

Fall 2014

The Municipal office will be closed November 11 in observation of Remembrance Day.

Current Members of

Council:

Mayor - Tom Bain

Deputy Mayor - Al Fazio

Councillors

Len Janisse

Dave Monk

Charles W. McLean

Steven Bezaire

Dan Diemer

Linda McKinlay

2015 renewals for **Alarm registrations** and **Dog Tag** forms will be mailed out in November.

All homes with alarms must be registered which saves you from false alarm charges. Forms are due by January at Town Hall.

All dogs in Lakeshore must be licensed and have dog tags. Avoid fines and late fees, register your dog today. Deadline to submit is March.

Election 2014

Lakeshore is using the Vote By Mail method again to make it easy for you to vote. Vote from the convenience of your own home.

The ballots were mailed out October 2 to all residents on the voters list. **If you do not receive a ballot kit by October 10 contact Town Hall at 728-2700.**

The **Vote by mail** kit includes:

- Voting Instruction Sheet
- Ballot
- Ballot Secrecy Envelope – WHITE
- Voter Declaration Form
- Outer Return Envelope with Prepaid Postage - YELLOW

Upon receipt of the **Vote by Mail** Kit, there are **5 simple steps to vote.**

1. Complete the **Ballot** by voting for the candidates of your choice.
2. Place the **Ballot** in the White Secrecy envelope and seal it.
3. Sign the **Voter Declaration Form.**
4. Place the **Voter Declaration Form** along with the **Sealed White Ballot Secrecy Envelope** in the **Yellow Outer Return Envelope** with the prepaid postage.
5. Put the envelope in the mail or deliver to Town Hall.

Your ballot remains **totally confidential** as it is returned in a separate **sealed envelope**. The sealed envelope containing your ballot will remain **unopened** and placed in a sealed ballot box. As part of the process the elector is required to return with their sealed ballot envelope, a signed declaration confirming their eligi-



bility to vote. Once your declaration and sealed ballot is received, your name is crossed off the voter's list.

Voters must mail the ballot along with the signed declaration in the postage paid envelope on or before October 17 to ensure delivery to the Town hall by Election Day. After October 17 you will need to hand deliver to Town Hall. You may also deposit the ballot into the drop-off slot located on the west side of the municipal building.

Voters are encouraged to use the convenient vote-by-mail process. Those who are unable to vote by mail can bring their ballots to Town Hall up to 8 pm on Election Day Monday Oct. 27. Town Hall is the only voting location on Election Day. Last election over 1,000 people voted at Town Hall resulting in extensive line-ups. Save your time and vote by mail.

All Ballots will be counted on October 27 by an optical scan tabulation system.

The public is welcome to attend St. Simon and St. Jude Hall located at 267 Meunier Street, Belle River on election night at 8:00 p.m. to receive results. Results will also be posted on our website and Facebook page.

If you have any Election Questions, please call Town Hall at 519-728-2700.

Atlas Tube Centre Opens

The Town of Lakeshore celebrated the opening of our Atlas Tube Centre with the home opener of the Lakeshore Canadiens game on September 12.

Amid the fan fare, attendees were excited to see the new facility.

Administration made the decision to open the facility with the hockey season rather than wait until the complex was complete. Residents and community groups have been very understanding and patient with the construction process.

Shortly, the lobby will be open, followed by the gymnasium and library in November.

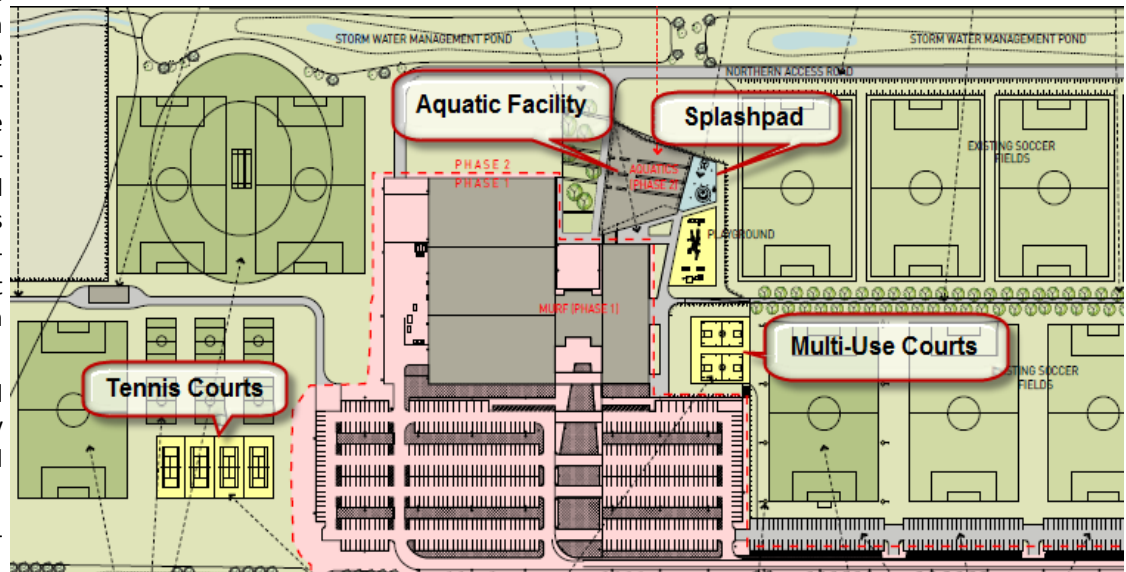
There is a steep learn-

ing curve for our staff members on the running of the facility as it contains all state of the art equipment for maintaining the ice. We thank our staff for being very positive and embracing the training and challenges with the new facility.

The arenas are also available for rentals

and birthday parties. Shortly our community room, which seats 200 people will be available to rent as well.

Email recinfo@lakeshore.ca or call 519-727-0470 for rental info.



Lakeshore Gets a Pool

The contract has been awarded to DeAngelis Construction Inc. and construction for our Aquatic Centre will begin this winter with a 2016 expected completion date.

This long awaited facility was made possible by a \$17.3 million grant from the Federal Government. Council had

to wait for the grant before they could design or construct the facility.

The Aquatic Facility will be added to the north-east end of the Atlas Tube Centre, adding to the extensive amenities of this recreation complex.

Along with the Aquatic Complex, we will also get a splashpad, 4 tennis courts, 2

multi-purpose courts and a trail from Renaud Line to Puce Road (see schematic above).

This rounds out the total cost of the facility at \$61 million. The single largest expenditure by the Town of Lakeshore. When complete it will be a premier destination.

Yard Waste

Include your pumpkin in your yard waste so it can be turned into compost. Acceptable containers for yard waste include paper yard waste bags, cardboard boxes, garbage cans/pails.



Yard waste collection ends in November.

New Finance Director

The Town of Lakeshore welcomes Cheryl Horrobin as our new Director of Finance.

Cheryl is a Chartered Professional Accountant with 22 years of municipal experience. Cheryl spent 15 years at the City of Windsor in various management positions including Senior Internal Auditor and Director Administration (Social Services) responsible for accounting, finance and budget. For the last 7 years, Cheryl has been employed as the Director of Finance for the Municipality of Leamington. Cheryl is looking forward to continuing Lakeshore's sensible financial track record.

Energy Conservation

The Town of Lakeshore has submitted a 5 year Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan to the Ministry of Energy.

In order to do this, we have looked at our energy consumption and emissions for our municipal facilities. The plan includes past practices, current practices, future actions and renewable energy.

Facilities covered under the plan include administrative offices, fire stations, libraries, recreational facilities, police stations, storage facilities and buildings related to the treatment or pumping of water or sewage.

Lakeshore is committed to being an environmentally sustainable community by undertaking a gradual and measured approach to energy conservation. As proficiency is developed, efforts may expand into more complex and sophisticated



measures.

Our initial goals include reducing our energy consumption and intensity which could result in reduced costs. The Town is also making energy management and efficiency an integral part of the Town's operations and decision making process. In order to accomplish this, we will undertake energy audits of our facilities and educate departments and staff on how we can achieve conservation.



Energy control devices include programmable thermostats, occupancy sensors, re-caulking doors and windows as

well as lighting retrofits.

The Green Energy Act mandates annual progress reports with energy consumption data and initiatives undertaken.

Interestingly, street lights and traffic lights are not covered under this plan. The Town however has started to install new LED street lights which require less hydro and last longer, reducing our energy costs.

Our new Atlas Tube Centre was designed with energy efficiency in mind. Solar panels will be installed in the future, adding to our green energy.

Lakeshore will continue to move forward with this important and cost saving initiative.



Fire Certification

Lakeshore Fire has received certification by Fire Underwriters Survey (FUS) for the entire south end of Lakeshore (effectively Stations 2, 4 and 5).

On September 13, Fire undertook a test to simulate a fire scenario which would demonstrate they could flow 200 gallons of water per minute for 90 minutes

by delivering water by tanker truck to the pumping station. It is our understanding that Lakeshore is the only certified department in Essex County at this time.

What does this mean for you? Our certification can help residents in the certified area receive reduced insurance

rates. Residents will have to contact their insurance companies and inform them of the certification. One resident stated they received a 50% reduction.

We are pleased to provide our residents with confidence in the abilities of our fire service personnel.



Woodslee Millen Centre



Have you seen the new Millen Centre? It is located in our Woodsee community, south of 401 on South Middle Road.

Our new facility is equipped with a state of the art kitchen, a large room capable of seating up to 200 (can be divided for smaller groups) and another community room along with the Woodslee Public Library.



Recreation Services is arranging programs and activities for all ages including upcoming Halloween Party Oct. 25. You can also rent the hall for meetings, showers, weddings, Christmas Parties and other events. Email recinfo@lakeshore.ca or call Recreation Services at 519-727-0470 if you are interested in renting this facility.

Recreation News

The Town of Lakeshore welcomes Carri-Belle Murphy to our team as our Manager of Recreation and Leisure Services.

Carri-Belle will provide leadership to customer services in our multi-use recreation facility, known as the Atlas Tube Centre, Millen and Comber facilities, in addition to the Marina. She will also be the Town's liaison for all organized sporting organizations, including hockey, baseball, figure skating and soccer.

Carri-Belle has over 20 years' experience in Recreation and Aquatics. Her most recent role has been part of the team for the new Family Aquatic Centre in Windsor.

Carri-Belle is a certified Aquatic Facility Operator, Certified Pool Operator, Certified Lifeguard Instructor with coaching certification, and a member of many pool and recreation associations.

She will be looking at current and new programs for all of our facilities and is



very interested in hearing what the community would like to have. Email recinfo@lakeshore.ca if you have suggestions.

Look for our **New and exciting programs** at all of our Recreation facilities (Atlas Tube Centre, Millen Centre and Comber Community Centre) for the Winter Session 2015. **Registration begins December 1st**. Don't be disappointed and register early – classes fill up quickly.

Kids! Join us for some spooky fun at the **Children's Halloween Party** being hosted at the new Millen Centre, 1925 South Middle Road, Woodslee on Saturday, October 25th from 2-4pm. Dress in your favorite costume, decorate cookies, face painting, tricky games, costume contest, awesome prizes, candy and a more ghoulish fun! Cost:

\$10 per child. Register prior to October 22nd with Recreation Services at 519-727-0470.

Closer to Christmas (date to be determined) we will have a **Christmas party** where children can meet Santa, decorate cookies, face painting, etc. Party specifics being determined. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook for details and date.

We have several drop in classes if you are unable to attend regular schedules: Zumba with Nancy, BOKWA, Pickleball, Byrn & Sculpt, and family basketball. All at Puce.

Subsidy funding is available through the Pathways to Potential and Canadian Tire Jumpstart programs.



4 Years of Accomplishments

Since 2010, Lakeshore has completed a number of projects. The following list identifies many of the projects:

- \$20 m Road reconstruction
- \$1.7 m Tar & Chip conversion
- \$1.1 m Bridge Rehabilitation
- \$2.5 m new Trails & Sidewalks
- Improved Municipal signage
- \$6.8 m Cast Iron watermain repl.
- \$5.3 m New Water Tower
- \$1.15 m Inflow & Infiltration reduction program
- \$60 m Atlas Tube Centre
- \$2.5 m Woodslee Millen Centre
- 10 New Waterfront parkettes
- \$3 m Lakeview Park upgrades
- Marina Purchase & Upgrades
- \$1.4 m Lakeview Park & West beach
- New parks & play structures
- Leading County in new homes
- Lowest tax rate in Essex County
- Excellent Financial status

Free Skating

The Town of Lakeshore is pleased to continue our offer of **Free** public skating through the month of October at the Atlas Tube Centre on the Shuren Rink.

Public skating is held on Sunday's from 1:30 - 3:00 pm. Parent & Tot, Senior/adult skating are offered Monday - Friday free of charge.



Electronic Bills

If you receive a water bill from the Town of Lakeshore, you can now get it electronically through EPost.

If you are already an EPost customer you can add your water bill – it is listed under Town of Lakeshore – Utility Bill. Once enrolled, you will no longer receive a paper copy of your water bill.

If you would like to sign up for EPost visit www.epost.ca.

Tax bills will be ready for EPost January 2015.

