

Township Times Publication

April to June 2024



New Meeting Management Software System

The Township has recently implemented a new meeting management software called eScribe. The software has replaced the original meeting management software called iCompass. eScribe offers a similar experience as iCompass in access to meeting agendas, minutes, reports, and more. eScribe provides for a more interactive interface with supporting content such as dynamic maps, videos, and provides links to external sources. Please visit our Mayor, Council and Committee webpage (leeds1000islands.ca/meetings) to stay up to date on what's happening in the Township.

Community Improvement Plan

At the February 12, 2024 meeting, Council approved the Township's first Community Improvement Plan (leeds1000islands.ca/CIP). Staff are currently working on the implementation plan and will be updating the Community Improvement Plan webpage (leeds1000islands.ca/CIPPlan) with timing and process for applications. The approved incentive programs are:

- **Façade Improvement Program**
 - 50% cost matching grant up to \$5,000
- **Accessibility and Code Compliance Program**
 - 50% cost matching grant up to \$5,000
- **Secondary Dwelling Unit Support Program**
 - 50% cost matching grant up to \$5,000
- **Agri/Eco Tourism Program**
 - 50% cost matching grant up to \$5,000; and
- **Building Conversion and Expansion Program**
 - 50% cost matching grant up to \$15,000

WHAT3WORDS APP

Going for a hike, have a cottage or an island property? What happens if you need help? Do you know your location? There's an app for that! WHAT3WORDS is an app to help emergency first responders find you in case of emergency. Download today at the App Store or Google Play: what3words.com/products/what3words-app.

Special Event Permits

Are you or your Community Group planning an event? The Township recognizes the importance of special events in enhancing the quality of life, tourism, culture, recreation, and education and in providing economic benefits to the local economy.

It is our goal to assist event organizers in planning safe and successful events. The Special Event Permit Application simplifies the event planning process for organizers. Please visit our Special Event Permits webpage (leeds1000islands.ca/specialeventpermit) for the reference guide and application form.

Event Calendar

Want to know what's going on in your community? Sign up to the Community Events calendar to receive a weekly email with all the local happenings. Are you planning a community event? If so, list your event on the Community Event calendar to get the word out: [calendar.leeds1000islands.ca](https://leeds1000islands.ca/calendar).

You can Subscribe to our Community Events

Subscribe

Submit Event

Calendar

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Local Happenings

Lansdowne & Area

- **St. Lawrence District Medical Centre Annual General Meeting**
 - When: May 6, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Location: 1012 Prince St., or via ZOOM.
 - Contact: sldmcboard@gmail.com or 613-659-2669 by April 29, 2024.
- **LAFR Annual Plant Sale**
 - When: May 18, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 - Location: 1251 County Rd., 3.
 - Contact: 613-659-3836 for plant donations.
- **Lansdowne Fair Presents Black Creek Rodeo**
 - When: May 24 & May 25, 2024 at 5 p.m.
 - Time: Rodeo starts at 7:30 p.m.
 - Location: 1251 County Rd 3.
 - Contact: blackcreekrodeo.com for details. events.frontdoor.plus/event/481 for tickets.
- **LAFR Lansdowne Textiles Festival**
 - When: June 1, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Location: 1 Jessie St.
 - Contact: 613-659-4708.
 - Details: Enjoy handcrafted art. Admission is \$5 with lunch available for purchase.
- **Cross Cemetery Decoration Day & Annual General Meeting**
 - When: June 2, 2024 at 2 p.m.
 - Location: 215 Cross Cemetery Rd.
- **1000 Islands Gananoque Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament**
 - When: June 5, 2024 at 1:30 p.m.
 - Location: Smuggler's Glen Golf Course, 418 Thousand Islands Parkway.
 - Details: For tickets, contact 1000islandsgananoque@gmail.com.
- **LAFR Lansdowne Garden Tour**
 - When: July 6, 2024 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Contact: 613-929-2272
 - Details: Tour the Lansdowne community to view six beautiful gardens. Tickets are \$12 in advance, and \$15 day of the tour.
- **Lansdowne Seniors Group**
 - When: Every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.
 - Location: 1 Jessie St.
 - Contact: 613-659-3860.
 - Details: The 4th Wednesday of the month is a potluck at 11:30 a.m. with a meeting and games to follow. A group picnic is scheduled for June 26!

Seeley's Bay & Area

- **Pancake Brunch**
 - When: April 7, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Location: 3258 County Rd., 32.
- **Annual General Meeting for 1000 Islands Gananoque Chamber of Commerce**
 - When: April 17, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Location: 280 Main St., Gananoque.
 - Details: Join us to discuss important matters and plans for the future of the chamber. Contact 1000islandsgananoque@gmail.com.
- **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program**
 - When: March 5 to May 1.
 - Where: 375 William St., Gananoque.
 - Details: volunteercentre.ca or 613-499-9393.
- **Red Canoefest**
 - When: June 1, 2024.
 - Details: visitseeleysbay.ca.
- **Seeley's Bay Seniors**
 - When: 3rd Wednesday of each month.
 - Time: 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Location: 116 Bay St.
 - Contact: 613-387-3750.

Rockport & Area

- **Food Bank Drive**
 - When: April 6, 2024 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 - Location: 2 Front St.
 - Details: Non-perishable food items, toiletries, cash and/or cheque donations.
- **Church of Redeemer Cafe**
 - When: April 11, 2024 & May 9, 2024
 - Time: 10:15 a.m.
 - Location: 2 Front St.

Turkey Fair Volunteers Needed

Do you need community hours for your diploma and want to have fun too? The Committee is looking for energetic community members of all ages to help with planning, organizing and the day of the fair. The fair is September 21, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Committee meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Lyndhurst Library. If interested in joining our awesome team please email info@lsbchamber.ca.

News and Events

Lyndhurst & Area

- **Community Volunteer Income Tax Program**
 - When: March 5 to May 1.
 - Where: 10 Perth St., Elgin.
 - Details: volunteercentre.ca or 613-499-9393.
- **EarlyON Child & Family Pop-Up Play**
 - When: May 10 to June 14 (Friday's).
 - Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
 - Location: 426 Lyndhurst Rd.
 - Contact: 1-866-433-8933 ext. 3131.
 - Details: A free, drop-in playgroup for families and caregivers with their children from birth to six years old.
- **Stone Bridge Quilters**
 - When: Every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 - Location: 306 Lyndhurst Rd.
 - Contact: 613-928-2563.
 - Details: Bring your own crafts or help with making quilts. Purchase a quilt and/or crafts to help fund the Comfort Quilts for the Community Program. Donations of 100% cotton material are welcome.

Leeds & Thousand Islands Historical Society

- **The History of Canadian Rug Hooking**
 - When: March 18, 2024.
- **The History of Willowbank Cemetery**
 - When: April 15, 2024.
- **The Science & Art of Heraldry**
 - When: May 13, 2024.
- **All Presentations are:**
 - Time: 7:30 p.m.
 - Location: 1 Jessie St., Lansdowne.
 - Details: lthistoricalsociety.org.
- **Field Trip to Tackaberry Museum**
 - More details to come! Please visit lthistoricalsociety.org.

Community Pitch-In Week

Community Pitch-In Week is the week of April 22. Take part in our local clean-up! For details on dates and where to grab supplies, visit leeds1000islands.ca, social media or your local community groups.

- **Save the Date - Seeley's Bay**
 - April 27, 2024 - visitseeleysbay.ca

Future Firefighters in Training

The 10-week pilot program aimed for youth aged 12-17, runs until March 25. Dedicated volunteer mentors designed engaging sessions covering first-responding careers, volunteer opportunities, and ways to excel in them. Youth visited Fire Station 1, interacted with EMS paramedics and learned about their experiences and explored health and wellness for first responders. Staff at Big Brothers Big Sisters interviewed a young mentee who expressed their experience of the program, stating, "This program is fun, well-supported, and judgment-free." It's been great to observe the mentoring relationships developed.

Cycling & Camping

There are so many great activities to participate within the St. Lawrence Parks Commission!

- **Cycling**
 - Following the shoreline of the St. Lawrence River is the Waterfront Trail, a cycling trail that extends to over 1600km, including the Thousand Islands Parkway and Long Sault Parkway. View the Cycling Trails Map: waterfronttrail.org/map/downloadable-maps.
- **Camping**
 - Seasonal camping reservations open March 7, 2024. Visit stlawrenceparks.com for a list of camping and beach sites.

Thousand Islands Association

TIA is hosting two Trash Free River Clean-Up days in the Ivy Lea area to remove trash from the river. Last summer, TIA removed over 700lbs of trash.

Did you know fishing line takes over 600 years to breakdown and causes a painful death to a variety of wildlife! You can recycle fishing lines you have or find along the shores by taking them to the Fishing Line Recycling Stations located in Mallorytown and Gananoque.

TIA Annual General Meeting is July 20, 2024. For more details: thousandislandsassociation.com.

Township Insight

Building Services

Construction season is fast approaching, please note that building permits are required for all pools, decks, sheds, and sea cans over 10 sq m in area. Sheds specifically for storage on residential lots do not require a permit up to 15 sq m in area. Sleeping cabins under 10 square metres that include plumbing require a building permit. In addition, all proposed sleep cabins require review to ensure zoning compliance and that the septic system on the property is adequately sized to accommodate the additional sanitary capacity.

The location of all structures regardless of size must comply with the Township Zoning By-law and any other required applicable law (CRCA, MTO, SPLC). All permits stay in effect for one year from the day of issuance but can be renewed (leeds1000islands.ca/PermitRenewal) for an additional year. If your property is a shoreline property or includes or is near any wetland or watercourse please consult with the CRCA (crca.ca/permit-application) to determine if a permit is required

Permit Application & Information Packages

There are several project specific Permit Application & Information Packages available to assist in applying for permits. The Permit Application & Information Packages (leeds1000islands.ca/Permits) are available on the Township website and office. For other construction projects, please select the most applicable package or contact the office with questions.

Complete Applications

When submitting an application for a building permit it is important to ensure that your permit application is complete, and that information is sufficiently detailed to enable the design to be assessed for compliance with the Ontario Building Code Act and Building Code. In addition, a detailed plot plan is required to ensure zoning compliance. Incomplete applications will result in delays in the review of applications. To assist in the completion of applications please refer to the building permit application guide (leeds1000islands.ca/PermitGuide).

By-Law Enforcement

Council recently approved a new Parking By-law 23-064 (leeds1000islands.ca/Bylaw23064) for the Township. This by-law is enforced through the Administrative Monetary Penalty By-law (leeds1000islands.ca/AMP) which allows for the issuance of parking tickets. No Parking signs have been placed on a number of streets in the Township to give effect to the By-law.

Frontenac Municipal Law Enforcement is contracted by the Township to provide By-law enforcement services outside of regular Township business hours for complaints related to At-Large or Injured Dogs and the Noise By-law. Please contact Frontenac Municipal Law Enforcement at 613-541-3213. This is an answering service only, please leave specific details including:

- your name;
- the address of the property of concern;
- Phone Number where you can be reached.

Once a complaint is received, Frontenac Municipal Law Enforcement or a staff member may reach out to the complainant if there are any questions or further clarification required. All complainant names and information are confidential and are protected under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (ontario.ca/laws/statute/90m56); such information may be disclosed if the matter goes to court.

Dog Licenses

A reminder that all dogs in the Township are required to be licensed. Dog tags can be picked up at the Township office or requested at leeds1000islands.ca/dogtags. The fee is \$25.

Renew your Burn Permit

Are you planning on cleaning up brush and leaves around your property? Don't forget to renew your burn permit. They are free! Please apply online for 2024 at lti.burnpermits.com.

Attention campgrounds and rental cottage owners! Are you ready for the 2024 season? Your business requires a campground permit for campfires. Please see lti.burnpermits.com to apply.

Township Insight



Did you know...

Campers, cottages, and vacation rentals require smoke and CO alarms in sleeping areas.

Since March 1, 2006, the installation of working smoke alarms has been law, and CO alarms have been mandated since October 15, 2014. Although these laws have been enacted for several years, we continue, as a fire service, to see many residences without working alarms in the Township.

In Ontario in 2022, there were **106** fatal fires and **133** people that lost their lives due to fire. This means many of these fires had multiple deaths. In most cases there were no working smoke alarms.

In Ontario in 2021, there were **109** fatal fires and **121** people that lost their lives due to fire. This means more fatal fires but fewer of these fires had multiple deaths. In most cases once again there were no working smoke alarms.

Since 2020 there have been **492** Ontarians that have lost their lives due to fire. The vast majority of of these cases involved no working smoke alarms.

TLTI Fire is committed to the safety of all residents of the Township. Whether you own, rent or are a landlord, please know your responsibilities. If you have questions or are unsure, please reach out to the Fire Department at fireprevention@townshipleeds.on.ca.

Plan your Escape!

In case of a fire emergency your best chance of survival is a planned escape. When your smoke alarm sounds do you know how to get out??

You should.

- Plan your safe escape routes ahead of time so you'll know how to quickly exit your home.
- Know two ways out of each room.
- Practice fire drills during the day and at night.
- Practice feeling the doorknob and back of the door for heat. If the door is hot use your second way out.
- Ensure that exits, windows hallways, and doors are free of obstructions.
- Choose a safe meeting place where everyone will meet in case of fire.

Never go back inside a burning building!!

From the Ground Up...

News from the Operations & Infrastructure Department. See a problem? Please report it! leeds1000islands.ca/ReportAProblem.

2024 Projects:

- Carding Mills Bridge Rehabilitation.
- Preservation Treatments applied to Helen St, Adelaide St, Days Rd, Robertson Dr, Richardson Dr, Marble Rock Rd, Benson Dr, Benson Park Rd, Kyes Rd S, Dulcemaine Rd, Old River Rd W, and Kidd Rd S.
- Hard Surface Conversion Activities: Deryaw Rd
- HVAC and Lighting Upgrades at Seeley's Bay Community Hall.
- Resurfacing of Lansdowne Multi-use Court.

Watch for...

- Reopening of Ivy Lea Wharf.
- Wetland Viewing Platform in Lyndhurst.
- Seeley's Bay Fire Station #2 Build.
- Rockport Village (storm sewers & road design).
- Lansdowne Village (water storage, storm sewers & road design).
- Playground upgrades at Jonas St Park.
- Pickleball lines applied to tennis court in Seeley's Bay.

Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library

There's something creative happening every week in all of our library branches!

Art Hour

- **Lansdowne & Seeley's Bay Library Branches**
 - When: 2nd and 4th Thursday each month
 - Time: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **Lyndhurst Library Branch**
 - When: 2nd and 4th Monday each month
 - Time: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Spice Club

A monthly "take and make" that will introduce a variety of unique spices, their origins and books which are available for check out.

Storytime

Stimulating stories, songs, puppets and more!

- **Seeley's Bay Library Branch**
 - When: Weekly on Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.

Knit and Crochet Group

- **Lansdowne Library Branch**
 - When: Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.
- **Seeley's Bay Library Branch**
 - When: Every Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

Introduction to African Drumming

Drums are not supplied and space is limited at the Lyndhurst Library Branch.

Builder's Club

- **Lansdowne & Seeley's Bay Library Branches**
 - When: 1st and 3rd Thursday each month
 - Time: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **Lyndhurst Library Branch**
 - When: 1st and 3rd Monday each month
 - Time: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Visit itipl.net/programming and Facebook, facebook.com/1000islandspubliclibrary for up to date information on programs and events.

Friends of Springfield House

By Robert Burtch, Chair, Friends of Springfield House Complex (FSHC)

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM), held in Lansdowne on January 31, 2024, was a success, with the presence of Mayor Corinna-Smith Gatcke and Deputy Mayor Terry Fodey. Unfortunately, scheduling conflicts prevented Councillors Angela Kelman and Brock Correll from joining us. We were pleased to see so many supporters and some new faces in the audience. It is such great news to hear that these municipally-owned heritage assets will be renovated and serve the public once again.

After the business of the AGM was completed, David Holliday, Director of Operations and Infrastructure, outlined some of the more pressing issues with both Springfield House and Escott Town Hall that will be added this year. These include brick and mortar repair, roof replacement, eaves troughs and downspouts as well as some structural support in the floors.

It is hoped that the old Georgian Style Inn known as Springfield House will be restored to its former glory and become a source of revenue to help with the ongoing maintenance of the site. There are so many exciting possibilities.

2024 Communications Survey for the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands

The Township completed a Communications Survey in February of 2023 to hear from our community about the best way to communicate information. Since then, communication by the Township has changed. We want to hear from you again to see if TLTI is communicating effectively to the community. Please take a few minutes to provide us with your feedback by completing the following survey. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

Please complete the following survey and return to the Municipal Office (1233 Prince Street, Lansdowne, ON K0E 1L0) or www.surveymonkey.com/r/2024tltisurvey.

Deadline is April 30, 2024

Which area do you live in or near?

- Gananoque
- Ivy Lea
- Lansdowne
- Lyndhurst
- Rockport
- Seeley's Bay
- Other

What is your age?

- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-64
- 65 or older

Please identify your gender.

- Female
- Male
- Self-Identify
- Prefer not to answer

How often do you check for news and updates about the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands?

- Daily
- Weekly
- Bi-Weekly
- Monthly
- I do not check for updates

Do you visit the Township's social media accounts?

- Yes
- No

How do you get information about the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands? (Select all that apply)

- Ad Mail (Flyers/Posters sent to your mailbox & P.O. Box)
- Attend or Watch Council/Committee Meetings
- Email Subscription through Township Website
- Facebook
- Flyers/Posters displayed at stores, libraries, post offices
- In person at the office
- Instagram
- LED Outdoor Township Sign
- LinkedIn
- Newspaper
- Online Community Events Calendar
- Property Tax Insert
- Radio (myfm Gananoque)
- Township Times Publication
- Township Website
- Twitter
- Weekly Update Email through Township Website
- Word of Mouth
- YouTube

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If you indicated that you visit the Township's social media, which platforms do you regularly use? (check all that apply)

- Facebook
- Instagram
- LinkedIn
- X (Twitter)
- YouTube
- Other (please specify):

- _____

If you indicated that you visit social media, how often do you access your social media accounts?

- Everyday
- A few times a week
- Once a week
- A few times a month

Do you feel well-informed about what is happening in the Township?

- Yes, I feel well informed
- Somewhat, but there is room for improvement
- No, I am not aware and would like to learn more about the Township

Have you visited the Township website?

- Yes
- No

In your opinion, are you able to easily navigate and find the information you are looking for when using the website?

- No, the website is difficult to use
- Yes, but the Township website has room for improvement
- Yes, the Township website is easy to use and navigate

What information do you generally look for on the Township website?

- By-Law Updates
- Business or Event Workshops
- Committee and Council Meetings
- Council Decisions, Meetings, Agendas and Minutes
- Emergency Services (Fire/Police)
- Employment Opportunities
- Department and Staff Contact Information
- Grants and Funding Opportunities
- Facility Rentals
- Heritage Initiatives
- News Release; General Information
- Local Festivals/Events
- Permits and Applications
- Property Tax
- Publications (budgets, annual reports, etc)
- Recreation Programming and Registration
- Road Closures
- Small Business Initiatives/Programs
- Waste/Recycling Disposal Information

Please provide any additional comments.