



TRENT LAKES

DEPUTY MAYOR UPDATE

As the days are getting shorter and the nights cooler, take time to connect with family, community and nature.

Thank You for reading and sharing!

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DEPUTY MAYOR CAROL ARMSTRONG

June - August, 2026

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

HIGHLIGHTS of Council Decisions

- Buckhorn joint Fire Hall and Public Works Depot construction is progressing on budget and on time (November opening)
- Council Expense Policy has been revised to provide a fixed annual reimbursement amount, consistent with actual claim amounts and eliminating hours of administrative time
- Asset management progress report estimates Replacement Value of Municipal assets at \$289.4 M
- 72% of the assets are in Good to Very Good condition, 24% Fair condition, and 4% Poor to Very Poor condition
- There is a \$261M funding gap to replace/repair municipal assets over 40 years
- Gravel Road Upgrade Policy has been developed to standardize road upgrades based on common, objective criteria
- East Clear Bay Road was resurfaced
- Cavendish Community Ratepayers Abandoned Docks project, supported by municipal grants, completed removal and disposal of 132 docks
- Proposed Buffalo Bay development has reached compliance with 21 Ontario Land Tribunal requirements and is proceeding with 16 dwellings on Pigeon Lake
- SEE page 2 for highlights of the Q2 Summary Operations Report
- 2026 is a municipal election year. Changes in the process mean you need to act NOW... (See ELECTION 2026 section)

Deferred to next Council

- Shoreline and Tree Protection Bylaw Consultation and Passage
- Discretionary Septic Inspections Resumption
- Environmental Advisory Committee Continuation
- Fireworks Restrictions Revisited

NOTE: These updates were selected 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/

ELECTION 2026

- Municipal Election Voting Day October 26, 2026
- Voting details:
 - **Internet and Telephone Voting**
 - Opens **Tuesday, October 13 at 10:00 a.m.**
 - Closes **Monday, October 26 at 8:00 p.m.**
 - **Paper Ballot Voting with Tabulators at the Municipal Office**
 - **Friday, October 23 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
 - **Saturday, October 24 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
 - **Sunday, October 25 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**
 - **Monday, October 26 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- See who the **official Candidates** are and go to their webpages: <https://www.trentlakes.ca/government/election/official-list-of-candidates/>
- **CALL TO ACTION!!** ALL property owners can vote, even if it is a secondary property and cottage!!! Please check that you are on the official Voters List by contacting the Clerk's Department at election@trentlakes.ca or 705-738-3800 ext. 245

COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BYLAW (CZB)

Do not skip this section!!

What, you may ask, is the “Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw”? It is the set of requirements adopted for the promotion of public health and safety, land use compatibility and general welfare.

AND, It just may be the most important Bylaw affecting you, your family, and the next generation. Why? :

Because the CZB, as we know it, dictates

How land may be used - What can be built in specific areas (zones) of the municipality	Where buildings and other structures can be located - How close to the lot lines, How close to the water, lot coverage
The lot sizes and dimensions, parking requirements, building heights and setbacks from the street	The types of buildings that are permitted and how they may be used - How large or tall they can be, Can they be used for habitation, storage, work area, gym, etc. , How many
What studies and plans are required	What site alterations are permitted
What is required for septic and water	And more....

The Municipality is working with a consultant to rewrite the Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw. Staff and the consultant have flagged 21 preliminary issues that need to be addressed in the revision. [CZB Issues](#)

Here is a selection of the ones that affect most residents:

- Natural Heritage System mapping and regulations
- Regulations for Home Occupations and Industries
- Additional Residential Units, Increased Residential Density
- Boat houses and Docks
- Waterfront Lot Coverage
- Waterfront Development
- Barriers to Growth
- Minimum Dwelling Unit Size
- Accessory Building Uses
- Review of Trailer Park regulations
- Use of Unopened Road and Shore Road allowances
- Road setbacks

Most importantly , there is a need to make the new Bylaw shorter, user-friendly, and self-explanatory .

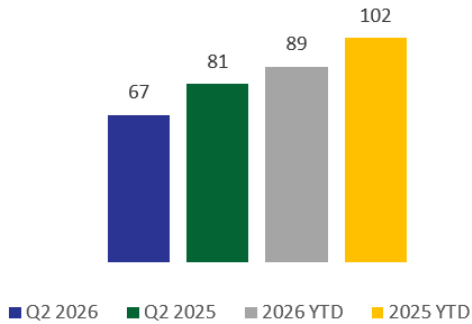
WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Go to the website:
<https://www.trentlakes.ca/news/posts/comprehensive-zoning-by-law-review/>
- Comment on the proposed changes once they are posted.
- Attend the Open House – Date TBD

Q2 2026 OPERATIONS SUMMARY

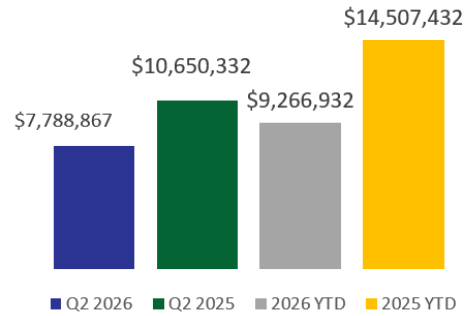
BUILDING PERMITS DOWN FROM 2025

Permits Issued



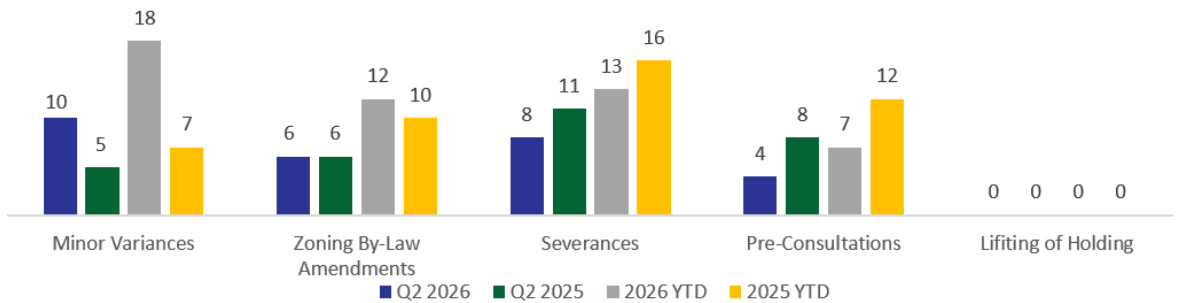
CONSTRUCTION VALUE DOWN BASED ON A 5-YEAR AVERAGE OF \$15,295,037

Construction Value

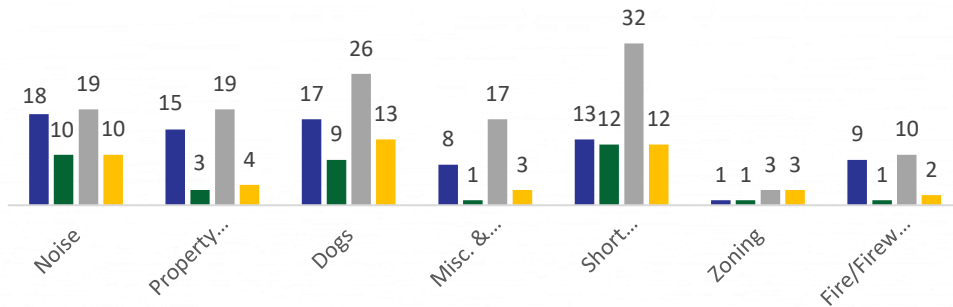


PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR MINOR VARIANCES AND ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENTS UP FROM 2025

Applications

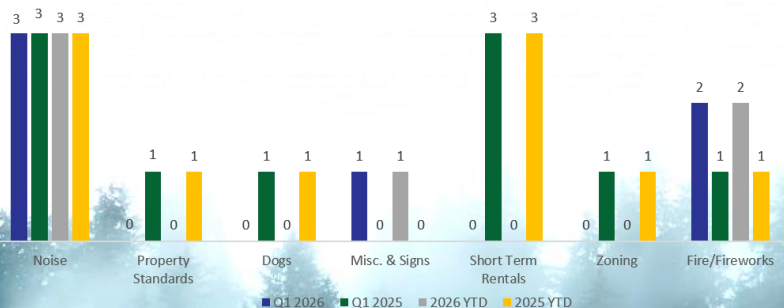


BYLAW COMPLAINTS UP 168% OVER 2025



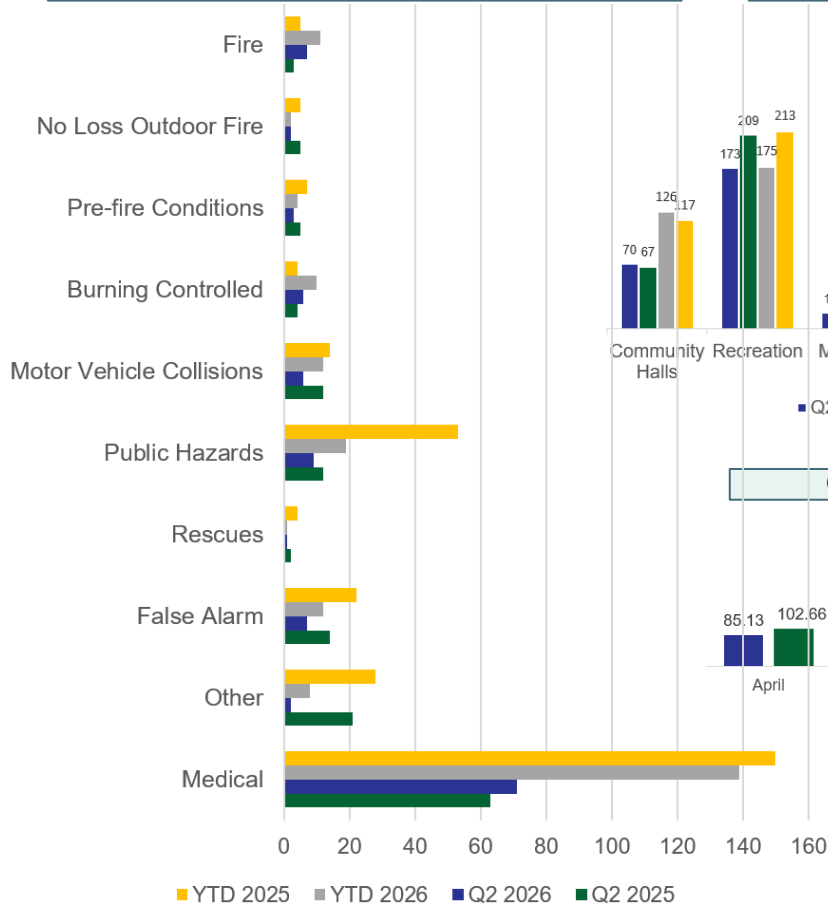
AFTER-HOURS COMPLAINTS VERY LOW

After Hour TAS-PAGE By-law Complaints Received

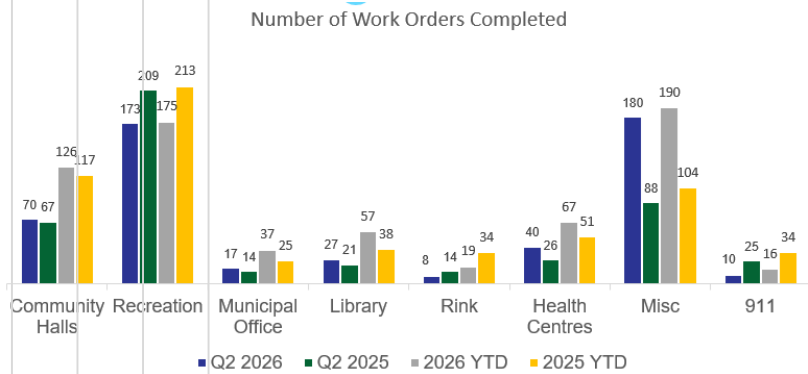


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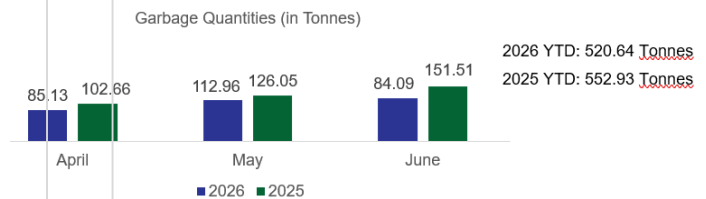
MEDICAL ISSUES REPRESENT 63% OF ALL EMERGENCY SERVICE CALLS



OVER 680 WORK ORDERS RECREATION & FACILITIES STAFF COMPLETED



GARBAGE IS DOWN FROM 2025



WEBSITE HAS HIGH VIEWERSHIP

Top 10 viewed pages on website for YTD 2026

Website Page	# of Views
Home	14,709
Events	10,292
Careers and Volunteering	6,727
Burn Permit Form	4,242
Transfer Stations	4,129
Search Bar	2,444
Burn Permits	2,418
Contacts Directory	1,541
Building and Renovating	1,291
Recycling and Garbage	1,265

MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER CONTINUES TO EXPAND REACH

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