

2024 Autumn Newsletter



THANK YOU to all the individuals and community groups who have generously supported and worked tirelessly to make this wonderful celebration possible. Your sponsorship, dedication, and hard work are a true reflection of the vibrant spirit and unwavering commitment that define West Perth. It is through your efforts that we can come together and enjoy such a memorable event!

Council Corners



Council Corners is a new informal opportunity to meet your Councillors and our Community Engagement Coordinator.

- **Mon. Oct 28th: 7:00–9:00 pm** in the Community Room at the Municipal Office
- **Thurs. Nov 7th: 7:00–9:00pm** at Brodhagen Community Centre
- **Wed. Nov. 13th: 7:00–9:00pm** at Black Donnellys Brewing Company in Russeldale
- **Thurs. Nov 21st: 7:00–9:00pm** at the Dublin Hall

What's Up in West Perth?



- Music in the Park – August 4th: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – Mandolin Soul Bluegrass Band
- Music in the Park – August 25th: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm – The Country Versatiles
- Mitchell Fall Fair – August 30th to September 1st, the Mitchell Fall Fair celebrates its 170th year!
- Breakfast on the Farm – September 14th: 9:00 am to 1 pm – The Louwagie Family, Hillmanor Holsteins, Dublin
- Older Adult Dance – August 28th, September 25th, October 30th: 1 pm – 3 pm

For upcoming events visit westperth.com/calendar

Go Paperless!



Rescue your kitchen counter from the pile of 'paper bills' and sign up to receive your tax bill via E-mail.

Cost Savings: Reduces expenses by eliminating the need for printing and postage.

Time Efficiency: Enables faster invoicing, delivery, and processing compared to traditional methods.

End User Efficiency: Provides more time to review and process invoices, with access to historical invoices through email.

Sign up for E-Send today!

Important Tax Information



INTERIM TAX BILL: The amount billed is 50% of prior year's taxes.

FINAL TAX BILL: Current tax rate is applied to current year assessment value to calculate final total taxes less interim amount billed.

It is **IMPORTANT** to keep your **FINAL** tax bills for future reference if needed for income tax purposes, mortgage companies, realtors, or appraisers as it shows the total taxes billed for the year. ***\$5 fee for re-prints/re-send of tax bill**

Accepted Tax & Utility Payments:

- Pre-Authorized Payments
- Online and Telephone Banking
- Pay Simply: Online Card Payment



* Pay Simply is a third-party provider to securely pay Tax or Utility bills online with anycard. Visit www.PaySimply.ca and search West Perth

- E-Transfer: finance@westperth.com
* MUST specify your account number
- Drop Box at Municipal Office
*Cheques only
- Regular Letter Mail

westperth.com/taxes

Final Tax Installment Due Dates

August 30, 2024

November 29, 2024

Your 2024 Municipal Budget

Curious about how your taxes are used in West Perth? Check out our newly released 2024 Budget Report for a detailed overview of our projects and priorities. It's available on our website or at our office.

The total 2024 budget is \$11,412,523.

Capital Budget Highlights:

\$3,918,209 (61%)
Transportation



\$4,000 (<0.01%)
Health Services



\$54,251 (1%)
Protection Services



\$278,000 (4%)
General Government



\$557,500 (9%)
Recreation and Culture Services



\$1,585,999 (25%)
Environmental Services



WestPerth.com/Finance



West Perth Fire Department

Saturday Sept. 28, 2024 is Ontario's 2nd Annual Test Your Smoke Alarm Day! As part of Test Your Smoke Alarm Day, all Ontarians are encouraged to learn more about smoke alarms, fire safety, and home escape planning, which can save the lives of you and your loved ones. Most importantly, we want you to test your smoke alarms!



Lithium-Ion Battery Safety Tips

Lithium-ion batteries power many devices we use daily, such as smartphones, laptops, e-scooters, toys, and cars. While they store a lot of energy in a small space, improper use or defects can cause overheating, fires, or explosions. Follow these safety tips to prevent emergencies:

- Purchase devices listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Use the battery designed for the device.
- Use the charging cord that came with the device.
- Avoid charging the device under your pillow, on your bed, or on a couch.
- Stop charging once the device is fully charged.
- Keep batteries at room temperature.

WestPerth.com/Fire

Recreation and Facilities



Youth Centre

Starting September 2024, the West Perth Youth Centre will be open Tuesday through Friday, 3-5:30pm, for grades 6-12. We offer various programs and drop-in activities, including a monthly Night Drop-In from 7-9:30pm and occasional special events. The Centre is closed on PA Days and other necessary days. Our goal is to provide a safe and welcoming space for youth to engage and get involved.

WestPerth.com/Youth

After School Care

Are you in need of after-school care for your children? Starting in September 2024, we are launching a new after-school program at the West Perth Community Centre! The program will run from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm with pick-up from UTES. It is open to children aged 6-12 and costs \$10.00 per day. Join us for a variety of crafts, games, and after-school fun!



WestPerth.com/Youth

Facility Rentals

Book our beautiful, functional spaces for your next family gathering or event. Room rentals fill up quickly in autumn/winter across West Perth, so book early to avoid disappointment. Reserve your spot online by visiting our website.

WestPerth.com/Hallrentals

West Perth Public Library



Explore the best kept secrets in and around Perth County for free! Go with the family or on your own to discover local and provincial parks, activities, museums and much more with our community passes. Or, learn something new with our digital resources and online courses—free with your library card. Partners in Employment, YMCA Settlement Services, Service Canada, and Blood Pressure Clinics are at the Library each month, too. Contact the Library for details!

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Open Air Burn Permits

A burn permit is required for all open air burning within the Municipality, this is regulated by the Open Air Burning By-law.



Apply online

Perth County
Cultivating Opportunity

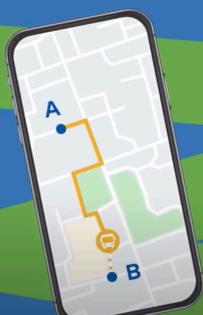
...considering planting a windbreak?

GRANTS AVAILABLE

Up to \$5,000 for windbreaks, block plantings, and more!
Applications open November 1 2024 for Spring 2025.

www.perthcounty.ca/stewardship

Perth County Stewardship Program



Public transit

at your fingertips

The service runs from Monday to Saturday with scheduled stops throughout Perth County, Stratford, St. Marys, London and Kitchener-Waterloo.