



# Council Catch-Up

Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands

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## Moment of Silence for Deputy Mayor Gordon Ohlke

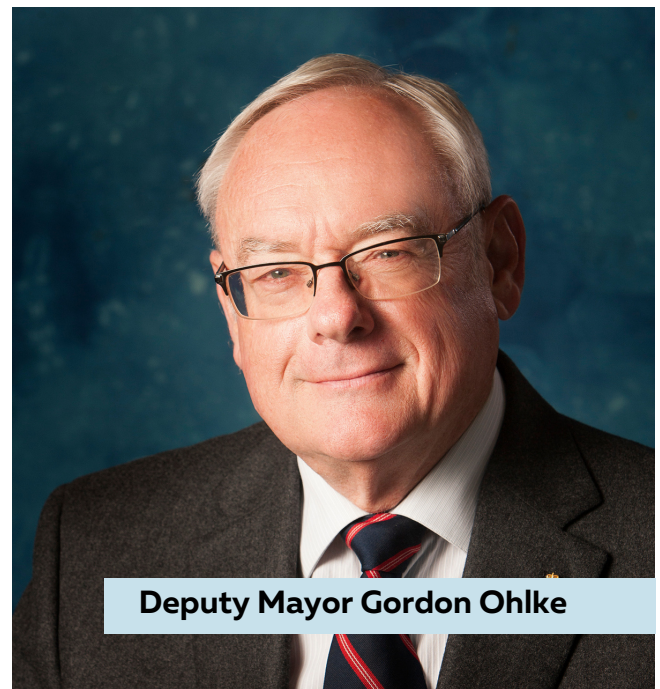
Council observed a moment of silence to honour Deputy Mayor Gordon Ohlke who passed away on February 27, 2023 at 69.

Gord was first elected in 2018 as a Councillor representing Ward 2, re-elected in 2022 and selected by his Council colleagues to serve as Deputy Mayor. Gord also represented Council as a board member with the Leeds and the Thousand Islands Public Library and the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority.

Gord took great pride in serving our community. He was insightful, kind, and considerate. Gord will be missed.

## Council Receives 2022 Capital Spending and Capital Reserve Fund Update

Council received the 2022 Capital Spending and Capital Reserve Fund update. The update is a detailed listing of the 2022 capital projects with the budget and actuals spent with certain projects in the Township. Council was also provided with an update on the financial plan that provides an overall positive capital reserve fund balance over the next eight years. The plan endeavours to ensure the long-term sustainability of the Township.



Deputy Mayor Gordon Ohlke



## Council Receives Delegations from Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority & Gananoque and the 1000 Islands Visitor Centre

Council received delegations from Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority (CRCA), and Gananoque and the 1000 Islands Visitor Centre.

CRCA provided an update on their accomplishments for 2022, and programs and services for 2023. Cataraqui Conservation is a community-based environmental protection and advisory agency, and works in partnership with local municipalities, provincial and federal government agencies, environmental organizations, and the general public to monitor and protect water, natural habitats, shorelines, and promote sustainable living in our community.

Gananoque and the 1000 Islands Visitor Centre reported on their accomplishments for 2022 and objectives for 2023. The Visitor Centre welcomed over 24,600 visitors to the area in 2022 and has assisted over 200,000 people since 2015. They continue to expand their services to assist visitors to our beautiful region.



## Council Approves Firefighter Compensation Policy

Council approved a Firefighter Compensation Policy that creates a framework where volunteer firefighters are paid on a per hour basis for work completed, including responding to calls, training, fire prevention activities and fleet, and equipment and station maintenance. The hourly compensation model will assist Fire Services in administration and recruitment efforts for volunteer firefighters.

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