



Waves

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Mayor's Message: Spring has Sprung in Lakeshore!

On behalf of Council, I'd like to wish everyone a happy Spring! This is the season when we shake off the cold of winter and start to get active outdoors.

Spring marks the reopening of our seasonal parks and facilities. Belle River Marina will reopen as a popular destination for fishers and boaters, with Lakeview Park and West Beach ready to welcome visitors from across the region.

Seasonal park facilities, like splash pads and washrooms, will also reopen as weather warms. As always, we need your help to keep them safe and welcoming.

If you encounter problems, or have suggestions on how we can improve, please give us a call.

Spring is also the start of construction season. If you're planning a new construction or renovation project, please contact our talented Planning and Building Divisions. Our new online permitting system makes it easier than ever to start projects, and our staff are ready to answer questions.

Residents can also look forward to all the capital projects we have planned in communities throughout Lakeshore. Make sure to check out the 2025 Budget for details!

As a Council, we're maintaining the momentum of the passage of the 2025 Budget, which delivered one of the lowest tax rate increases in the region. In February, we were thrilled to receive over \$7 million in grant funding from the Housing Accelerator Fund, and we continue to seek funding to support the critical housing and infrastructure investments that our communities need. We hope to share more good news as the year unfolds.

Together we are Lakeshore.



Mayor Tracey Bailey

Upcoming Recognition Weeks

Emergency Preparedness Week

This year, **May 4 to 10**, is Emergency Preparedness Week! This week serves as an important reminder of how you can be prepared for emergencies.

In Ontario, this year's theme is "Be Prepared. Know Your Risks", which encourages Canadians to understand the risks in their area and how to protect their families. Throughout the week, Lakeshore will be sharing tips on social media. Learn more at [Lakeshore.ca/Prepare](https://lakeshore.ca/Prepare)

Drinking Water Week

Drinking Water Week is coming up from **May 4 to 10**! This week highlights the essential role of drinking water in daily life, the infrastructure needed to deliver it to homes and businesses, and the work our staff do every day to keep it safe.

Stay tuned to Lakeshore's social media accounts for posts about Drinking Water Week.

Public Works Week

National Public Works Week is **May 18 to 24**! This week recognizes the hard-working staff in Lakeshore's Public Works Division who handle roads, sidewalks, and infrastructure maintenance throughout the municipality. Their hard work enhances our quality of life and helps to keep our communities safe.

Check out Lakeshore's social media accounts for posts celebrating our Public Works staff!



Lakeshore Marina and Park Amenities Reopening

As spring arrives, facilities will start to reopen throughout Lakeshore!

Lakeshore's seasonal park amenities, such as washrooms, courts, and sports fields, are scheduled to reopen to the public on **Wednesday, May 1**.

Belle River Marina is scheduled to reopen on **Saturday, April 26**, for the 2025 season. The marina ramp (\$15 per launch) and the fuel/pump-out docks will be staffed daily from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the season. For more info, please visit [Lakeshore.ca/Marina](https://lakeshore.ca/Marina) or call **519-728-2700**.

If you encounter a problem at a local park or facility, please visit [Lakeshore.ca/ReportAProblem](https://lakeshore.ca/ReportAProblem)

Every Second Counts: Be Pool Safe



As summer approaches, backyard pools become a hub of fun for kids, friends, and family. To keep the fun safe, it's important to understand the risks, whether you own or are just visiting a pool. The single most important way to keep everyone safe is to ensure that young children are always supervised in and around the water. **Here are some pool safety tips to follow:**

- Appoint an adult to actively supervise children near the pool.
- Keep children under five within arm's reach in and around the water.
- Control and restrict access to the pool with a latching gate and enclosed fencing to help prevent potential accidents.
- Enroll your family in swimming lessons to learn essential water safety skills.



Canada Day Returns to Woodslee

Join us for Lakeshore's annual Canada Day Celebrations on Tuesday, July 1, 2025, happening this year at Millen Park and Libro Community Centre (1925 S Middle Rd, South Woodslee)!

Enjoy a full day of family-friendly fun, including:

- Games & Activities – Yard games and fun for all ages
- Live Entertainment – Music and performances throughout the day
- Community Booths – Meet local groups and organizations
- Fireworks at Dusk – A spectacular show to end the night

For event details and updates, visit Lakeshore.ca/CanadaDay or follow us on social media.

Spring Projects Permit Reminder:

If you're planning to build a swimming pool, fence, or deck, a permit application must be submitted prior to the start of construction. Under By-law #39-2018, a permit is required, along with specific height, and material requirements.

To help get your project started, apply through our online permit application portal at Lakeshore.ca/Permits

Pre-authorized Payment Plans

Sign up for Lakeshore's pre-authorized payment plan (PAP), covering both tax and water bills. This service will help you avoid missed payments and late charges by having billed funds automatically withdrawn from your account. For more info, call the Public Service Unit at **519-728-2700** or visit: Lakeshore.ca/PAP

Lighthouse Cove Golf Cart Pilot Project



Council approved a by-law to move forward with the Province of Ontario's Golf Cart

Pilot program. The program, which runs until 2031, will **allow registered residents to use golf carts on municipal roads in Lighthouse Cove from April 1 to November 30 each year.**

To stay up-to-date about this project, sign up at: Lakeshore.ca/GolfCartPilot

CAO Update: Message from Tyson Cragg

Lakeshore's new Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), Tyson Cragg, has hit the ground running since he started in the role earlier this year.

"I would like to thank Council, staff, and the residents of Lakeshore for the warm welcome to the municipality," said Cragg. "There is certainly lots to learn as Lakeshore faces pressing issues on several fronts. As a leader, I recognize the important role that every individual plays in an organization, and I am confident that the talented members of Team Lakeshore can deliver the results that Council and residents expect."

As Chief Administrative Officer, Cragg serves as the connection between elected representatives and administration. He oversees the implementation of Council decisions while providing direction on the day-to-day management and administrative operations within the municipality.



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!



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