

2025 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER



Important Tax Information

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**

INTERIM TAX BILL: The amount billed is 50% of the previous 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.

Final Tax Installment Due Dates
August 29, 2025 & November 28, 2025

Landfill Hours

 125 Clarke Street, Mitchell

 Hours of Operation:

Tuesday to Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

 Closed Sunday & Monday

Credit and debit only.

WestPerth.com/garbage



What's Up in West Perth?

- **Mitchell Fall Fair** - August 29th to 31st, Mitchell Fall Fair celebrates its 171st year! 
- **Tailgate Music Festival** - September 20th starting at 5pm
- **Cops for Cancer**- September 27th 11am to 2pm : Keterson Park
- **Optimist Spooktacular** - Oct. 25th & 26th
- **Older Adult Dance** - 1pm to 3pm: September 24th Bob Lauze & Mostly Sideways, October 29th Irish Cowboys and December The Country Versatiles
- **Knox Church Quarter Sale** - November 26th
- **Dublin Lions Club Breakfast with Santa** - November 29th

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 as well as your water and wastewater 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!

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 any card.

Visit www.PaySimply.ca and search West Perth

- Drop Box at Municipal Office

*Cheques only

- Regular Letter Mail

westperth.com/taxes

Perth County OPP Reminders

Closed Roads

Motorists must stay off closed roads, even if only a sign or police cruiser is present. Ignoring closures puts emergency crews at risk and may result in fines.

Frauds & Scams

Scams are on the rise. If you get a call about a family emergency or bank issue, verify with your family or bank directly. Never send money or give gift card numbers to strangers. Report fraud to 1-888-310-1122 and 1-888-495-8501.

Lock It or Lose It

Unlocked vehicles or keys left inside are easy targets for theft. Always lock your vehicle—prevent crime and help keep roads safe from stolen vehicles.

How to Contact the Perth County OPP:

- 9-1-1 – Emergencies only, such as a fire, medical emergency, or crime in progress
- 1-888-310-1122 – Non-Emergency Number for OPP
- www.opp.ca – OPP Website and Online Reporting (See Website for Reportable Occurrence Types)
- (519) 348-9700 – West Perth OPP (Not Monitored 24/7)
- West Perth Detachment: 132 St. George Street, Mitchell

Your 2025 Municipal Budget

Curious about how your taxes are used in West Perth? Check out our newly released 2025 Budget Report for a detailed overview of our projects and priorities. It's available on our website or at our office.

The total 2025 budget is \$12,100,574.

Capital Budget Highlights:

\$3,128,866.00 (51%) Transportation		\$135,000.00 (2%) General Government	
\$274,273.00 (4%) Protection Services		\$2,283,938.00 (25%) Environmental Services	
\$344,500.00 (6%) Recreation and Culture Services			

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Recreation and Facilities



Youth Centre

Starting the week of September 22, 2025, the West Perth Youth Centre is open Tuesday to Friday, 3:00–5:30 PM for Grades 6–12!

Drop in to hang out, play games, join programs, or just chill with friends. Don't miss our monthly Night Drop-Ins (7:00–9:30 PM) and exciting events all year long!

The Centre will be closed on PA Days and as needed—check the calendar to stay in the know. We're all about creating a safe, welcoming space where youth can connect. WestPerth.com/Youth

Kidz Korner

Starting again in September 2025, our popular After-School Program at the West Perth Community Centre is ready to welcome kids aged 4–12 for exciting afternoons filled with creativity, connection, and active indoor and outdoor play! Running Monday to Friday from 3:00–5:30 PM, open to students for daily pick up from UTES, or bus drop-off for St. Patricks and St. Columban. Registration is currently full but be sure to join the waitlist to be the first to know if spots become available!

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!

WestPerthPL.ca

Don't Blow It! Keep Grass Clippings Off Roads



Residents and property owners are reminded to help keep roads safe by ensuring grass clippings and yard waste stay on their property.



West Perth Fire Department

Fire Prevention Week: October 5–11, 2025

Fire Prevention Week Open House

Tuesday October 7th 6-8pm

We will be hosting our annual open house and sharing tips to help everyone learn how to prevent fires and protect their loved ones. Stay tuned to our website and social media pages for more information.

As the leaves change and temperatures cool, it's the perfect time to review fire safety in your home — especially with the growing use of devices powered by lithium-ion batteries.

These small but powerful batteries are in everything from phones and tablets to power tools, e-bikes, and toys. When used incorrectly, they can overheat and catch fire.

- Always use the charger that came with your device
- Never charge on beds, couches, or soft surfaces
- Avoid charging overnight or when you're not home
- Keep batteries away from direct sunlight, heat, and vehicles
- Stop using a battery if it's damaged, swollen, or overheating

WestPerth.com/Fire

Funding Available

Contact Ian Jean
at 519-235-2610 or
ijean@abca.ca

Perth County
Cultivating Opportunity

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Grant funds available for 2026. Applications open soon!

Private Planting Projects
Community Planting Projects
Forest Health Checkups

www.perthcounty.ca/stewardship

TREE PLANTING PROGRAMS

Thinking about planting trees?

Creating a windbreak, restoring habitat, or adding shade? UTRCA offers expert advice, custom plans, planting services, and up to 80% funding support.

Minimum property size: 2.5 acres
Minimum order: 50 large stock or 300 seedlings

Rob Davies
Forestry & Restoration Supervisor
(519) 451-2800 x 243

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