

# 2023 Spring Newsletter

MUNICIPALITY OF WEST PERTH



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## IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

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

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

*It's important to keep your tax bill 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](mailto:finance@westperth.com)\*\*
- Drop Box at Municipal Office (cheques only)
- Regular Letter Mail

\* Pay Simply is a third-party provider to securely pay Tax or Utility bills online with any card.

Visit [PaySimply.ca](https://PaySimply.ca), search West Perth.

\*\* Must specify your account number.

## WEST PERTH FIRE

**DID YOU KNOW?** Home fires occur more often in winter than in any other season. As we continue through this winter season stay cozy and warm while being FIRE SMART!

- Have a WETT certified technician inspect your woodstove and chimney to ensure it meets requirements.
- Have your chimney and other fuel burning appliances, such as your furnace, cleaned and inspected yearly.
- Store cooled ashes in a tightly covered metal container away from your home.
- Test Carbon Monoxide and smoke alarms every month.



## Farm Tax Classification

Have you recently purchased a farm property in West Perth? Sale of farmland (FT) triggers a tax classification change back to Residential (RT) and is taxed at 100%. Please review property tax bill to ensure you have the correct classification.

**Classification changes are made through AGRICORP at:**  
1-888-247-4999 or email:  
[contact@agricorp.com](mailto:contact@agricorp.com).

## BURN PERMITS

Get a Burn Permit using the online application form!  
[westperth.com/fire](https://westperth.com/fire)

Burn Permits are an important tool, letting our firefighters know where the planned fires are, so they can respond appropriately to those that are not. Burn permits can take up to 72-hours to process. What can be burned, when, and best burning practices can be found on our website.

Follow the West Perth Fire Department on socials at [@PEFD\\_WPFD](https://twitter.com/PEFD_WPFD)



Welcome to West Perth

*Mayor Walter McKenzie*

It's an exciting time for West Perth's Council as we begin a new year with a new council, in a new administration building!

I would like to welcome the new councillors Diane Chessell, Alex Foster, Phil O'Donnell, Andrew Fournier, and Doug Feltz, elected on October 24th. They join members from the previous council Dean Trentowsky, Nicholas Vink, Steve Herold, Murray Rose, Ryan Duck, and myself.

Council has appointed new committees and have started strategic planning, setting goals and objectives for this council term, prior to beginning the difficult budget. A 2024 Homecoming Committee is being organized to mark the Sesquicentennial of Mitchell and the 26th Anniversary of West Perth's amalgamation.

As always, we encourage our community to get involved in local volunteer groups, sports, get out into nature and experience everything West Perth has to offer!

[westperth.com/council](https://westperth.com/council)

COME FOR THE DAY, YOU MIGHT STAY FOR A LIFETIME!

## Tax Due Dates: February 28, May 31, August 31, November 30.

### Program Registration & Youth Week 2023

In-person recreation program registration for all 2023 recreation programs is happening at the West Perth Community Centre!

**Saturday February 25th**  
**Saturday March 4th**  
**9:00am - 12:00pm.**

Join us to see what's going on in West Perth, and get active this spring and summer!

[westperth.com/recreation](http://westperth.com/recreation)

May 1 - 7th is Youth Week! A fun-filled youth-led initiative celebrating youth (14-19) in our community. Stay tuned on socials @WestPerthRecreation and website for details.

Youth looking to complete volunteer hours can join the Youth Advisory Committee to plan, organize, and implement different events throughout youth week.

[westperth.com/youth](http://westperth.com/youth)

### By-Laws: REPORT IT!

You can report issues to keep our community safe and healthy. Report by-law infractions, infrastructure problems (e.g. streetlights, sidewalks, potholes, road signs), vandalism, etc!

Downtown Mitchell has a 2-hour parking time limit. Winter overnight parking limits are in effect until March 31.

[westperth.com/reportit](http://westperth.com/reportit)

### KETERSON PAVILION PROJECT

The pavilion at Keterson Park in Mitchell is being rebuilt into a multi-use pavilion with 3-season capability, covered basketball court, pickleball court, kitchen & bar, and accessible washrooms. This \$1.8 million investment in sports and recreation will support the provincially awarded teams in our community, while providing more opportunity for rentable outdoor space for family gatherings, outdoor child & youth programs with partner groups and day camps. This project will incorporate an accessible walking trail throughout the property and EV charging stations.

Our goal is to raise \$400,000 to



supplement the project. There are several opportunities for donation and sponsorship. We have raised 12% of our goal to date. A BIG thank you to the community leaders who have claimed naming rights and made donations thus far!

Find out more at:

[westperth.com/ketersonpark](http://westperth.com/ketersonpark)

### BUILDING PERMITS

Apply for a building permit online! Sheds over 161 sq ft, fences, driveways, pools, septic systems, decks, and more all require a permit in West Perth.

[westperth.com/building](http://westperth.com/building)

### WE MOVED!

West Perth Municipal Office:  
160 Wellington Street  
Mitchell ON, N0K 1N0



Find out more about this project by scanning the QR code!



### ROADSIDE SPRAYING:

Roadside herbicide spraying is done annually in May and June throughout West Perth.

Herbicides selectively kill weeds but not grasses, and is approved for roadside use under a public works exemption of the Cosmetic Pesticide Ban.

A public notice of this pesticide use will be advertised in the Mitchell Advocate and on the municipal website.

Property owners who do not want the unmaintained ditch in front of their property sprayed with herbicide during this time can post "No Spray" signs at the start and finish of their property.

These signs must be at least 30 cm x 60 cm (1 ft x 2 ft) and can simply say "NO SPRAY".

### DOG TAGS AND ANNUAL FEES



All residents in West Perth are required to have a tag for their dogs (By-law 17-2017). Dog owners currently registered will receive an invoice for 2023. Annual fees are **DUE February 28th**, after which they are charged interest. Please remember to be a good neighbour: pick up after your pet, and dispose of the baggies properly at home. To apply for a new dog tag or to pay the annual fee, visit:

[westperth.com/dogs](http://westperth.com/dogs)



**WEST PERTH  
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

*So much more than books!*

Did you know the Library has books, e-books, audiobooks, Ontario Parks passes, a seed library, and regular special events? So much to discover in 2023! Hours of operation are:

**Mon - Thurs: 10am-8pm**

**Fri - Sat: 10am-5pm**

Check out new programs, activities and resources online or find us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube or Tiktok for more!

[westperthpl.ca](http://westperthpl.ca)