



Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands  
Peer Working Group  
**April 24, 2024 | 1:30 p.m.**  
**Seeley's Bay Hall**

**Present:**

Donna Dempsey, Lansdowne Agricultural Society  
Wendy Merkley, Rockport Development Group  
Barb Smeath, Lansdowne Association for Revitalization  
Diane, Frontenac Arch Chamber of Commerce  
Monique Hartley, Seeley's Bay Area Residents Association

**Staff:**

Tracy Holland, Communications & Community Engagement  
Supervisor  
McKenna Modler, Communications & Community Services Assistant  
Dave Holliday, Director of Operations & Infrastructure  
Philip Renier, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer

**Regrets:**

Jan Murray, 1000 Islands Gananoque Chamber of Commerce  
Barb Bajema, Frontenac Arch Chamber of Commerce

**Guests:**

Anita and Terry Hicks, Martin - Seeley's Bay Legion

**Veteran Banner Project**

Anite Hicks gave a presentation on a proposed Veteran banner Display Project. The banners will have local Veterans picture, service years, etc. The banners are 24040 and two-sided. They are hoping to install up to 20 banners on hydro and telephone poles in Seeley's Bay coming down from Hwy #15, past the Legion to the Boat Launch starting September until Remembrance Day. They currently have sold 11 banners and want to continue with their marketing efforts to have all 20 ready to be installed for the fall.

They will be charging \$275 for the banner. Would like to order the banners by July.

This is also something the Frontenac Arch Chamber of Commerce is interested in pursuing, and again, would be looking to see what hydro poles and Bell poles they could affix their banners to in the town of Lyndhurst.

Dave was reaching out to Hydro and Bel during the meeting and will follow up once he hears back.

## **Community Updates from Operations and Infrastructure**

### **Director David Holliday**

#### **Seeley's Bay**

Community Building. A working group is currently discussing options for the building once the Firehall is in its new building. The first thing TLT needed to do was ensure there weren't any structural concerns with the building, which has been confirmed. There is work to be done regarding the heating, air conditioning, foundation work, and lighting replacement. Hoping to utilize the space with more options.

Harbour Dock - Work was done to a sinking floating dock; painting the docks, upgrading the Wi-Fi, and installing cameras are all plans for the summer. We are hoping to install a staff shelter for summer students and have more of a presence of staff. We are considering offering ice cream at Centennial Park, and conversations have been made with the locals offering a similar service.

Courts - painting lines on the courts will commence this summer, which includes painting pickleball lines.

Capital works – micro-surfacing on some roads.

Pay-as-you-go parking is something we are looking into for the parking lot and needs to be approved by Council.

The SB Teepee replacement is in the works with some design ideas, but it won't be a Teepee. Rockport had SAILS and they are easy and cost effective and this could be the replacement idea for the Gazebo.

#### **Lyndhurst**

Wetland viewing platform to be completed in May. Installing a new dock on Ford Street, the one that went missing. The snow fence will be converted from bright orange to green. Work will be done on the bridge on Jonas Street, and plan not to have it impact the Turkey Fair.

Diane noted the Boat docking at furnace fall is a problem as it never leaves. Marnie is working on this

### **Lansdowne**

Water and wastewater study – Fire flow requirements aren't being met, so they have been working to enhance them. We are applying for some grants to get this work completed and hope to start construction in the Fall.

Courts – anticipate they will be closed for 3 to 4 weeks in the summer for resurfacing. Doing some work around drainage issues and doing some work on the fencing and the courts should be by May 1.

Village design – meeting with the public on rough design about the layout of sidewalks, drains, etc. This will be a multi-phase project.

### **Rockport**

Village design is in the works. We will be hosting a public engagement session in the village.

The boat ramp will be repaired, and Kehoe will be completed, but it will likely not be until September. Wendy has done some repairs to the Cenotaph, which looks wonderful.

Ivy Lea Wharf is complete, and some IT is in the works to assist with security needs at the dock. The Grand opening will take place soon.

Parking – TLTI has purchased the property to park across the road at Ivy Lea, and the plan is to install honk pay-as-you-go there, too.

### **Parking**

Parking in every village is a concern. The by-law we put in force this year was actually made in 2012. We have now gone ahead and put up the signs based on the by-law.

Parking in Rockport – is concerned with people staying an extended period of time, and we are hoping the honk pay-as-you-go app will help with that. Additional, parking spaces will help and the potential to explore the need with the Boat Line will be made as well as there are concerns with people crossing the road. It was mentioned that we need new signage to state the time limit for parking at the boat launch rather than the no parking sign.

EV Chargers - We have applied for 2 level 3 EV charging in both Seeley's Bay and Lansdowne.

### **PEER Working Group Terms of Reference update**

No further changes to the Terms of Reference were made, other than the recommendation to have new organizations complete an application to join PEER. There were no changes that were submitted except for the application and Council must approve the

application. Tracy will send terms of reference and application form to members.

### **CIP & Strategic Plan Question - Donna D**

How can we make people aware of this program? TLTI has put it out on Facebook and as an alert on our website. Donna has put it on the LAFR website. Talk with people about the opportunity. It should be noted that the owner of the property must apply for the grant.

Question about Strategic Plan – SBARA signed up for a workshop, but due to being stretched thin with various events, they are just going to focus on what their corporate states. They will then work with the community to look at their vision and mission. The strategic plan should be focused on your mission and vision. They will be developing that in-house. There are 3 of them that are running it, and they hope to present it at the AGM. Monique will proceed with the process and will let everyone else know how it went and the feedback she receives. She will bring that back to the group in the Fall.

### **Community Updates, events, activities, and information sharing**

#### **Lansdowne (LAFR)**

May 18 - Plant Sale with over 2,000 plants. Textile Festival is June

June 1 -Textile Festival

July 6 – Garden Tour

#### **LAS**

May 24 & 25 - Black Creek Rodeo.

July 18 - 21 - Lansdowne Fair 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

August 11 - Show n Shine and Antiques.

#### **Rockport (RDG)**

May 4 Drive-thru Dinner.

June 22 School House Jam

Music nights will resume on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of June, July, and August.

Café Redeemer is the second Thursday of every month.

October Fest is in the works and will be the 5<sup>th</sup> or the 12<sup>th</sup> of October.

#### **Seeley's Bay (SBARA)**

April 27 is Pitch-In day, working with the Legion and Lions Club.

June 1 – Red Canoe Fest, still working on getting insurance.

July 1 – Canada Day, which will include a kids fishing derby. They have taken this on from the Lions Cub. They had submitted an application to Small Halls, but have not heard back..

### **Frontenac Arch Chamber of Commerce**

The Chamber announced to members that they have a mobile Kiosk Trailer that has information (brochures) from local businesses and event information. If event organizers are interested in having the Mobile Kiosk at their event to reach out to the Chamber.

May 18- A plant sale in the Village of Lyndhurst and a Mother's Day buffet are being held at the Lyndhurst Legion.

### **Updates from TLTI (Flowers, event postings, communication survey, website, Seniors Grant)**

The next publication, covering July – September, will be in the works soon. Submissions need to be in by the middle of May and you can include events in June for that as well.

Flowers are ordered and once we receive a projected pick up date from OPS we will reach out to Each group to coordinate pick up or delivery. A full-time summer student will be taking charge of helping to water the flowers this summer.

Communication surveys closes the end of April.

A website refresh is in the works. A survey will be emailed out to the PEER group. We ask that you help share this survey as this will help us with our new website design.

We applied for a Seniors Grant to create several Seniors Expos in Lansdowne, Lyndhurst, Seeley's Bay, and Gananoque. We anticipate hearing back by the end of May. There were 1,000 applications.

### **Next meeting**

July 24, 2024

1:30 p.m.

Place to be determined