

2023 Autumn Newsletter



The festivities are just around the corner for Mitchell's 150th anniversary!

Pre-New Years Dance: Dec 30, 2023

Mayor's Levee: Jan 7, 2024

- Featuring Generational and Century Farms

Ghost Walk of Mitchell:

- More Information in October 2023!

Homecoming Week: July 29 - Aug 4, 2024

To learn more, or get involved:
[WestPerth.com/Mitchell150](https://www.westperth.com/Mitchell150)

Other fun features include the Mitchell 150 Cash Calendar sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 128 Mitchell.

A full schedule of the 2024 Homecoming Week is coming soon. Check our website for all Mitchell 150 Information!

What's Up in West Perth?

We've been working hard to serve our community and bring some amazing upgrades to you this year:

- Tree Planting at Mitchell Dog Park
- Tim Horton's Pavilion in Keterson Park
- Dublin Outdoor Washrooms
- Electric Pathway - EV charger planning
- Road resurfacing across the Municipality

Our Community Engagement Coordinator is planning great events this autumn to bring together Councillors in West Perth, and give you the opportunity to meet them, vocalize what you are passionate about, and learn from one another. Stay tuned to our website and socials for details as we enter autumn.

Have a project you want to see happen?
[WestPerth.com/ContactUs](https://www.westperth.com/ContactUs)

Go Paperless!



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

Cost Savings: Eliminates the need for printing and postage, reducing costs of mailing.

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

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Sign up for E-Send today!

[westperth.com/taxes](https://www.westperth.com/taxes)

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's 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.

Accepted Tax & Utility Payments:

- Pre-Authorized Payments
- Online and Telephone Banking
- Pay Simply: Online Card Payment*
- E-Transfer: finance@westperth.com**
- Drop Box at Municipal Office ***
- Regular Letter Mail



* 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.

** MUST specify your account number.

*** Cheques only.

Final Tax Installment Due Dates

August 31, 2023

November 30, 2023

Your 2023 Municipal Budget

Wondering how your taxes are used in West Perth? Check out our newly released 2023 Budget Report for a full run down on our projects and priorities, available on our website or at our office.

WestPerth.com/Finance

The total 2023 budget is \$10,224,440.

\$3,953,930 (39%) Transportation		\$395,420 (4%) Other	
\$2,860,964 (28%) Protection Services		\$52,415 (1%) Health Services	
\$1,902,922 (19%) Recreation and Culture Services		\$234,934 (2%) Planning & Development	
\$708,246 (7%) General Government		\$115,609 (1%) Environmental Services	

Garbage & Recycling

Municipality of West Perth contracts Bluewater Recycling Association to provide curbside garbage and recycling collection.

- Does your bin need replacement or repair?
 - Need to report a missed pickup?
 - Want to change bin sizes?
 - Looking for the collection schedule?
- Complete the online forms at:

www.bra.org



West Perth Fire Department

Thursday Sept. 28, 2023 is Ontario's first Test Your Smoke Alarm Day! Last year there were 133 fire fatalities in the province – the most in 20 years. All Residents 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! Check out our social media channels for more information about Test Your Smoke Alarm Day!

WestPerth.com/Fire



Stay Active & Have Fun



Community Calendar

Does your club or group have an event coming up that you'd like the public to know about? Add it to our website's community calendar! Weekly updates are emailed out to over 700 subscribers. A great way to get visibility- it's free!

WestPerth.com/Calendar

Facility Rentals

We have beautiful, functional spaces available for your next family gathering or event. Room Rentals get busy in autumn/winter at many of our facilities across West Perth. Plan ahead and book early to avoid disappointment. You can now book facilities online! Visit our website for more.



Ice Rentals

The Mitchell Arena will make ice in September. Do you have a hockey team with a want for weekly ice? Maybe you want to rent an hour for a birthday party? Times are available at competitive rates! Call the arena to book:

(519) 348-9311 WestPerth.com/Skating



Discover More Flavour in West Perth!

Discover locally produced food, farm products, and farm experiences right here in West Perth. Whether you love farm gate stores, self-serve stands, and seasonal pick-your-own experiences, the digital or paper Farm Gate Map will help you discover and enjoy all of harvest season's bounty!

PerthCounty.ca/FarmGate

West Perth Public Library



Explore West Perth and more for free!

Visit the Mitchell Golf Club, the West Perth Pool, the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame, the Stratford Festival Costume Warehouse, Region of Waterloo Museums, London Children's Museum, Ontario Parks, Upper Thames Conservation areas, and more with your library card. Borrow a PC Connect family bus pass to get to where you're going!

For programs, services, and resources, visit the library at 105 St. Andrew Street in Mitchell, by telephone at 519-348-9234, on Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, or online:

WestPerthPL.ca