

January 2016

The 2016 Collection Calendar will be mailed to all households in January.

Council Members

Mayor - Tom Bain

Deputy Mayor - Al Fazio

Councillors

Steven Wilder - Ward 1

Len Janisse - Ward 2

Dave Monk - Ward 3

Tracey Bailey - Ward 4

Dan Diemer - Ward 5

Linda McKinlay - Ward 6

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January brings the renewals of House Alarms and Dog Tags.

If you have a house alarm, you need to register it with the Town to prevent charges for false alarms.

If you have one or more dogs, whether they go outside or not, a dog tag must be purchased. Price increases March 31.

What is the Official Plan?

The Official Plan outlines the goals, objectives and policies to manage and direct physical change and the effects of that change on the social, economic and natural environment of a municipality. It establishes the basic framework on how our community will evolve over time. It is also a policy document that describes how land should be used and implements a municipalities planning development and growth management vision.



The Official Plan has legal status through the Planning Act which means once set it must be followed.

OK, so what does this mean and how does it affect me?

This document determines not only where our residential neighbourhoods will be, but what type of neighbourhoods they will be. Where should our stores be? Where should our factories be?

They may seem like easy questions, however the plan looks at not only today but 20 years down the road. If you look back even 10 years ago, our municipality looked very different. Where should we be in another 10 years? 20?

What about services? Roads? Water? Sewer?

If we want to grow, we need the right services in the right areas. The Official Plan provides that direction which allows Lakeshore to focus our resources towards municipal objectives.

The County of Essex plays a role too. They are the upper tier government that also affects our Official Plan as they have a say in what Lakeshore can do as well. Our plans have to be cohesive as the Town must be consistent with the County's plan.

Sound interesting? Want to have a say in the future of your community?

The Town is undertaking a 5 year review of our Official Plan and we want to hear from you! Is the Official Plan still effective? What works, what can be improved. Are there areas we can strengthen the plan or be more inclusive?

There will be several public sessions where you can provide us with your opinions and ideas that will assist the review of the Town's plan.

With your ideas and input we will ensure Lakeshore's Official Plan is viable tomorrow and into the future. The current plan is on the Town's website under Planning.

Future open houses where you can find out more information and provide your input will be posted on the Town website and Facebook page.

If you have questions, email Kim Darroch, Manager of Planning at kdarroch@lakeshore.ca.



Pool & Recreation Update



Construction on the WFCU Community Pools and Splash pad is on track and on budget. The building is being closed in so the inside can be finished without weather affecting the work. The Aquatic facility is expected to open Summer 2016. Hiring

of lifeguards and staff will begin in February. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for news on hiring and positions available.

Construction of the multi-use courts and tennis courts are complete. Beyond the

tennis courts (back of building) you can see the new soccer fields and the new trail which leads to Puce Road. A crane will be brought in once the ground is frozen in order to install a bridge over the drain.

The Winter Activity Guide is out!

View it under Recreation and Leisure on lakeshore.ca.

Join us on Family Day—Feb. 15 for free skating from 1—3 pm at the Atlas Tube Centre.

There will be open skating during March break and a March break program for children too. Check the event calendar for times. The March break program is \$35 / day or \$140 for the week. Register early at the Atlas Tube Centre to reserve your place. It is sure to be a popular program.

ATV's on Lakeshore Roads

ATV's are not allowed on municipal roads...yet.

Early 2016 Council will be looking at a pilot project for the areas of Lighthouse Cove and Stoney Point, for certain times of the year - potentially ice fishing season. The specific roads, time of day and time of year will be determined by Council in the draft by-law.

Council also directed administration to schedule public meetings for 2016 to consider the implementation of an ATV by-law for all of Lakeshore.



Dates and locations for this are yet to be determined but will likely coincide with public consultations related to the 5 year Official Plan Review.

Keep an eye on the Town's website and Facebook page for notice on the public meetings to attend, get information and provide input.

Weddings

Are you interested in getting married? The Town of Lakeshore now performs wedding ceremonies.

The Town of Lakeshore is now able to perform non-denominational wedding ceremonies at the Town Hall. The option also exists to provide the service at a location of your choice in the new year.

Contact the Clerk for information on marriage ceremonies and licenses at 519-728-2700.

Winter in our Parks

During the Winter, Lakeshore parks remain open but washrooms, garbage and animal waste collection are no longer available. Bins are removed from the parks as they will not be emptied. Furthermore, Lakeshore does not provide litter pick-up, dog waste bags, nor snow removal for our parking lots, trails and pathways. The Town does not have the resources to provide these services in a reliable or consistent manner during winter months. This year, Lakeshore will be undertaking a Parks Master Plan Study. This opportunity will provide the public platform to discuss the 'when and where' of service levels in parks. Details on Open Houses will be made public when ready.

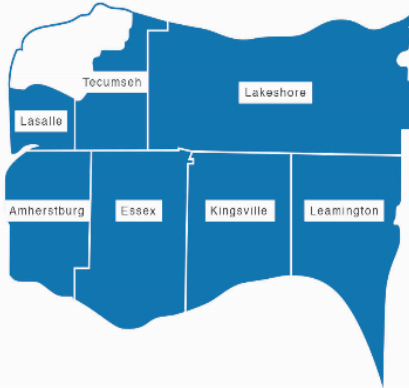
Town or County?

This article aims to dispel some of the confusion between what responsibilities the Town and County have.

The Town of Lakeshore is a lower tier municipality and the County of Essex is the upper tier.

What this means is the County of Essex looks after a number of common services for the seven lower tier municipalities to prevent duplication.

These services include: County Roads, Libraries, Long Term Care, Planning Services, Emergency Preparedness and Coordination, Community Services, Land Ambulance, General Government Administration, Social Services, Child Care, Social Housing, Public Health, Economic Development, Tourism, Property Assessment and Physician Recruitment.



The other six lower tier municipalities include Tecumseh, Essex, LaSalle, Amherstburg, Kingsville and Leamington.

For example, the new roundabout at County Road 22 and Old Tecumseh Road is a County project—paid and managed by the County. The Town provides input but the

County does the project. The widening of County Road 22 is another example of a County project.

This differs from the City of Windsor as they are responsible and pay for everything. That is why we have a County Library with branches and not Town of Lakeshore libraries.

How does the County afford to do this?

The Town of Lakeshore provides approximately 1/3 of your property tax to the

County. This breaks down to the following (estimated):

Annual property taxes - \$2,500

- Town of Lakeshore: \$1,075
- County of Essex: \$825
- School board: \$600

Through this example you can see that for the Town of Lakeshore to provide the services you want in town such as parks, community centres such as the Atlas Tube Centre, snow ploughs, etc. we receive only \$1,075 of your tax dollar. The rest of your tax money is given to the school board and the County of Essex to provide the common services. This cost effective way of managing our municipality helps keep your taxes low.



Lottery Licenses

All types of raffle lotteries, bingo events with prize boards under \$5,000 and all break open ticket lotteries must be licensed. The Town may issue a license

to eligible local charitable or religious organizations for ticket raffle lotteries if the total value of the prizes is less than \$50,000. Applications and further infor-

mation about lotteries can be found on the Town of Lakeshore's website or by visiting the Alcohol and Gaming Commission website at www.agco.on.ca.

AGCO

Alcohol and Gaming
Commission of Ontario

CAJO

Commission des alcools
et des jeux de l'Ontario



Completed 2015 Projects

In 2015, Lakeshore invested \$11.7 million on capital projects receiving a \$1.6 million grant from the gas tax (determined on a per capita basis).

Ten road projects were completed including Pearl St., North Talbot, Myers Rd, Walls Rd., West Belle River Rd., and final paving of Notre Dame and Russell Woods Rds.

Other projects included a new storm water pump station on First St., the final phase of the St. Clair trail completed along with work on the CASO (former Canada Southern Railway) trail in Comber.

Neighbourhoods are brighter with the conversion to LED streetlights. Phase one is completed. Phase two completes the switch in 2016 which will see

the Town's hydro bills decrease up to \$230,000 per year.

Water saw a number of projects including the demolition of the old Belle River water tower and water-main replacements for Tisdelle Dr., West Pike Creek, County Road 22 and Little Baseline Road.

Frozen Water Pipes

During the cold of winter, pipes can freeze. Drafts and poor heating or insulation can lead to frozen pipes in your home.

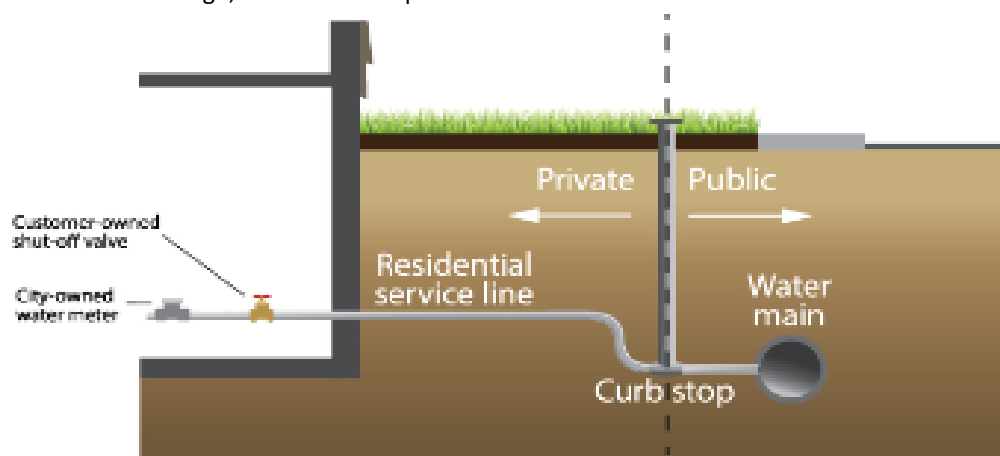
In many cases, frozen pipes can be prevented through proper heating and insulation.

- Wrap foam pipe insulation around the water pipes most susceptible to freezing such as pipes along outside walls, crawl spaces or cold cellars.
- Open kitchen, bathroom and laundry cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- Shut off and drain pipes leading to outside faucets.
- Seal air leaks in home and garage.
- If there is water supply lines in garage, keep garage door closed.
- If you are going away, talk to

your insurance company about what you can do to protect your home.

The picture shows how water lines come into your home. The residential service line is attached to the water main. At the property boundary is a turn-off called a Curb Stop - generally in your driveway or front lawn. In some cases the residential service line is higher than the water main which is at 1.8 meters. If the service line is too high, it can be susceptible to freezing.

ing. The resident is responsible for the water line from the property boundary to the house. Once in your home there is a shut off valve and the Town owned water meter. Property owners are responsible for maintaining and replacing water pipes inside their home or business and from the home to the property line.



Library Services

Sunday Hours at the Lakeshore-Toldo Branch - Beginning January 10th, the Lakeshore-Toldo Branch will open Sundays from 12 Noon to 4pm.

Did you know your Library offers FREE downloads of :

- Movies & television series

- The latest music & music videos
- eBooks, eAudio-books
- Digital magazines & comic books

The Essex County Library has programs and services for babies to seniors.



Hiring Lifeguards

We are hiring!

Advertisements will go out in February for aquatic staff for our new pool. Keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and Lakeshore News for specifics on qualifications and positions available.



Snow Removal



While this area is enjoying a mild winter so far, the Town would like to remind residents about inevitable snow removal. Please keep your sidewalks clear and do not push snow into the roadway as it is unsafe for passing cars. On garbage and recycling days, put your containers in your driveway or lawn and not on the roadway. Snowplows start very early in the morning and cannot maneuver around garbage containers left on the roadway. Thank you for your continued cooperation.