



Recreation Working Group Meeting – Town Hall

Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands



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Land Acknowledgement

With gratitude, the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands acknowledges these lands and waters are the traditional territory of the Algonquin, Mississaugas, Mohawk (Kanyen'keha:ka), and Huron-Wendat. To recognize the role the Township must play in Truth and Reconciliation, we also acknowledge the displacement of these Peoples.

Additionally, the Township would like to respectfully acknowledge the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Peoples who also call this place home. We make this land acknowledgement to honour the Indigenous ancestors who have stewarded these lands and waters since time immemorial.

Working Group - Internal Members

Councillors

- **Angie Kelman**, Councillor Ward # 2
- **Jeff Lackie**, Councillor Ward # 1

Staff

- **David Holliday**, Director of Operations and Infrastructure
- **Lisa Lawrence**, (Recording Secretary), Executive Assistant Operations and Infrastructure
- **Alex Johnston** (Chair), Recreation & Facility Bookings Coordinator
- **Tracy Holland**, Corporate Communications and Community Engagement

Groups

- **Cindy Code/ Beth MacLean**, TLTI Library
- **TBC**, School Board Rep
- **Recreation Department**, Town of Gananoque

Quick Survey Details

Almost 150 surveys submitted between Dec & January

Mainly web submitted, only received 10 paper copies

Ages for the household activities;

- 1-17 considered kids
- 18-65 considered adults
- 65+ considered Seniors
- This survey identified approximately 270 people are accounted for in this survey

Main Questions

- Age ranges
- Towns most frequented
- Travel ability
- Part of a recreation group
- Skills to share
- Part of a working group
- Marketing
- Accessibility
- Household activities (Kids/ Adults/ Seniors) – Currently participate & Interested in
- Reason not to Participate
- Contact info

Next Steps

- Received 3% of the Township population for feedback via surveys of those
- Reviewed surveys & realized Township is diverse;
 - Facilities, spaces & amenities
 - Ages, genders, abilities, social statuses, cultures,
 - Current sport, leisure & community groups
 - Future opportunities
 - Catchment areas
- To create a working group with a diverse cross section would be too difficult instead we chose Town Halls

Town Halls

- Each initial Town Hall will include:
 - Summary of the survey data
 - Pertinent information & updates
 - New programs & camps that are running
 - Ask questions to draw out information, ideas & feedback
- The working group will then come back to each settlement area to
 - Review the suggested projects
 - Project a cost analysis budget
 - Further questions or comments

Rates & Fees

2018 fees introduced for some groups, not all groups



2023 All groups to pay a nominal fee, but inconsistent rates



2025 Updates to fees includes

- Created consistent, straightforward rates
- Created ratio for consistency
- Created parameters around hours of operation

Reviewed local municipalities rates when updating 2025 rates

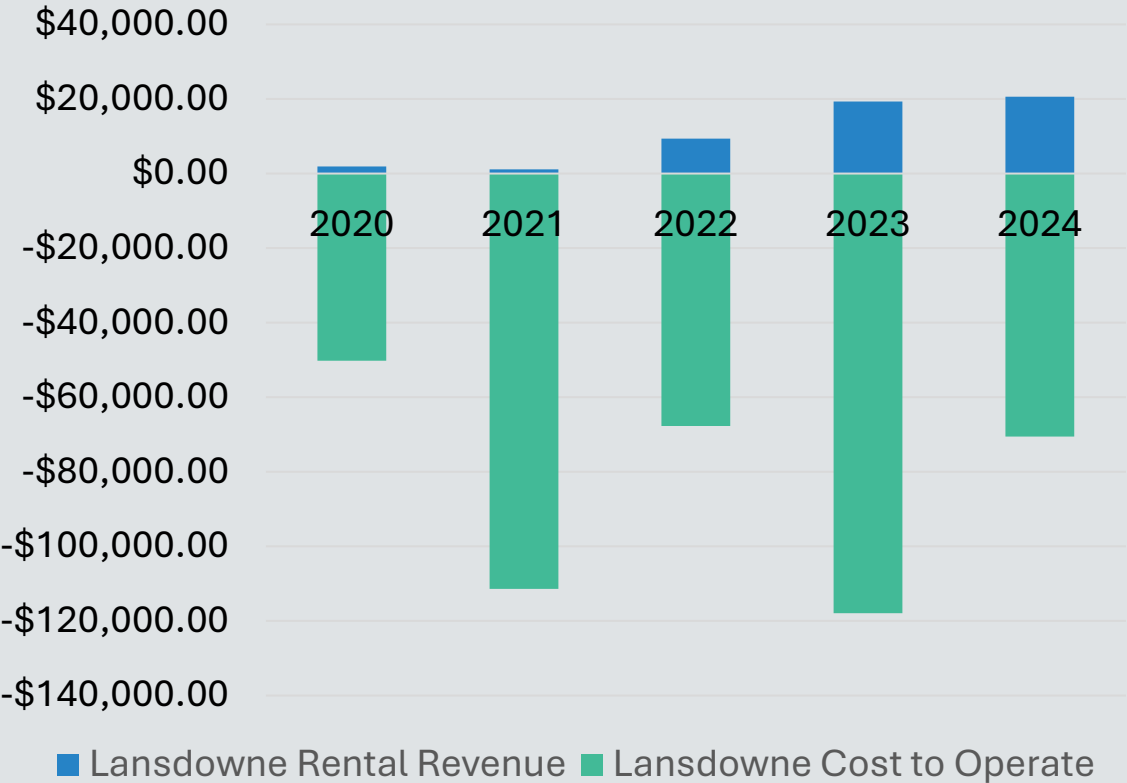
TLTI is inline or under local municipalities

Reminder TLTI Community Grant is open twice a year to create opportunity to assist costs

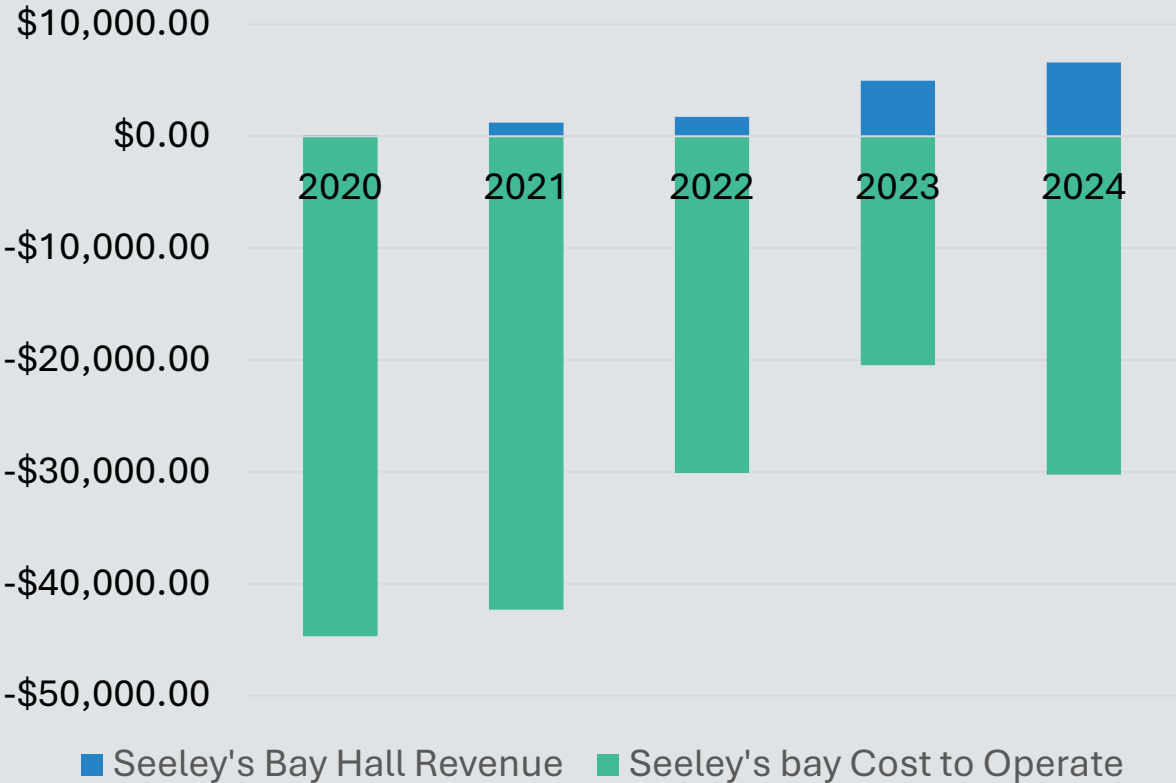
The cost of maintaining and operating buildings is expensive and the rates & fees really were equal to 2018, which is a very different world

Revenue vs Cost to Operate - Halls

Lansdowne Community Hall



Seeley's Bay Hall



Recent & Upcoming Capital Projects

- Lansdowne community hall
 - New floor in Lansdowne community hall meeting room (2024)
 - Window & doors installation (2025)
 - Commercial dishwasher maintenance (2024)
- Updates to Jerry park 2025- 2026
 - New & more accessible trails & equipment (2025)
- Lyndhurst
 - Paving furnace falls to Jonas park and link the look out for accessible path (2025)
- Seeley's Bay
 - HVAC updates to Seeley's Bay & clean up of basement (2025)
 - Revisioning of Seeley's Bay fire hall (consultation 2025) work progressing 2026
 - Lighting updates & storage updates (2025)
 - Septic system updates (2021)
- Ball diamonds & parks
 - Maintenance schedule updates (2025)
- Review of TLTI trails May 2025
 - Create maintenance & update schedule

Cost savings

- Volunteering is vital to grassroots programs, TLTI can assist with
 - Funding by Community Grant funding
 - Creating partnerships
 - Looking for grant/funding opportunities
 - Marketing for registrations, info, requests for volunteers
- Volunteer fatigue is real & we know we are looking to partnering with local groups, businesses, organizations & individuals
 - RNJ Youth Services (Brockville)
 - Senior Support Services (CPHC)
 - Tandem Unified Wellness
 - Girls Inc
 - Frontenac Arch Biosphere (FAB)
 - COR Martial Arts
 - TLTI Fire Department
- These formed businesses & groups have
 - Experience, education, staff & insurance
 - Often need space & resources in the areas we are looking to provide programming

Additional Info

- Roadways

- Majority of Survey noted could travel easily, but a percentage identified some roads needed to be updated for safety
 - Cycling
 - Walking
 - Travelling by car
- TLTI is unique with roads overseen by various groups
 - Township
 - Leeds & Grenville County
 - Provincial – MTO
- See map on next slide to identify road ownership
- Please reach out to the proper authority to submit your request/concerns

Complete survey online



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