

Waves

A publication for the citizens and communities of the Municipality of Lakeshore.

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Calling All Artists!

The Municipality of Lakeshore is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 2024 Mayor's Art Awards. These awards work to celebrate artists from all disciplines who live or work in the Municipality of Lakeshore. Apply to the following categories:

Student Artist | \$1000 award

Emerging Artist | \$1000 artistic merit award

Creative Entrepreneur | \$1000 award

Artistic Excellence | \$1000 artistic merit award

Patron of the Arts Leadership | \$1000 donation to charity



**MAYOR'S
ART AWARDS**

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Review the nomination package outlining eligibility criteria, submission requirements, and the judgment process at Lakeshore.ca/ArtAwards

Mayor's Message: Look Back and A Look Ahead

On behalf of Council, I'd like to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and happy New Year. This season is an opportunity to reflect on challenges faced and accomplishments achieved. In Council's first year of our four-year term, we've had plenty of both.

Early this year, we faced unprecedented financial pressures yet delivered the 2023 Budget that balanced the needs of our growing municipality with those of individual residents and taxpayers.

We then took great strides in protecting the rural landscape with key decisions on regulating greenhouses. We were at the table to ensure we played a constructive role in the future of energy in our region by advocating for residents and engaging Provincial leaders on battery energy storage systems. We also approved a landmark agreement with Hydro One

that will see \$8 million of local investments, including culture and recreation projects in communities affected by future transmission lines.

Throughout these challenging issues, Council has also embarked on a strategic planning process which will help guide our actions over the next three years, and we are excited to present these goals to community members.

While Council has the authority to act on many issues, these decisions would not be possible without the dedicated members of Team Lakeshore, as well as passionate residents who stand up to have their say.

We appreciate all the hard work that has gone into making the first year of Council's term a success, and we look forward to three more years of serving our communities.

Together We Are Lakeshore.



2024 Budget Update

Lakeshore's draft 2024 Budget is scheduled to be presented to Council on January 30, 2024. Following the meeting, Council deliberation and approval of the final budget are scheduled to take place on February 15 and 16, 2024. Stay tuned for updates and learn more at Lakeshore.ca/Budget

Winter Kickoff Celebration



Join us on **December 23, 2023**, at the Atlas Tube Recreation Centre for a Winter Kickoff Celebration! Enjoy free skating, swimming, open gym times, and parent-and-tot play, followed by fireworks at dusk. Pre-registration for some activities is required, call 519-728-2700 or book online at Lakeshore.ca/Recreation

Help Keep Lakeshore Safe this Winter

Do your part to help keep roads safe for snowplow operators and other road users with these winter weather tips:

- Park vehicles in driveways and off local roads whenever possible. If vehicles are blocking the roadway, Lakeshore staff may ask for vehicles to be moved.
- Keep garbage and recycle bins on your lawn and off the roads. Ensure they are visible from the road.
- Maintain a safe driving distance from all snowplows and service vehicles.
- Refrain from shoveling snow onto roads.



Go Paperless with E-billing

Property tax and water account holders can now opt for paperless billing by receiving bills via email. This eco-friendly approach offers you access to your billing details online, wherever you are.

Sign up online at Lakeshore.ca/Ebilling

Christmas Tree Recycling



Natural Christmas trees are a great addition to any holiday celebration but they do not go by the road or in the garbage. Christmas trees can be dropped at these convenient locations from December 25 to January 31:

- Comber Community Centre
- Centennial Park
- Leffler Park
- Fire Station 2 (Shanahan Park)
- Woodslee Memorial Park

For more information, call the Public Service Unit at **519-728-2700**

2024 Tax Bills

Lakeshore issues two bills each year. Bills will be mailed in January and June, with two installments each. Supplementary bills will be mailed between July and November, with two due dates separate from the installment dates below:



Due Dates:

- February 29, 2024
- April 30, 2024
- July 31, 2024
- October 31, 2024

Lakeshore's PSU is Here to Help



Before you go to Town Hall, try contacting Lakeshore's Public Service Unit (PSU). The

PSU team provides a one-stop shop for resident and customer inquiries. They can answer general questions and connect you to specific departments for more information.

Call **519-728-2700** or email PublicService@Lakeshore.ca
Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM

2024 Summer Student Recruitment

Lakeshore's summer job positions will soon open for applications. All local youth who are 16 years of age or older and returning to school in September of 2024 are eligible to apply. Applications will open mid-December and will be accepted until mid-February.

Summer student positions run from May to late August or early September, although some positions may vary. The positions offer on-the-job work experience suitable for a wide range of interests and career paths. Apply online at Lakeshore.ca/Jobs



We Want to Hear From You!

Check out upcoming engagement events and sign up for community surveys online at:

Lakeshore.ca/Engage

Follow us online to stay up-to-date!



Lakeshore.ca/Connect

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