

# TRENT LAKES COUNCIL UPDATE

## Highlights of Trent Lakes Council Meetings October & November 2023



**Deputy Mayor**  
**Carol Armstrong**

Seasons Greetings!! I love seeing fresh snow on the ground – it brightens everything up and brings a quiet peace with it. Wishing everyone a healthy, happy and fulfilling Holiday Season!



Welcome to the 5th newsletter for this term of Council!!

It's hard to believe that one year has passed since this new Council has been working together. We have a lot on our plate and are doing our best to fulfill our duties and ensure we deliver the services and programs you need.

Please do share your feedback on this newsletter, and on any municipal matters. I welcome your ideas!!

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- The annual contract with the Ontario Provincial Police has been renewed for 2024. The cost works out to \$224.89 per property per year.
- After many years of proudly taking care of our iconic Buckhorn Buck, the Beautiful Buckhorn volunteers (who purchased the statue in 1984!) have asked the Municipality to assume its maintenance, along with the many Red Geranium barrels that line the Buckhorn Road.
- Two new Cell tower applications have been submitted for placement along County Road 507 in 2025.
- The Q3 Operations Report has been published: [Q3 Report](#)
- The Contract for Engineering Services for the replacement Buckhorn Firehall and Public Works buildings has been awarded.
- Peterborough Public Health is transferring responsibility for the issuance of septic permits and the septic inspection program to the Municipality, effective April 2024.
- The Greater Harvey Historical Society submitted an expression of interest in using the Deer Bay Hall. An engineer/architect will be engaged to determine necessary renovations for the proposed purpose and then Council will decide whether to proceed with renovations or sell the Hall.
- The annual contract with the Kawartha Region Conservation Authority has been renewed. Flood plan mapping for 400 properties in the Miiskwaa Ziibi and Nogies Creek areas will be completed in March 2024.
- The new Communications Strategy has been launched, to:
  - Inform
  - Engage
  - Promote
- Two new committees have been created - Environmental and Heritage Advisory Committees. Applications are being accepted to December 13<sup>th</sup>. (See p. 2)
- Applications for Community Grants are being accepted until January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024: [Community Grants](#)
- A Sign Removal Blitz was conducted the week of November 5<sup>th</sup>, with 439 illegal signs removed. (See p. 2)

**NOTE:** These are updates selected by me to keep the public informed. Any errors or omissions are mine alone. For more, and to see video recordings of past Council meetings, go to [www.trentlakes.ca/council/meetings-agendas-minutes/](http://www.trentlakes.ca/council/meetings-agendas-minutes/)

***Trent Lakes is proud to be a vibrant, resilient,  
sustainable and environmentally friendly community***

# A Deeper Dive.....

## NEW Advisory Committees

Two new committees have been created to place greater focus on prominent issues.

### **1. Environmental Advisory Committee**

#### **Mandate**

To advise, provide guidance, and make recommendations to Council on environmental issues including the protection, conservation, and enhancement of natural assets and resources.

#### **Composition**

2 Council members and 5 Community members

[EAC terms of reference](#)

### **2. Heritage Advisory Committee**

#### **Mandate**

To advise, provide guidance, and make recommendations to Council with respect to heritage preservation including the conservation and stewardship of natural, cultural, and architectural heritage in the municipality.

#### **Composition**

2 Council members, 4 Community members and 1 representative from the Greater Harvey Historical Society

[HAC terms of reference](#)

## Sign Removal Blitz

You may have noticed the proliferation of signs that popped up along our roads during the summer.

Under the Trent Lakes Municipal By-law, no person may erect, alter, attach, place or display a sign without a permit. Limited exceptions apply. Staff have previously removed unpermitted signs throughout the year; however, the owners tend to put up replacements shortly after.

Following a public announcement, teams of staff members travelled municipal roads and removed 439 illegal signs, representing 68 businesses and agencies. We hope this sends a message. It certainly was a welcome reduction in the "sign pollution" that we have seen. (NOTE: We are requesting the County and other Municipalities to also "Step Up" and remove illegal signs on their roads.)

## Community Hall Meeting

The Municipality owns three community centre facilities – Galway Hall, Cavendish Community Centre and Lakehurst Hall. Each is managed by a volunteer Board of Directors who do a great job of organizing events, activities and meetings throughout the year.

We brought representatives from each Board together to:

- share information about their activities, attendance, and fund-raising efforts,
- consider opportunities to expand activities, increase utilization and diversify attendees.

This first meeting gave everyone a chance to start these conversations and identified areas for future collaboration.

## Quad Council Meeting

After a hiatus of 5 years, Trent Lakes initiated a meeting of adjacent Municipalities (North Kawartha and Selwyn) and Curve Lake First Nation.

The meeting was a very positive step toward building a foundation of understanding, trust and respect.

This first session was primarily intended to bring our four Councils together, meet one another and share items of Interest and special projects.

Not surprisingly, we affirmed that many of the same issues and opportunities exist for our respective Councils. We discussed the potential for future collaboration on health care, transportation, economic development, environmental protections and senior support services. A follow up meeting will be scheduled.

## Seated, left to right:

Mayor Sherry Senis, Selwyn  
Mayor Carolyn Amyotte, North Kawartha  
Deputy Mayor, Carol Armstrong, Trent Lakes  
Chief Keith Knott, Curve Lake First Nation

## Standing behind them:

Members of the four Councils

