



WEEK OF APRIL 8, 2024

Administration Services

- 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 Council and Committee meeting agendas, minutes, reports, and more. Please subscribe to our Council and Committee Calendar [here](#) to stay up to date on what's happening in the Township!
- Staff are drafting governance and procedure documentation for the operation of the Leeds County O.P.P. Detachment Board. The Board was newly created when the Community Safety and Policing Act came into force on April 1st. Under the Act, O.P.P. Detachment Boards were established for areas that receive police services from the O.P.P. The Leeds County O.P.P. Detachment provides services to Athens, Elizabethtown-Kitley, Front of Yonge, Frontenac Islands, Leeds and the Thousand Islands, Rideau Lakes and Westport. Each municipality will have a representative from their respective councils serve on the Board. In addition, there will also be two residents from the area appointed to the Board and two appointees by the Province of Ontario.

Corporate Services

- Staff attended the Rural Recreation Association Spring event. The Keynote speaker was from the Capital City Cornhole League. As part of the event, a panel of speakers from the Kemptville Music Festival, the Maycourt Club of Brockville, and the Naismith Basketball Association spoke about engaging communities through volunteers. Volunteer Ottawa also presented on volunteering and gave attendees insight into recent trends. Regional Development Advisors from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture, and Sport reported on their funding programs and provided insight into the application processes.
- The Youth Bursary Program and Community Grants Program application periods have closed. We are pleased to have had a significant number of applications for both programs. The Committee will review all applications over the next few weeks and then bring reports on each to the Committee of the Whole in May.



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Corporate Services cont'd

- The Special Event Permit for the Black Creek Rodeo, which is scheduled to take place on May 24th and 25th in Lansdowne, is currently being processed. Additionally, the Special Event Permit for the Kingston Ottawa Paddling Race, set for August 10th, 2024 in Seeley's Bay, is still pending as we await site-specific details. Staff have also received inquiries regarding future special events and are working with providing information.
- With the support of local community groups and businesses, Pitch-In Week preparations are in the works. Pitch-In Week kicks off Monday, April 22 – April 28. Announcements on the website news, social media, and community posters will detail how you can become involved as an individual or as a community.
- For a list of local and area events, please refer to our [calendar](#).

Fire Services

Fire Services

- Fire Services responded to 13 incidents. 1 false fire – the sight of smoke, 3 medicals, 1 motor vehicle accident, 3 fires (1 structure, 1 chimney, 1 vehicle) 5 public service calls (2 investigations, 3 other)
- The 2023 Standard Incident Report was completed and filed with the Office of the Fire Marshall.
- Leeds Firefighters collected around 680 lbs of food and \$1100 in monetary donations. The Gananoque Food Bank received the first delivery of food, and the second delivery is on its way to R.O.L.L Aid in Seeley's Bay. This initiative, led by the Chief Officers of Leeds and Grenville, is now in its second year, and the donations received this year were incredible. Once the total amount of donations throughout the County is released, it will be published in the Weekly UPdate.
- On Friday, April 5, all four fire stations participated in the official sod-turning ceremony at the location of the new Station 2. The firefighters expressed their excitement and pride for the commencement of construction of their new station. This development is a significant milestone for the department, and the new facility is expected to meet the community's needs more efficiently. The construction of the new station is expected to be completed by the end of 2024, and the department is looking forward to the benefits that the new facility will bring to their operations.



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Fire Services cont'd

Fire Services

- On April 8, during the eclipse, fire crews stayed at their respective stations to ensure they were prepared for any emergencies that might occur. They utilized their time by conducting hose testing, loading new 45mm hose onto trucks, and performing general maintenance on their equipment.
- Fire Services is pleased to welcome a placement student from St. Lawrence College for the next two weeks.

Regional Training Center

- An additional Commercial Cooking Course, scheduled for September 27-29, 2024, has been approved by the Fire College.
- Internal Recruit NFPA 1001 Firefighter I practical weekend was held on April 6 -7. This crew will complete their practical and written testing on April 14 and then will be on active duty at their respective stations the following day.
- Internal NFPA 1001 Firefighter II practical training will be held on Saturday, April 13, in preparation for their upcoming practical testing.
- An NFPA 1041 Instructor I Course scheduled for June 6-9. The course is full at 12 Students.
- Fire Prevention
- Fire Prevention was very active this week with a fire investigation and 3 fire inspections.

Operations & Infrastructure

Environmental

- Village of Lansdowne
 - Hydrant flushing by contractor scheduled April 9-12 completed.
 - Well heads and stables checked.
- WDS
 - Contractor on site for vandalism repairs Ward 1.
 - Compaction and cover on all sites continues.
 - Updated information for CMO blue box transition.
 - Datacall continues.

Parks

- Hard surface of courts being prepared for May 1 opening.
- Seeley's Bay Harbour ramp was repaired.



Operations & Infrastructure cont'd

Parks

- Contractor in for pricing repairs on floating docks and installation of a canoe dock in Lyndhurst.

Roads

- Roadside brushing continues.
- Signs being installed.
- Hard top patching and road grading continues.

Planning & Development

On April 10, 2024 the Province posted a number of proposed amendments to the Planning Act and an updated Provincial Planning Statement. Staff are currently reviewing the proposed changes to understand how the amendments would align with current policy and practices. Find the links to information regarding the changes [here: Canadian Legislation & Regulations \(osler.com\)](https://www.osler.com).

[Review of proposed policies for a new provincial planning policy instrument.](#) | [Environmental Registry of Ontario.](#)