

Waves

A publication for the citizens and communities of the Municipality of Lakeshore.

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Mayor's Message: Water and Wastewater Master Plan Marks a Time for Action

Earlier this year, Council and I supported the 2024 Water and Wastewater Master Plan, a document that will guide critical water and wastewater infrastructure investments in Lakeshore's communities over the next two decades.

First, I'd like to thank the residents and stakeholders who shared their input during the extensive community consultations that were conducted for the plan. Feedback is incredibly important to ensure strategic documents like this one reflect the needs of our communities.

Unfortunately, what we've learned through this process is that our water and wastewater systems have long been underfunded. This lack of action has brought us to a point where hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of investments are needed to meet both current and future needs.

We know that many residents will be frustrated by the costs outlined in this plan, but inaction is no longer an option and Council and I are united in our duty to protect the environment, keep our drinking water safe, and provide sewer systems that meet demand.

Those measures will reflect the comprehensive approach necessary to tackle a problem of this magnitude. The plan includes investments in preliminary works and detailed designs to ensure projects are ready to be built as soon as funding is made available. We will also be conducting a review of our development charges and water/wastewater rates to ensure they can support the investments outlined in the plan.

Finally, we will seek support from other levels of government, which will be essential to the plan's success.

I look forward to meeting with provincial and federal officials to discuss this plan and how it can support the achievement of our shared goals.

You can read the full plan, as well as background information, on the project page at Lakeshore.ca/WWMP

Looking ahead, Council will hold 2025 Budget deliberations in January of next year. Those discussions will include projects identified in the Master Plan. As always, we look forward to engaging our residents and hearing feedback about how budget decisions can continue to make Lakeshore a great place to live, work, and play.

TOGETHER WE ARE

Lakeshore

Council Welcomes Michael Hoffman as Ward 2 Rep

At the meeting on October 1, Council welcomed the newly sworn-in Ward 2 Councillor, Michael Hoffman.

"I am proud and honoured to continue the tradition of the great work done on Council by Paddy Byrne," said Councillor Hoffman.

Lithium - Ion Battery Safety

The Lakeshore Fire Department is urging residents to exercise caution with lithium-ion batteries following three residential fires caused by battery malfunctions. Common in devices like remote control cars and phones, these batteries can overheat, ignite, or explode when damaged or improperly charged. **Here are some safety tips to remember:**

- Purchase batteries directly from the product manufacturer.
- Never leave batteries charging unattended and use manufacturer approved chargers.
- Store batteries in fireproof lithium-ion battery bags to reduce fire risk while charging.
- Stop using your device if the battery shows signs of damage such as odor, excessive heat, popping sounds, swelling, or changing colour.
- Damaged batteries should be safely discarded according to local hazardous waste guidelines.

Upcoming Recreation Events



Winter Program Registration

Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM

Winter Kickoff Celebration

Join us on **December 21, 2024**, at the **Atlas Tube Recreation Centre** for a Winter Kickoff Celebration! Enjoy free skating, swimming, pickleball, and preschool play. Reserve your spot for swimming, basketball, pickleball, and skating by calling **519-728-2700** or visiting Lakeshore.ca/Recreation

New Year's Eve Fireworks

December 31, 2024 at the Atlas Tube Recreation Centre
Fireworks will begin at **6:30 PM**

Happy Holidays!

May your holidays be filled with warmth, love, and cherished memories. Best wishes, merry Christmas, and a happy New Year from all of us at the Municipality of Lakeshore!



We Want to Hear Your Housing Needs

We need your help to identify

housing needs throughout Lakeshore! If you work or live in Lakeshore, please respond to our housing needs survey which will be available online until **February 2025**. Learn more about the project and share your experiences with housing at Lakeshore.ca/HousingSurvey



Donate to Sparky's Toy Drive

From **November 16 to December 14, 2024**, join the Lakeshore Firefighters Association in helping provide local needy families with new toys for their young children at Christmas!
New toys can be dropped off at:

- **Lakeshore Fire Headquarters**, 592 St Charles St, Belle River
- **Atlas Tube Recreation Centre**, 447 Renaud Line Rd, Belle River

Can't donate toys? Monetary donations can be made by visiting Lakeshore.ca/SparkysToyDrive



Keep Lakeshore Safe this Winter

Do your part to help keep roads safe for all road users & snowplow operators with these winter weather tips:

- Maintain a safe driving distance from all vehicles, especially snowplows/service vehicles during a snow event. Be cautious, snowplows back up frequently.
- Park vehicles in driveways and off local roads whenever possible. If vehicles are blocking the roadway, Lakeshore staff may ask for vehicles to be moved.
- Keep garbage and recycle bins on your lawn and off the roads. Ensure they are visible from the road.
- Do not shovel snow onto roads and always clear snow off sidewalks in front of your property. Depositing snow on the roadway is an offence under the Highway Traffic Act.
- Follow us on social media for road condition updates.



Lakeshore's PSU is Here to Help

The Municipality of Lakeshore's Public Service Unit (PSU) is your one-stop shop to municipal services and information! The PSU is here to help with general inquiries or a seamless connection to ensure you get the information you need quickly and efficiently.

Call **519-728-2700** or email PublicService@Lakeshore.ca
Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM



We Want to Hear From You!

Check out upcoming engagement events and sign up for community surveys online at:

Lakeshore.ca/Engage

Follow us online to stay up-to-date!



Lakeshore.ca/Connect

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