

# Waves

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

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## Mayor's Message: Funding the Future of Lakeshore

While Council and I have tackled several challenging issues throughout our term, our highest priority has been that of Lakeshore's finances. Our role as stewards of the public purse has highlighted our responsibility in finding strategic solutions that minimize the impact on taxpayers. We have found success in that approach.

Our investment strategy, facilitated by our talented finance

team, has paid off. In 2024 we earned \$3.28M in revenue and exceeded expectations by over \$1.65 million due to strong returns from bank-held funds, reserves, interest, and other sources.

We've also seen great success in securing funding from partners. Earlier this year, we were approved for nearly \$37 million from the Canada Housing and Infrastructure Fund, the single largest grant in our history,

as well as \$7.4 million from the Housing Accelerator Fund. These funds will support critical investments in infrastructure to meet today's needs as well as facilitate future growth.

As we enter into the final year of our term, we will continue to make prudent financial decisions to ensure the long-term prosperity and sustainability of our communities.

**Together we are Lakeshore.**

### Back to School Safety Starts with YOU



The back-to-school season has arrived and the Municipality of Lakeshore is reminding residents to stay safe to and from school this year. Parents/guardians are encouraged to talk to their children about how to stay safe when going back to school. **Here are some back-to-school safety tips to follow:**

- Create a safe route to school or the bus stop, and encourage children to follow it.
- Ensure children always wear a properly fitted helmet when riding a bike or scooter to school.
- Remind children to always walk on the sidewalk or away from roadways.
- Follow directions from crossing guards and make eye contact with drivers before crossing.
- Pay attention to your surroundings and avoid using devices while walking.

### Fire Prevention Week 2025

This year, **Fire Prevention Week is October 5-11**, and the theme "Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home," works to educate everyone about how to properly use Lithium-Ion Batteries. The campaign stresses how important it is to **BUY, CHARGE, and RECYCLE** safely. On **October 8, from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM**, residents are invited to visit **FPW Open Houses**, happening across the municipality to learn about fire prevention, meet local firefighters, and check out firetrucks and equipment. Learn more at [Lakeshore.ca/FPW](https://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



### Residential Rat Abatement Program Launched

Lakeshore has launched the Residential Rat Abatement Pilot Program, which provides residential property owners a rebate of up to 50% of the cost of extermination services (maximum of \$200 rebate).

Learn more about eligibility, the inspection process, and apply online at: [Lakeshore.ca/RatProgram](https://lakeshore.ca/RatProgram)

## Important By-law Reminders

Lakeshore's By-law Division is reminding residents that allowing standing water on your property is against the Yard Maintenance By-law #54-2018 and can contribute to pest control issues including mosquitoes and other animals in your neighbourhood! For more information, contact: **519-728-2700** or **ByLaw@Lakeshore.ca**

Residents are also asked to maintain their properties in accordance with the Yard Maintenance By-law 54-2018. Grass and weeds must be trimmed and not exceed 20 cm (8 inches) in height. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in **progressive administrative fees**. Work may also be completed and billed to the property tax roll.

## 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**

## Sign Permits

Did you know? Before installing or displaying a sign on any property, individuals, businesses, or organizations must obtain a Sign Permit. These permits ensure that signs comply with zoning bylaws, building codes, and safety standards. Learn more at: **Lakeshore.ca/BuildingPermits**

Please note: Posting any type of advertisement or sign on municipal property including telephone poles and street lights is not permitted.

## Community Benefit Fund Applications

Local non-profits and community organizations are invited to apply for a Community Benefit Fund Grant, a program designed to empower local organizations and support projects that enhance the overall well-being of the community. The Community Benefit Fund Grant is open to a range of eligible organizations. Applications will be accepted until late September. Learn more at **Lakeshore.ca/CommunityBenefitFund**

## Sea Can Community Survey Coming Up

Lakeshore is seeking feedback from residents on the regulation of sea cans, or shipping containers, for signage, storage, and other purposes in both urban and rural areas.

Learn more and share your feedback online at **Lakeshore.ca/SeaCanSurvey**



## We Want to Hear From You!

Check out upcoming engagement events and sign up for community surveys online at: **Lakeshore.ca/Engage**

## Upcoming 2026 Municipal Election

Lakeshore's next municipal election is coming in 2026! Voting will be conducted in-person with voting tabulators.

Stay up-to-date on candidates, dates, and voting locations online at **Lakeshore.ca/Election**



## New Lakeshore Horizons Partnership

The Centre for Cities (C4C) at the University of Windsor's Faculty of Law in collaboration with the Municipality of Lakeshore has launched Horizons, a transformative, three-year partnership focused on shaping the future of growth in the region.

Events will take place throughout the partnership duration to inform residents about the challenges communities face with population growth. Topics of events will include: financing municipal services and infrastructure, sustainability, and improving quality of life for residents. These events will help participants learn how Lakeshore is preparing to address these challenges. Sign up for updates at **Lakeshore.ca/HorizonsSignup**

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