

2022 Autumn Newsletter



2022 Municipal Elections

Councils shape priorities, ensure public accountability, and represent the community. They provide a democratic forum for diverse perspectives and experiences to be heard, so that better decisions are made, and good governance is maintained.

ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?
check at www.voterlookup.ca

Nominations are now being accepted for an office on West Perth Council or School Board Trustee. Deadline to file a nomination is Friday August 19, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

ELECTION DAY IS OCTOBER 24, 2022
www.westperth.com/elections

Only 34% of eligible voters in West Perth cast their ballot in 2018. Your values, interests, and voice matter to our community! Vote online or by telephone.



St. Marys Healthcare Foundation

The SMHF is seeking donations to support the "Here for Today, Building for Tomorrow Campaign" to renew facilities at the St. Marys Memorial Hospital. Most donations qualify for charitable tax receipts. Donate today!
www.stmaryshealthcare.foundation

Keterson Park & Pavilion

A new pavilion at Keterson Park will replace the existing structure making enjoying the park accessible, safe, and user friendly. We hope to raise \$250,000. A number of



sponsorship and donation opportunities are available including naming rights, benches, picnic tables, tree planting, and plaques!

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?
www.westperth.com/ketersonpark

We're Moving!

The Municipal Office project is almost complete! We will be ready to serve your needs at the new location August 15 2022. Your new Municipal Office is located at:

160 Wellington Street, Mitchell, ON, N0K 1N0.



To learn more about this project, scan the QR code and visit our website. www.westperth.com

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 this 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 to finance@westperth.com**
- Drop Box at Municipal Office ***
- Regular Letter Mail



*Pay Simply is a third-party provider where you can securely pay your Tax or Utility bill 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, 2022

November 30, 2022

Fire Safety at Home & the Farm



Fire drills aren't just for the office!

Having an evacuation plan for your family in case of fire will help you react in the event of a real fire.

Test your smoke alarms!

Testing your smoke and carbon monoxide alarm monthly, and replacing batteries when the time changes happen help keep your home and family safe.

Does your farm have a fire safety plan?

Your livestock and livelihood depend on it! You can complete a self-assessment form on our website and schedule a visit from your fire department.

www.westperth.com/fire

Dog Licence & Tags



All dog owners in West Perth are required to have a tag for every dog in their care (By-law 17-2017). The tag stays with your dog for life, and the annual fee IS DUE FEBRUARY 28, 2023. If paid late, a penalty will be charged.

If your dog has passed away, you must let us know so they are removed from the record. Failing to notify may result in you receiving a bill for your dog the next year.

For more information on how to pay your annual dog fee, visit our website:

www.westperth.com/dogs

West Perth Public Library



Did you know the West Perth Library has many services other than just borrowing books? You can now borrow audiobooks, magazines, parks passes, swim passes, and more!

The library programming staff have monthly programming calendars with fun events, library on location, crafts for kids, and adult book clubs.

Get social, and see what programs you can do this month to enjoy literature, community, and much more.

www.westperthpl.ca

Parks, Recreation & Facilities



Facility Rentals

Room Rentals get busy in the fall and winter around the holidays. Planning a Christmas gathering for your family? Make sure to plan ahead and book early to avoid disappointment. **(519) 348-9311**

Ice Rentals in September

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 www.westperth.com/skating

Child and Youth Programming

Looking for unique weekly programs, day camps for PD days, or over the winter break? Join us weekday evenings from September to June to get social and involved in the community!

www.westperth.com/youth
www.westperth.com/daycampsprograms

Need a ride?



Local and accessible service for all your **transit** needs, including:

- Appointments
- Shopping Trips
- Social Events

And more!

Serving the community of **West Perth** with local and out-of-town transportation.

Please call **Easyride** at **(519)-272-9875**

Building & Renovating

Are you a property owner planning to build a new structure? A Building Permit is your formal permission from the Municipality of West Perth to begin construction, renovation, and additions. You also need to apply for a building permit to demolish existing buildings and for rebuilding demolished structures.

- Construct a new building or structure;
 - Sheds over 161 sq ft (e.g. 10ft x 16ft)
 - Buildings with plumbing and/or heating
- Repair, renovate, add to, or demolish a building;
- Install a swimming pool;
- Build a deck; Erect a sign; Driveways;
- Install a new septic system or alter a system.



You can now apply for a building permit online through our website on CloudPermit. Municipality of West Perth Building staff must review your plans to ensure that they comply with the Ontario Building Code and all other applicable law prior to issuing a Building Permit.

www.westperth.com/building