

2026 SPRING NEWSLETTER

Important Tax Information

It is **IMPORTANT** to keep your FINAL tax bills for future reference, including income tax purposes, mortgage companies, realtors, or appraisers as it shows the total taxes billed for the year.

*\$5 FEE FOR REPRINTS/RESEND 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.

Interim Tax Installment Due Dates

February 27, 2026 & May 29, 2026

Thinking of Running for Council?

A candidate for municipal office must, upon nomination, be a qualified municipal elector and fulfill all of the following requirements:

- A resident of West Perth, a non-resident owner or tenant of land in the Municipality of West Perth, or the spouse of such an owner or tenant
- A Canadian Citizen
- At least 18 years old
- Not legally prohibited from voting
- Not disqualified by any legislation from holding municipal office

The nomination period for candidates and third party advertisers opens on **May 1, 2026**. This is the date on which prospective candidates can file their nomination papers to run for Council, Mayor or Deputy Mayor. In addition, we will also be accepting nomination forms for school board representatives and third party advertisers.

Candidates may begin formally campaigning after filing a nomination paper, prior to this date advertising and campaigning is prohibited. All nominations must be filed in person.

KEY DATES

Nominations Open: May 1, 2026

Nominations Close: August 21, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

Election Day: October 26, 2026

westperth.com/election

Updating Your School Support

Property owners and tenants in Ontario can choose which school board they support. If you haven't made a change, your support defaults to the English-Public board. Your current designation appears on your property tax bill.

MPAC provides this information to Elections Ontario to help prepare the Preliminary List of Electors.

Please review and update your school support by **June 1, 2026** so it's accurate for the October 26, 2026 election. Update your designation at mpac.ca/schoolsupport



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/utilities

Sign up for E-send today! westperth.com/taxes

Election Information **VOTE!**

Elections Ontario maintains the Permanent Register of Electors (also known as the Voters' List), which includes individuals eligible to vote in provincial and municipal elections in Ontario.

You can use Elections Ontario's Voter Registration application to confirm, update, or add your information if you have:

- Changed your name or address
- Purchased or rented a new property
- Sold or no longer rent a property
- Requested removal of your information from the list

Need help?

Register to Vote Ontario has created a step-by-step guide to help you maintain your information on the Register.

Visit our website by scanning the QR code.



 Elections Ontario

2026 Mayor's Budget

Curious about how your taxes are used in West Perth? Explore the newly released 2026 Mayor's Budget Report for a detailed overview of municipal projects and priorities. You can access it on our website or pick up a copy at our office.

The total 2026 budget is \$18,907,517.

Capital Budget Highlights:

\$3,898,750.00
Transportation



\$66,000.00
General Government



\$328,690.00
Protection Services



\$2,291,610.00
Environmental Services



\$5,573,132.00
Recreation and Culture Services



\$6,749,336.00
Planning and Development



westperth.com/finance

Recreation and Facilities



Older Adult Dance

Takes place in the West Perth Community Centre from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., occurring on the last Wednesday of every month.

Registration

- March Break Camp Registration: February 9th
- Happy Herons Summer Camp Registration: February 27th
- Swimming Lessons Registration: February 28th

Visit westperth.recdesk.com to register.



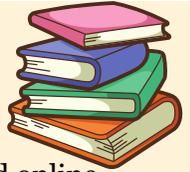
Facility Rentals

Book our beautiful and functional spaces for your next family gathering or event. Room rentals fill up quickly in spring and summer across West Perth, so book early to avoid disappointment. Please note that due to ongoing construction, the arena- including the lobby, the ice pad and activity room will not be accessible until Fall 2026. Reserve your spot online by visiting our website.

westperth.com/hallrentals

West Perth Public Library

Did you know you can access a wide variety of free resources at the West Perth Public Library? Enjoy video games, puzzles, eBooks, podcasts, and online newspapers available both in person and online!



The library also hosts community programs, including Family Services Perth-Huron and EarlyON programs, with so much more to explore. Need something printed? Visit the library or send your documents ahead of time using our convenient mobile printing options. Discover everything the West Perth Public Library has to offer! Call 519-348-9234 or visit:

westperthpl.ca



Dog Tags & 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 2026. If your dog information has changed, please let us know. Annual fees are DUE February 27th, after that they are charged interest. To apply for a new dog tag or to pay the annual fee visit our website at:

westperth.com/dogs

Farm Tax Classification



Recently purchased farmland in West Perth? Sales reset the property to Residential (RT) at 100%. Check your tax bill to ensure the classification is correct.

Classification changes are made through AGRICORP. Call 1-888-247-4999 or email contact@agricorp.com.

westperth.com/fire

Discover, Connect & Belong West Perth 2026

Join us to explore a variety of community groups, service clubs, and volunteer opportunities. You'll also learn about upcoming summer programs, swimming lessons, and much more!

Fri, Feb 27th
5:30-8:00 pm

Sat, Feb 28th
9:00-11:00 am

West Perth Community Centre

185 Wellington St.
Mitchell, ON

www.westperth.com

FREE IPV 101 COMMUNITY SESSION

Concerned about a loved one's relationship? Join StopVAW Perth for a free Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) 101 session to learn the signs, how to help, and where to find local supports.

Sessions run
January-May 2026,
6:30-8:30 PM
in Mitchell, St. Marys,
Listowel, and Milverton.



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Register via Eventbrite or visit www.stopvaw.ca

STOP VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN



The Perth County Stewardship Program is supporting landowners growing a resilient future with over 20,500 trees planted and 31 km of windbreaks installed since 2024. Grants for Fall 2026 projects open for applications June 1. Learn more at: www.perthcounty.ca/stewardship