



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

Welcome to the 8th newsletter for this term of Council!!

It is hard to believe another summer is coming to an end! It was a beautiful season, and I hope you and your family enjoyed all the sites and activities our community has to offer.

Council has held several public events over the past months (attendees in parentheses):

- 2 public Short Term Rental Meetings (50+)
- Annual Ratepayer/Association Meeting (30+)
- 3 Town Halls (60+)

A reminder that the municipality is now emailing a monthly newsletter, with lots of news and information DO subscribe at [e-newsletter](#)

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# TRENT LAKES

## DEPUTY MAYOR UPDATE

Highlights of Trent Lakes Council Meetings

**June - August 2024**

- The new Environmental Advisory Committee has developed an ambitious Workplan. Priorities are:
  - **Water Management** - Establish and Maintain General Practices for Managing Trent Lakes Water Bodies
  - **Forest Protection**, Preservation, and Inventory - Establish and Maintain General Practices for Managing Trent Lakes Forests
  - **Natural Heritage** Strategy - Consolidate existing data and newly obtained inventories to create a Natural Heritage Strategy
  - **Dark Sky** Certification - Ensure that Trent Lakes Participates in Actions that Improve the Quality of the Nightscape Environment
  - **Emergency Management Plan** - Ensure Emergency Management Plan is Accessible and Effective
  - **Engage With Experts**
  - Monitor and Expedite Implementation of **Trent lakes Climate Action Plan** and Promote Achievements
  - **COMPLETE!** Review Policies, Staff Reports, and Plans with **Environmental Lens**. A new section has been added to every staff report: "Environmental Implications"
- Flood mapping and modeling of 300 properties along the Miskwaa Ziibi and Nogies Creek are complete. [Flood Map Report](#)
- A revised and comprehensive Building Bylaw has been developed and published. [B2024-045 Building Bylaw](#)
- All municipal road signs (273) will be upgraded for accessibility compliance (includes high contrast between letters and background, fonts with distinct and not decorative letters, as well as initial uppercase).
- New dedicated mechanics/recreation and facilities building on Cty Rd 409 is on schedule for completion this fall and on budget.
- The Trent Lakes 2024 Energy Conservation and Demand Management assessment and plan has been completed. GHG emissions have been reduced 20% since 2019. [Energy Management Plan](#)
- The Trent Lakes Police Services Board is transitioning to the replacement Peterborough Police detachment Board. Councillor Braybrook continues as our representative.
- County Road 507 traffic and accidents are a continuing issue. A speed indicator sign has been put in place; Photo Radar has been requested; a Road Safety Audit will be done by the County, EMS and OPP (Recommendations focus on the three E's: engineering, education and enforcement); Planned rehabilitation of the section from Cty Rd 36 to Mississauga Dam Road in 2027 will consider safety features. [507 accident report and plans](#)
- The Final Buckhorn Community Improvement Plan has been approved. [Buckhorn CIP](#)
- The Short Term Rental Working Group is deliberating over next steps, based on public input and the experience of other municipalities. A status report will be presented September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**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/)

## Q2 2024 SUMMARY REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- **\$1,222,320** was awarded through delegated purchasing authority through Corporate Services.
- Q2 included a gain of 675 social media followers to **4,183** and there were **56,036** visits to the Municipality's website.
- Over **1,000** people have already subscribed to the municipal e-newsletter.
- **113** building permits were issued YTD (up 20% YOY), and **625** inspections conducted (up 1%).
- Q2 Bylaw complaints were up **15%**.
- Fire and Emergency Services call volumes remain high, with a slight decrease in YOY incidents. Over 50% of calls were at the Buckhorn fire station. **6** more firefighters have now completed NFPA Firefighter 1 & 11.
- **1347** Burn Permits were issued YTD
- **538.8** tonnes of garbage were accepted YTD, flat over 2023.
- **30** participants cleaned 15 roads in Trent Lakes collecting 75 bags of garbage during our Spring campaign.
- Rec and Facilities staff completed **626** work orders taking **944** hours.
- Under **Green Initiatives**, the new Trent Lakes Tanker truck was delivered which carries 1600 more gallons of water than the truck it is replacing, self-watering geranium barrels have been introduced and there were several diversion programs for mattress disposal, paper shredding and bulky plastics.

## ROAD GRANT



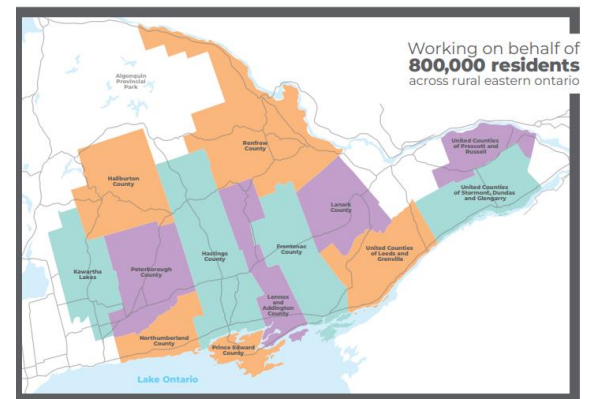
APPLY NOW: [private road grant](#)

This is a new program to assist residents on private roads. 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.

## EASTERN ONTARIO WARDENS CAUCUS

Trent Lakes is one of 103 small urban and rural municipalities represented through the Eastern Ontario Wardens Caucus to the Provincial Government.

<https://eowc.org/>



### 2024-2027 Strategic Priorities

- Infrastructure
- Housing
- Health Care

## ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEMAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Under Ontario Regulation 25/23– *Broader Public Sector: Energy Reporting and Conservation and Demand Management Plan* – each municipality must report on its energy usage, its Green House Gas emissions and initiatives to reduce these, every five years. Trent Lakes objectives are to:

- Institutionalize energy efficiency and low carbon thinking into the organization;
- Enhance operational efficiency of existing buildings;
- Build Municipal facilities to ensure high environmental performance;
- Improve environmental performance of existing Municipal facilities; and,
- Utilize renewable energy sources.

The Municipality accomplishes these through ongoing replacement and upgrade of lights, appliances, furnaces and other equipment with energy efficient alternatives. As Public Works and Fire structures are replaced per the strategic master plan, significant reductions will be achieved in energy output and GHFF emissions.