade** is on November 19th, 2023. For details, visit @LansdowneFair on Facebook.
- Save the date! **Let's Light Up Lansdowne Tree Lighting Celebration** is December 1st, 2023. For details, visit @LansdowneAssociationForRevitalization on Facebook.
- The **Thousand Islands Association's** Board of Directors, along with their summer intern Grace had a busy summer! The flagship shoal marking program continues with the ability to track markers and replace broken markers promptly. More locations for the Fishing Line Recycling Station (FLRS) initiative have been added. This white and orange tubular receptacle is the perfect place to discard unwanted or found pieces of fishing line. Please visit www.thousandislandsassociation.com/flrs for locations of stations. Two Trash Free River clean-up events removed over 500 pounds of trash from the shorelines. The annual general meeting was a big success with many informational booths along with speakers Tony David and Ross Stewart who gave insight into water levels! Look for the newsletter River Talk all winter long for interesting articles, notices, and highlights as TIA continue to improve, inform and connect members, www.thousandislandsassociation.com/river-talk.
- On June 3rd, the **Leeds and 1000 Islands Historical Society** unveiled a heritage interpretive sign on Grand Trunk Avenue in Lansdowne. This sign was sponsored by a local author and historian, Bill Boulton, who wanted to commemorate the importance of the railway to the growth of Lansdowne. Many informative speeches were made followed by a reception in the Seniors Room at the Lansdowne Community Building.

Recreation Programs October to December



Fit & Fab 1

Designed for adults to improve aerobic capacity, strength, flexibility, balance and coordination. Wendy Desrocher, a certified fitness instructor specializing in older adults at the Lansdowne Community Building, 1 Jessie St. Bring your own mat and exercise ball. Cost is \$72 for once a week, \$132 for twice a week and \$170 for three times a week.

Session Dates: October 2nd to December 15th, 2023 | 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Register at www.leeds1000islands.ca or call 613-659-2415 ext. 246.



Fit & Fab 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 and mat. Cost is \$72 for once a week, \$132 for twice a week and \$170 for three times a week.

Session Dates: October 2nd to December 15th, 2023 | 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.
Register at www.leeds1000islands.ca or call 613-659-2415 ext. 246.

Recreation Programs October to December



Seniors Exerice Classes

Seniors Exerice Class at the Lansdowne Community Building, 1 Jessie St. These classes are free and include chair yoga, gentle exerices and more!

Session Dates: October 5th, 2023 to June 27th, 2024 | 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
Details or to Register: 613-342-3693 ext. 2303 or kducharme@cphcare.ca



Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a gentle exercise taught as a sequence of flowing movements and balanced stretches. The stretches, turns and extensions exercise the whole body, and create a feeling of relaxation and well-being. Classes run at the Lansdowne Community Building.

Session Dates: October 5th to 24th, 2023
Details or to Register: LansdowneTaiChi@gmail.com



Babysitting & Home Alone Course

Home Alone Safety for Kids is November 24th and the Babysitting course is December 29th, both from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Lansdowne Community Building, 1 Jessie St. \$65 per class.

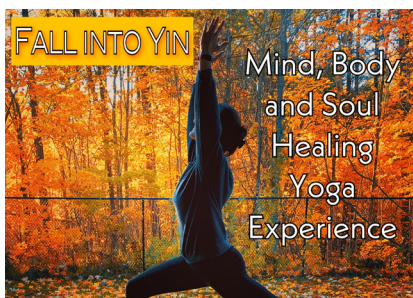
Details: First Aid/CPR instructor Colleen Cameron 613 - 498 - 4415.
Register at www.leeds1000islands.ca or call 613-659-2415 ext. 246



Fencing

The Kingston Fencing Club teaches sabre fencing by Head Coach Henk Pardoel and assistant Coach Luigi Burjato at the Lansdowne Community Building, 1 Jessie St. Equipment is provided.

Session Dates: October 4th to December 16th, 2023
Wednesday's 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. & Saturday's 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Details or to Register: 613-331-4981 or henry.pardoel@gmail.com



Yoga with Michelle

Combination of gentle hatha yoga, breathwork, sound healing, meditation and guided journaling at the Seeley's Bay Community Building, 151 Main St. Suitable for all levels. Bring a yoga mat, blanket and small pillow. \$40 a class or \$100 for all three. Contact michelleMillar333@gmail.com

Session Dates: October 4th, November 1st, December 6th | 6:45 to 8:15 p.m.



FAB Forest & Nature School

Children ages 4-11 have a chance to explore the natural world in a way that brings excitement, encourages learning new skills, and expanding self-awareness. From September 18th to November 23rd, 2023 at Mac Johnson Wildlife Area (Brockville) and Camp Trail (Athens) for \$50 a day. Visit www.frontenacarchbiosphere.ca for details.

Township Insight

Council Catch-Up

Did you miss a Council meeting? No problem! Tune into the monthly Council Catch-up every Wednesday after a Council meeting with Mayor Smith-Gatcke! The video can be found on YouTube: www.leeds1000islands.ca/YouTube and summaries on our CivicWeb here: www.leeds1000islands.ca/council-catch-up. Please find the complete meeting agenda packages on CivicWeb here: www.leeds1000islands.ca/agenda.

Upcoming Meetings

October

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

November

- Committee of the Whole | November 6, 2023
- Council | November 14, 2023
- Committee of Adjustment | November 28, 2023

December

- Committee of the Whole | December 4, 2023
- Council | December 11, 2023
- Special Council | December 14, 2023
- Committee of Adjustment | December 19, 2023

Geocaching

The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands has joined the Geocaching world. Geocaching is an outdoor recreational activity, in which participants use a Global Positioning System (GPS) receiver or mobile device and other navigational techniques to hide and seek containers, called “geocaches” or “caches”, at specific locations marked by coordinates all over the world. As of 2023, there are over 3 million active caches worldwide. Visit www.geocaching.com for details.

New Resident Package

Are you a business in TLTI? Promote what you offer to new residents by adding your brochure in the TLTI new resident package. Contact businessadmin@townshipleeds.on.ca if interested.

Lansdowne Community Garden

Did you know there is a Community Garden located in Lansdowne? Any community members who are interested in learning about the Community Garden Co-Op and how to participate are encouraged to reach out to Tracy Holland, ext. 207, or commsupervisor@township.leeds.on.ca. A meeting is planned for late fall for the 2024 season.

TLTI Social Media & Communications

The Township uses social media platforms, including Facebook, X (Twitter), Linked In, Instagram, and YouTube as tools to deliver effective and accessible communication about Township news, programs, and services. TLTI's social media channels are monitored during regular business hours. Community comments and discussions are welcomed on the social media channels. These channels are an open forum that is respectful and courteous to all users. All user contributions need to follow the Social Media Community Engagement Guidelines (the “Guidelines”) which are reflected in the Township's Social Media Policy (www.leeds1000islands.ca/socialmediapolicy).

Stay Updated on Township News & Events

- Subscribe to one or several pages of the Township website. As new articles, projects, or changes are made to a webpage you can be informed automatically through email. Some pages of interest may be “News”, “Community Events”, or “Community Improvement”.
- Read your publication when it comes into your mailbox. If you don't receive it in your mailbox, let us know by calling McKenna, ext. 246, businessadmin@townshipleeds.on.ca.
- Join our Social Media platforms, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, and Instagram.

Are you an Instructor?

If you're interested in running a new program in the Township, please contact Tracy Holland at commsupervisor@townshipleeds.on.ca to get started! Programs for children, adults or seniors are welcome with a focus on fitness, arts, knowledge, etc. The options are limitless!

Township Insight

Leeds 1000 Islands Fire Service

With Fall approaching, we are reminded of Fire Prevention Week from October 8th to October 14th, 2023. This year's theme is "Cooking Safety Starts with You! Pay Attention to Fire Prevention". The goal is to educate the public about simple but important steps they can take to help reduce the risk of fire when cooking at home, keeping themselves and those around them safe. Following are cooking safety messages that support this year's theme:

- Always keep a close eye on what you're cooking. For foods with longer cooking times, such as those that are simmering or baking, set a timer to help monitor them carefully.
- Clear the cooking area of combustible items and keep anything that can burn, such as dish towels, oven mitts, food packaging, and paper towels off the stove and away from the hot area.
- Turn pot handles toward the back of the stove. Keep a lid nearby when cooking. If a small grease fire starts, slide the lid over the pan and turn off the burner.
- Create a "kid and pet-free zone" of at least three feet (one meter) around the cooking area and anywhere else hot food or drink is prepared or carried.
- Share these tips with older children who may be cooking.

Fire Services will be conducting school Fire Drills, as well as going door to door to conduct the smoke and CO Alarm program. Please remember to test your batteries by testing your alarm!

As you work on tidying your properties this Fall, remember to apply for your free Open-Air Burning permit. For more details on burning guidelines and the bylaw in TLTI, visit www.lti.burnpermits.com.

Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) Secondary Suite Program

The Ontario Renovates – Secondary Suites sub-component of the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI), funded by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), is intended to increase the supply of affordable rental housing for low-income households in Leeds and Grenville. Funding is provided in the form of a 15-year, interest-free forgivable loan to homeowners to create a secondary suite to be rented, on the property of their primary residence. The maximum eligible funding is based on the cost of approved work items and HST, payable up to \$25,000. A tandem secondary suites program for small landlords is available for applicants that own rental properties. For more information, call 613-342-3840 or visit www.leedsgrenville.com.

Remembrance Day Services

On Remembrance Day, we honour those who gave their lives to serve our country. Please reach out to the area Royal Canadian Legions for Remembrance Day events and activities or visit www.leeds1000islands.ca.

Winter Parking By-Law

From December 1st through April 1st, inclusive, there is no street parking from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. for snow clearing. Vehicles may be towed.

Ivy Lea Wharf Closure

In order to replace the Ivy Lea Wharf and Boat Launch with a new layout, the Wharf was closed as of August 21st with a anticipated completion date of November 2023. For details visit www.leeds1000islands.ca/ivyleawharf.

Township Insight

True or False?

Do you have questions about Township roads and other operations? Here are some true or false questions that address some of our most frequently asked questions!

1. **True** or **False** | Your public works crew grades and plows all private lanes in the Township.
2. **True** or **False** | Rural mailbox maintenance is the responsibility of the homeowner.
3. **True** or **False** | Of the 330km of Township roads, 250km are hard surface (i.e., tar and chip).
4. **True** or **False** | Our snow clearing crews provide 24hr coverage during the cold, wintry months.
5. **True** or **False** | The Township has five County roads running through it.
6. **True** or **False** | The purpose of ditches along the roadways is to hold water from the road.
7. **True** or **False** | Oversized loads benefit our road network by strengthening the road base.
8. **True** or **False** | The Township will pay for the installation or repairs of private driveway culverts.
9. **True** or **False** | Lansdowne is the only settlement area within the Township with municipal water and sewer service.

Answer Key for True or False

1. **False** | Private lanes are maintained by property owners.
2. **True** | All mailboxes, like homes, require general maintenance/repair.
3. **False** | 165km are paved/tar and chip.
4. **False** | With only 10 crew members & 330km of roads, we are unable to provide round the clock coverage.
5. **False** | There are 11 County roads.
6. **True** | To hold water shed by the road allowance.
7. **False** | Oversized loads can damage the roadway. Permission/permits are required for these loads.
8. **False** | Installation, repair and maintenance are the home owner's responsibility.
9. **True** | The majority of our residents have private well and septic systems.

Private Road Grant

Private Road Grant – Maintenance stream deadline for applications is October 31st. Financial support is available to eligible associations for grading and snow removal. Read about both programs at www.leeds1000islands.ca/privateroadgrants.

TLTI Waste Site Hours

The hours of operation at the 3 Township Landfills are 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

Snowplowing and Winter Maintenance

Snowplowing and winter maintenance season is coming! From November 1st to March 31st, the Township performs daily road patrols to monitor conditions and prepare responses to winter weather. Crews use a snow clearing schedule that is based on a road priority system. Sanding/salting and plowing begin on high-use roadways and then move to residential streets. The roads department monitors various weather information sources for a consistent forecast to plan operational responses.

Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library

Please welcome the valuable addition of Councillor Angela Kelman to the Library Board



The Library ordered a puzzle today,
but there was a small mishap and
all the colours washed away,

Would you like to create what is
important to you, and become part
of a story in your community too?



Canada Library Month

All Library branches will be celebrating during the month of October in recognition of Canada Library Month. Let's create a Community Puzzle to show how much the library and Leeds and the Thousand Islands mean to us. Blank puzzle pieces can be decorated in each branch, or you can take one home and bring it back later to add to our growing puzzle. Also, during Ontario Public Library Week (October 16th-20th) LTIPL will be once again partnering with R.O.L.L. Aid. Each Library Branch will have locations where Food Drive items can be dropped off.

Grant Recipients

In early July, Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library celebrated being the recipient of two grants (The Ontario Trillium Foundation and The Government of Canada's New Horizon for Seniors Program). Both grants have been and will be used to recreate library spaces and bring additional programming to the community. We're excited to share the future plans before the end of the year. To find out more, visit www.ltipl.net/programming.

Park Passes

Park Passes: New to all branches is a pass to Rock Dunder; this is a great addition to the Ontario Park Passes and provides even more opportunities to explore the natural beauty of the Thousand Islands.

Volunteers

Volunteers are being welcomed back to the Library. Applications are available at all branches. Students looking to fulfill their required volunteer hours can visit www.ltipl.net/volunteering for details.

Ongoing Programs

- **Storytime for Toddlers**
 - Seeley's Bay | Tuesdays | 11:00 a.m.
- **Knit and Crochet Group**
 - Lansdowne | 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month | 10:30 a.m.
- **Book Clubs**
 - Lyndhurst | 3rd Tuesday each month | 2:00 p.m.
 - Lansdowne | 3rd Thursday of each month | 3:00 p.m.