



Township of  
**Leeds** and the  
**Thousand Islands**

# Council Update

WEEK OF JANUARY 17, 2022

## COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS SERVICES

### Recreation & Leisure

- Funding application submitted to “Hydro One - Energizing Life Community Fund”
- Older Adult Fitness: 2 classes running virtually via Zoom (24 participating virtually; 15 additional waiting for in-person classes to resume week of January 31, 2022)
- Participated in the North Leeds Youth Coordinating Committee January meeting
- TLTI Youth Bursary has received its first applicant; accepting applications until March 31, 2022.
- Planning a “Snow Moon Snowshoe” on the evening of February 16, the night of the Snow Moon Full Moon working with Parks Canada
- Lansdowne Outdoor Rink open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. pending weather conditions
- All LTIPL library branches are open regular hours for curbside pick-up & return

### Events & Community Initiatives

- LAFR planning for Plant Sale & Garden Tour – May 21, 2022 (Lansdowne)

### Communications & Marketing

- Website training for internal staff with eSolutions Group
- Township Times Newsletter - February/March 2022 Edition printed this week & distribution will begin Jan. 24
- Recruiting campaign launched. Fulltime, contract and seasonal job opportunities are available at [www.leeds1000islands.ca/careers](http://www.leeds1000islands.ca/careers) (new - feel free to share this new easy to remember URL)
- 2021 burn permits are now expired. It's time to apply for your free 2022 permit now.
- 2021 dog license and kennel licenses are now expired. It's time to pay the annual fee as outlined in General Rates & Fees By-Law 21-001.
- Developing a recruitment video for the Leeds 1000 Islands Fire Service, to be shared digitally in February 2022
- Gathering data for 2021 Annual Report for 2021

### Business Support

- Digital Main Street
  - Social media advertising planned for next week encouraging businesses to reach out for supports
  - This intake period we have had 10 Gan & TLTI businesses apply for the \$2,500 grant funding

- Many have applied for the ShopHERE program to get their business online

### **COVID-19 Update**

- Seeing a surge of infections in long-term care and retirements homes; up to 6 deaths reported this week in long-term care homes in L & G.
- There are currently 22 cases requiring hospitalization, including 7 in ICU and 2 currently ventilated. There have been a total of 73 fatalities in L & G.
- The Health Unit has noticed lower vaccine & booster demand at public vaccination centres and has appointment availability for those eligible (anyone 18+ is eligible for their booster 84 days after their second dose and anyone 5+ is eligible for dose 1 or 2). Appointment and walk-ins.
- Firefighters and police are now eligible for PCR testing at assessment centres. Eligibility extended to families of health care workers as well.
  - However, the Public Health Lab has had a recent delay in returning test results (4-5 days).
- In Ontario, access to Rapid Tests is being prioritized for long-term care homes, retirement homes and schools.
- Schools have re-opened for in-classroom learning. Health Unit is prioritizing getting Rapid Tests to long-term care homes and to students.
- Ontario has announced significant changes to testing for COVID-19 and isolation guidelines. Visit [www.ontario.ca/exposed](http://www.ontario.ca/exposed) for this new guidance.
- Change in regulations beginning 12:01 a.m. on January 31, 2022.  
Regulation to be released sometime next week.
  - TLTI municipal facilities will re-open at 50% capacity for recreational and social use on January 31, 2022.

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

The Heritage Committee meets on January 21st at 1pm. The agenda is posted on iCompass and includes the discussion of renaming two private lanes in the Township and a Heritage Celebration Grant application.

The Committee of Adjustment meets on January 25th at 1pm. There are 5 applications on the agenda for this meeting (posted on iCompass). Staff are also working on 7 applications that have been received for the February meeting.

Staff attended a meeting with the Health Unit on January 17th to further discuss the transition of Septic permitting and inspection to the Township.

The positions of Building Inspection and Planner (contract) were posted this week.

### **Public Meetings**

There are 3 Public meetings scheduled prior to the Committee of the Whole meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>

[2092 Blue Mountain Road](#)- Zoning Amendment as a condition of consent approval

[3105 County Road 3](#)- Application for Rogers Tower

[632 Escott/Yonge Townline Road](#)- Application for Rogers Tower

## OPERATIONS

### **Administration**

- Summer student recruiting campaign continued re: Grant application process
- Updating procurement awards as per Council resolution
- CityWide development ongoing re: preparing training plan and materials for PW staff
- Compiling website and communications materials for transition to CBS dept
- Tour with Fire Chief to look at recently constructed fire hall on Perth Road

### **Facilities**

- AED monthly checks
- SWP checks
- Station 1/Public Works
  - Heat exchanger replaced
  - Toilet repair in ladies' washroom
- Station 2 – Tube heater repair in Fire Bay. Contractor sourcing new blower motor.
- Station 3 – New pressure tank installed
- Station 4 – Training centre and exterior lights repaired as needed.
- **Lyndhurst Library – Heating system inspected and cleaned by contractor.**
- Reviewed snow clearing requirements for pump houses and lagoon station with Lead Hand
- Met with D&M Locksmiths. Reviewed current key configuration to establish new Master Key to replace Red Key. Consistent and controlled key system across the township.

## **Parks**

- Rink COVID-19 signage installed
- Rink clearing and flooding as required
- Rink waste receptacle installed
- Outdoor rink logbook put into service for maintenance and observations
- Lights have arrived for Seeley's Bay Diamond (OSPREY). Electrician to be scheduled.

## **Roads and Fleet**

- 2 Winter Control Events- Both early call ins- Plow and Sand
- Lansdowne and Lyndhurst Village snow removal
- Road Patrol
- Fleet maintenance
- Shop Cleanup

## **Waste Sites**

- Curbside calendars for waste and recycling pick-up circulated to Lansdowne residents
- Site visits and inspections

## **FINANCE**

Please be advised that the following notice is being posted to the Township website and social media accounts:

Attention Farm Business Property Owners  
Annual Registration with Agricornp  
Deadline March 1 2022

If you own farm property, you should receive a package in the mail about registering your farm business with Agricornp. Registering your farm ensures your agricultural land is in the farm property class tax rate, which qualifies for a tax rate of 25% of the municipal residential tax rate. All farm businesses in Ontario that gross \$7,000 or more annually are required by law to register with Agricornp.

Make sure you complete the Agricornp form by March 1, 2022. If you did not receive a package, visit the [Agricornp website](#) for more information.

Please note that a letter was received from Ministry of Finance, dated January 18, 2022, regarding 2022 Property Tax Decisions. Per the letter:

- *As announced in the 2021 Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review, property assessments for the 2022 and 2023 tax years will continue to be based on the same valuation date that was used for 2021. This will maintain stability for municipalities and taxpayers.*
- *Education property tax rates for 2022 will remain unchanged from the previous year as assessments continue to be based on the same valuation date used for 2021. This means that the residential education tax rate will remain at 0.153 per cent and the business education tax (BET) rate reductions implemented in 2021 will be maintained.*

The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville have proposed a property tax rate increase of 2.69%. Budget deliberations continue and the 2022 County budget has **NOT** been approved yet. Based on the *proposed* increase to the County rate, and the Education tax rate remaining the same, the overall 2022 residential property tax rate increase is estimated at 2.2%.

2021	2022	
0.00447958	0.00459661	2.6%
0.00369475	0.00379414	2.7%
0.00153	0.00153	0.0%
0.00970433	0.00992075	2.2%

The Township received the Municipality Contribution statement from OLG for the quarter ended December 31, 2021 indicating a payment of \$221,262. Staff will be seeking approval from Council with respect to how this payment will be handled for 2021. The 2021 year to date revenue received from OLG including the December 31, 2021 payment is \$531,536 compared with a budget of \$100,00.

Staff attended a second session of website training.

## FIRE

Fire Services responded to 7 calls. 1 MVC, 3 Medicals, 2 Remote Alarms, 1 Fire (Chimney).

Leeds Station 3 assisted with flooding outdoor rink in Gananoque

Began LAS Process for obtaining new Pumper – replacement of Pumper 20 as outlined in 2022 Budget

Completed Draft Report of MFIPPA Request

Began compiling data for 2021 year end report

Internal Training Officer Meeting held January 19th to outline first 6 months of Training Schedule

Received 16 sets of Bunker Gear

Completed measurements of Boots, Bunker Gear, and Wildland gear to be purchased as outlined in 2022 Budget.

Completed intake for internal RIT OPS Course scheduled February 26th and 27th.

RTC Quarterly Meeting held January 17th

## ADMINISTRATION

- Committee of the Whole and Council meeting post meeting tasks
- MFIPPA Requests: one open request
- Update of Township records under Vital Statistics Act