



Deputy Mayor Carol Armstrong

Welcome to the 7th newsletter for this term of Council!! The long May 24 meeting was stunning, and fast tracked our summer season. We look forward to seeing returning cottagers and visitors alike.

This newsletter shares updates on several large projects, as well as recent Council decisions.

Please read the brief overview on the new Canadian Canoe Museum. Consider a visit to see this world class facility that houses over 600 canoes and kayaks.

The new Municipal monthly newsletter is launched! It highlights important information for all residents and cottagers, including:

- Free well water testing
- New Doctor in Buckhorn welcoming additional patients
- 2024 mattress and hazardous waste collection dates
- Burn Permits requirement

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DATES to remember:

- Fire Protection Information ZOOM **June 7**, 7 – 8 pm. Register at [Fire](#)
- STR public meeting: Saturday **June 8**, 10 am – 12 pm
- STR public meeting: Thursday **June 13**, 6 - 8 pm
- Annual Ratepayer/Community Assn meeting: Saturday **July 13**, 10 am – 12 pm

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TRENT LAKES DEPUTY MAYOR UPDATE

Highlights of Trent Lakes Council Meetings March - May 2024

- A new program to assist residents on private roads will be starting September 2024. These grants (max \$3,000 per road association, total budget \$30,000) will assist property owners with costs for the maintenance of private roads (e.g., road grading, tree removal and trimming, noxious weed control, gravel, dust control, roadside mowing, road drainage, road reconstruction, road surfacing and winter maintenance), resulting in better accessibility and safety for the traffic. [private road grant](#)
- The County is reviewing options for expanding organics collection, now that the new processing facility is open (see p.2)
- The audit of 2023 Financials concluded, once again, that Trent Lakes' financial position is healthy and that planning and management of operational and capital costs is sound. [2023 Audit](#)
- The Short Term Rental Licensing proposal is complete and public feedback is being sought. (See p. 2)
- The second annual Clean Roads Program was highly successful, with many groups showing up to clear our roadsides of carelessly tossed litter.
- For the first time in 12 years, the fees for planning applications (minor variance, zoning bylaw amendment, severance, official plan amendment, etc.) have been adjusted to reflect actual processing costs.
- Budgets and Rates for the 2 Municipal water systems (Alpine Ridge / Pirates Glen and Buckhorn Lake Estates) have been set for 2024.
- An appeal to the Ontario Land Trust by Dewdney Mountain Farms Ltd has been adjourned.
- The report of Q1 2024 operational services has been published at: [Q1 Service Report](#) PLEASE review all the support services provided by staff for our residents.
- Plans for replacement of the Buckhorn Public Works and Fire Station with a combined facility in 2025/2026 have begun. Meantime, the new Public Works, Centralized mechanics and Recreation and Facilities building north of Bobcaygeon continues on time and on budget. (Photos below)



NOTE: These are updates selected by me to keep the p and to see video recordings of past Council meetings,

nformed. Any errors or omissions are mine alone. For more, www.trentlakes.ca/council/meetings-agendas-minutes/

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

CANADIAN CANOE MUSEUM

In Peterborough, along the banks of the Otonabee River, the Canadian Canoe Museum celebrated its Grand Opening on May 11th. This beautiful facility houses the world's largest collection of canoes and kayaks and explores the crucial role watercraft played in our history and culture. Canoes paddled by Gordon Lightfoot and Pierre Trudeau are on display.

The Museum earned recognition by National Geographic as one of the Best Cultural Spots in the BEST of the World 2024 list. It is definitely worth a visit and even a paddle off its dock with one of the canoes or kayaks on site.



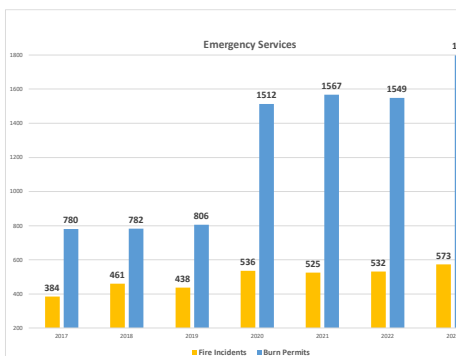
SHORT TERM RENTALS

The Municipality of Trent Lakes is moving to Phase 3 – Licensing - of its three (3) year phased program to recognize and address the emergence of Short-Term Residential Rental properties. [3 year STR plan.](#)

The draft Short-Term Rental Accommodation (STRA) Licensing By-Law has been developed to license and regulate short-term rental properties, to provide safe accommodation options to support Trent Lakes tourist industry while allowing residents the opportunity to use their properties to earn additional income. Short-term rental regulations assist in responding to health, safety and nuisance concerns related to excessive noise, garbage, parking and security issues, while enabling all property owners to enjoy their properties. The STRA Licensing By-Law is an enhanced tool to address issues that may arise. Over 50 municipalities in Ontario have already implemented Short-Term Rental regulations through licensing by-laws.

Public Input is being sought on the draft STR Bylaw. The draft by-law, a summary, and frequently asked questions can be found at: [STRs.](#)

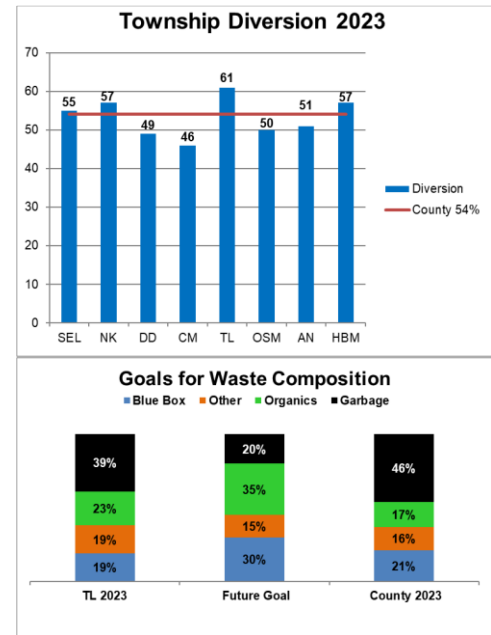
BE SAFE!



We live in a heavily wooded area, and the risk of fires is a constant danger! If you must burn, get a Burn Permit, and follow the rules. Our emergency services professionals are busier than ever, so PLEASE do your part to keep us all safe.

WASTE

Trent Lakes continues to lead the County of PTBO in diversion of its waste – Thanks to ALL of you who are conscientious about disposal of waste. Despite our best efforts to divert organics from landfill with composting, food cyclers and reduced purchases (we diverted 177 tonnes in 2023!!!) organics still comprise 30 – 40% of all the garbage going into landfills.



But, there is good news!

The city of Peterborough recently completed construction and started operation of its **GROW Organics Facility** in February. It was built to intake organics from the City and all 8 Municipalities in the County. This facility uses the Gore System, which breaks down organics over a three-step process that masks methane from being made, and slowly breaks down materials through a series of bunkers dedicated to aerating, reduction of premature waste, and then uncovered for a final two weeks before processing and packaging.

The contractor that runs the facility keeps the final product which is used on agricultural fields, landscaping etc. The City keeps about 10% to use at City parks and outdoor spaces.

The County is exploring ways to collect more organics in Trent Lakes to “feed” this plant and to further reduce landfill garbage. Not so Fun Fact: Across Ontario, landfill sites have an average of less than 10 years of useful life remaining.