

Waves

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

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Back to School Safety Reminder

With students heading back to school, the Municipality of Lakeshore is reminding everyone that community safety is a shared responsibility.

Driver should:

- Always stop and never pass a school bus when its red lights are flashing, regardless of whether you are behind or approaching the bus
- Reduce your speed and always keep a safe distance behind school buses.
- Always stop for pedestrians at crosswalks /school crossings and obey crossing guards.

Pedestrians should:

- Follow directions from crossing guards and make eye contact with drivers of approaching vehicles before crossing.
- Pay attention to your surroundings and do not use devices while walking along roadways



Mayor's Message: Community Safety at the Forefront in Autumn

With schools back in session and Fire Prevention Week coming up, this season is a wonderful time to engage and educate your family and loved ones on how you can help keep our communities safe.

All five of Lakeshore's fire stations will open their doors on Wednesday, October 9 for Fire Prevention Week. At these events, designed for people of all ages, you will learn directly from the experts, Lakeshore's incredible team of firefighters! Kids will enjoy hands-on activities, safety tips, and even explore fire trucks and firefighting equipment.

On behalf of Council, I hope you and your family get a chance to participate in Fire Prevention Week! If you are planning to attend, check out [Lakeshore.ca/FPW](https://lakeshore.ca/FPW) for details!

In September, Council will also deliberate on a critical document that will pave the way to a safer Lakeshore, the **Fire Master Plan!**

The Plan will guide improvements and enhance how fire and emergency services are provided throughout Lakeshore's communities. It will review all aspects of our fire department's operations and how we can meet and exceed industry best practices and legislation.

As our municipality has grown, so too have the pressures on our protective services. As with our other high-level strategic documents, the Fire Master Plan will identify these challenges and help us prioritize solutions while ensuring we deliver the best value for taxpayer's dollars.

We hope you can tune in and watch Council's deliberations as we consider this crucial document, and we look forward to hearing your feedback. Stay safe!

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Lakeshore Mourns the Loss of Ward 2 Councillor

Lakeshore Council and staff are mourning the loss of Ward 2 Councillor Patrick "Paddy" Byrne. Councillor Byrne passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and loved ones, on July 25, 2024, at the age of 71.

A report on filling the Ward 2 Council seat will be presented at the September 10th Council meeting. Stay up-to-date at [Lakeshore.ca/News](https://lakeshore.ca/News)

Upcoming Water Billing Reminder



When receiving your upcoming water bills please be mindful that **September and October bills are a result of summer months' water consumption.** Due to the summer heat, water usage increases with activities like garden watering, sprinkler usage, and filling pools. Residents can expect higher than average bills during these billing cycles. Learn more at [Lakeshore.ca/Water](https://lakeshore.ca/Water)

Roads Needs Study

In July, Council approved funds to complete a Roads Needs Study that considers all road infrastructure. This study, conducted by R.J. Burnside & Associates Ltd. with StreetScan, includes a condition assessment/rating of roads, asset management and capital project planning guidance, and the development of policies for maintenance and improvements. A final report will be presented to Council for approval in 2025. Stay tuned at Lakeshore.ca/News

Housing Partnership To Be Considered by Council

At the meeting on August 13, 2024, Lakeshore Council directed administration to bring back a report on the development of a formal partnership with the University of Windsor's Centre for Cities.

The goal of such a partnership would be the creation and implementation of a Housing Production Systems Approach, a comprehensive and community-centric approach that would see residents engaged in a bottom-up process to determine how Lakeshore's housing sector develops.

The memorandum of understanding, which will be presented to Council for approval at a future meeting, would be the first of its kind in the region.

Fire Prevention Week 2024

Fire Prevention Week is October 6 to 12, 2024, and this year's theme is "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" During the week, Lakeshore Fire will be out visiting local schools to teach children about the importance of having an emergency plan. Residents are also invited to visit various **FPW Open Houses**, happening across the municipality. Stop in from **6:00 PM to 9:00 PM on October 9, 2024** to learn about fire prevention, meet local firefighters, and check out firetrucks and equipment. Learn more at Lakeshore.ca/FPW

Fire Prevention Week Open Houses will take place at:

Station 1 - 1031 County Road 22, Emeryville
Station 2 - 1465 Lakeshore Road 203, Maidstone
Station 3 - 592 St. Charles Street, Belle River
Station 4 - 2095 County Road 31, Ruscom
Station 5 - 6400 Main Street, Comber



2025 Budget Dates

Lakeshore's draft 2025 Budget is scheduled to be presented to Council on Tuesday, **November 5, 2024**.

Following the meeting, Council deliberation and approval of the final budget are scheduled to take place on **November 25 to 27, 2024**. Stay tuned for updates and learn more at Lakeshore.ca/Budget

New Noise By-law, By-law 16-2024

A new Noise By-law, By-law 16-2024, will come into effect September 1, 2024. Highlights of the by-law include:

- Prohibited noise, such as sound amplification for advertising or persistent animal noise.
- Noise from fireworks will only be permitted 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM on holidays or days of religious/cultural significance, for a maximum of 15 minutes.
- Regulated noise, is prohibited from 8:00 PM to 7:00 AM Monday through Saturday, (8:00 PM to 9:00 AM on Sundays). This includes the reasonable operation of power equipment such as lawnmowers, as well as construction equipment.
- Residents can apply for a permit for exemption to prohibited hours of noise for Critical Infrastructure Construction or Special Events.

We encourage residents to contact the By-law Division at Bylaw@Lakeshore.ca during business hours or the OPP non-emergency line after-hours to report any violation of the by-law. As part of the compliance process, officers will determine if the noise is reasonable or a violation of the by-law. This determination is made from where the sound is being heard from. For a full copy of the new Noise By-law, please visit Lakeshore.ca/Noise



We Want to Hear From You!

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