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

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Mayor's Message: 2026 Budget Deliberations

This December, Council and I will gather to deliberate Lakeshore's 2026 Budget. This will be the fourth and final budget of our term, and we continue to prioritize bold and focused leadership to ensure our municipality can overcome today's challenges while preparing for the future.

Our challenges are extensive, aging infrastructure, a booming population, and increased demand for new and existing services.

Throughout our term, we've faced these challenges head on while limiting the impact on taxpayers. We know that times are tight, and every dollar counts. We've received tens of millions of dollars from upper levels of government, including the single largest grant in our history in 2025, and we continue to seek external funding and community partners to help us achieve our goals.

This budget is also the first under Ontario's Strong Mayor

framework. While this legislation gives me additional power to make specific budget decisions, I have opted to only provide Administration with general guidelines.

Budget deliberations are one of our most important decision-making processes, and they deserve a close eye and a team approach. Council and I are dedicated to delivering on that promise.

Together we are Lakeshore.

Calling All Artists!

The Municipality of Lakeshore is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 2026 Mayor's Art Awards. These awards work to celebrate artists from all disciplines who live or work in the Municipality of Lakeshore. Apply to the following categories:

Student Artist | \$1000 award

Emerging Artist | \$1000 artistic merit award

Creative Entrepreneur | \$1000 award

Artistic Excellence | \$1000 artistic merit award

Patron of the Arts Leadership | \$1000 donation to charity



**MAYOR'S
ART AWARDS**

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Review the nomination package outlining eligibility criteria, submission requirements, and the judgment process at **[Lakeshore.ca/ArtAwards](https://lakeshore.ca/ArtAwards)**

2026 Budget Dates

Lakeshore's draft 2026 Budget is scheduled to be presented to Council on Tuesday, November 18, 2025. Following the meeting, Council deliberation and approval of the final budget are scheduled to take place on Thursday, December 4, 2025.

Stay tuned for updates and learn more at **[Lakeshore.ca/Budget](https://lakeshore.ca/Budget)**

Our Website Has a New Look

In early September, Lakeshore's new website was launched. The revamp was aimed to increase the ease of navigation and to strengthen the websites overall branding and accessibility. Residents are encouraged to explore the new content sections and share their feedback online.

Town Hall Reopening!

Lakeshore's frontline services return to Town Hall (419 Notre Dame St., Belle River) starting October 8, 2025.

The Public Service Unit will continue to provide high-quality service online and over the phone. For more information on connecting with Lakeshore, visit **[Lakeshore.ca/Contact](https://lakeshore.ca/Contact)**



2026 Summer Student Recruitment

Lakeshore's summer student job positions will open soon for applications. Youth who are 16 years of age or older and returning to school in September of 2026 are eligible to apply. Applications will open mid-December and will be accepted until the end of January.

Summer student positions run from early Spring to late August or early September, although some positions may vary. The positions offer on-the-job work experience suitable for a wide range of interests and career paths.

Apply online at Lakeshore.ca/Jobs

Upcoming Recreation Events

Winter Program Registration

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at 9:00 AM.

Winter Kickoff Celebration

Join us on December 23, 2025, 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, 2025, at the Atlas Tube Recreation Centre. Fireworks will begin at 6:30 PM.

Keep Lakeshore Safe this Winter

Do your part to keep roads safe for all road users and snowplow operators with these winter 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.

Local Government Week #LocalGovWeek

This year, Local Government Week is October 20 to 26, 2025; and it is an annual celebration that recognizes the important role that municipalities, like Lakeshore, play in our lives!

From building safe roads and providing clean drinking water to planning for future neighbourhoods, each division contributes to making Lakeshore a great place to live, work, and play. Together, we are Lakeshore.

Throughout the week, we'll be sharing fun facts about Lakeshore's programs and services, so stay tuned!

The PSU is Here For You!

Contact Lakeshore's Public Service Unit for general inquiries or to be connected to a specific department.

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