



Weekly Update

WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2025

Administration Services

- A Public meeting is scheduled for January 13 at 6:00 p.m., followed by Council meeting at 6:30 p.m. Stay informed on upcoming Council and Committee meetings by subscribing to our [Council and Committee Calendar](#).
- At the January 6, 2025, Committee of the Whole meeting, Mayor Smith-Gatcke announced that Councillor Mark Jamison resigned from his position on Council effective December 31, 2024. His colleagues and staff will miss him very much and thank him for his many contributions during his time on Council.

Corporate Services

- Special Event Permits
 - A Special Event Permit from the Seeley's Bay Lions Club for the Seeley's Bay Lions Frost Fest event, scheduled for February 7 to February 9, 2025 in Seeley's Bay is currently under review and near completion.
- The Youth Bursary Program is accepting applications from graduating Township youth or recent graduates. Youth applicants have the opportunity to receive one of three bursaries, in the amounts of \$1000, \$600, or \$400. The application deadline is March 31, 2025 and can be found on our [Youth Services](#) page, on our website.
- The Spring intake for the Community Grant Program is open to receive applications. Grants provide modest levels of financial support to community, not-for-profit and charitable organizations. More information and the link to the application can be found on our [Community Grants Program](#) page, on our website. The application deadline is April 4, 2025. Organizations who received Community Grant funding in 2024 are reminded to submit their completed Grant Reporting form by March 31, 2025.
- Our website events calendar is currently unavailable. We are actively working to resolve the issue and hope to restore it soon.

Fire Services

Fire Services

- Fire services ended 2024 with 377 incidents for the year. This includes 16 calls from December 20 to December 31. Call responses were for motor vehicle accidents, medical calls, Fire and CO alarms, and 2 fires (one vehicle and one structure).



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Fire Services cont'd

Fire Services

- 2025 started off with five calls on the first day. Fire Services responded to 12 incidents: 4 motor vehicle accidents, 5 medical calls, 1 smoke call, 1 structure fire call, and a public assist call.
- Firefighter recruitment for Station 2 (Seeley's Bay) and Station 4 (Lyndhurst) continues. Certification will begin in February for the class.
- Fire Services will receive approximately \$32,000 through the Ontario Fire Marshall's Fire Protection Grant program. The grant will be used for Cancer Prevention. Fire Services will purchase two new washers/ extractors for gear cleaning. By year-end, each station will have one unit in-house to clean gear.
- Leeds Fire hosted the Chief Officers of Leeds and Grenville at Station 1 on January 8. The quarterly meetings aim to discuss the fire service business and what is happening within the different municipalities, as well as to work together in training, fire prevention, recruitment, and retention.
- Captain Wayne Shields will be honored with the King Charles III Coronation Medal for his tremendous contribution to the Leeds Thousand Islands Fire Service and the Lansdowne Agricultural Society for the last 55 years. He will be honored in a ceremony on Parliament Hill on January 18, 2025. Leeds Fire would like to thank Wayne and his family for their service to the community.

Fire Prevention

- Dealt with several fire alarms at a property.
- Conducted a Fire Investigation following a structure fire.
- Working with the Ministry of Labour regarding a local business.
- Assisting the Ministry of the Environment with three separate open investigations.

Regional Training Center

- Preparations are underway for the upcoming OFC courses at the RTC for 2025.



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Operations & Infrastructure

Administration

- Four procurement calls were published: Winter Sand, Granular, and Dust Suppressant (2).
- Initiated set up of the 2025 Maintenance Schedules and redefined inspection processes.
- Finalized Road Closure Permit for Lions Club event in Seeley's Bay on February 7, 2025.

Infrastructure and Environmental Services

- Outdoor rink maintenance continues.
- Assessments and repairs to street lights are ongoing.
- AED annual maintenance completed.
- The Lansdowne Community Hall floor was stripped and waxed.
- Community flowers ordered for 2025 season.

Roads and Fleet

- Four winter control events were conducted.
- Hand brushing and winter patrolling continue.
- Roadside signage repairs continue.

Planning & Development

Council will hold a public meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be to consider the following application for amendment.

- Zoning By-law Amendment Application D14-2024-013 - 417B 1000 Islands Parkway.
 - For further information, including how to participate/comment in the public meeting, please visit the [Township website](#).