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Welcome to the 9th newsletter for this term of Council!! Preparing and hoping for a real winter, with lots of snow and sunny days.

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*Trent Lakes is proud to announce our new shared public works, recreation & facilities and dedicated mechanics facility will open soon- on time and on budget!!!



Trent Lakes is proud to be a vibrant, resilient, sustainable and environmentally friendly community

TRENT LAKES

DEPUTY MAYOR UPDATE

September - November 2024

HIGHLIGHTS of Trent Lakes Council Meetings

- Received a Trillium Grant for the planned Lakehurst Amphitheatre Bowl - \$185,400
- Received a Bill 185 update - no penalties but timelines remain
- Participated in second annual Quad council Meeting*
- Received an update from Community Futures PTBO – 7 Trent Lakes businesses approved for loans
- Identified surplus municipal properties for potential sale
- Approved continued pickup of recycled materials for community centres, libraries, day cares, places of worship, businesses and not-for-profits that are excluded in the Producer Responsibility legislation
- Supported application to the Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund for rehabilitation of the Cavendish ball field
- Welcomed a new Library CEO – Tina Steed
- Supported a Tourism Town Hall *
- Approved the recommendation of the Short Term Rental Working Group*
- Reviewed on-time and on-budget New Dedicated Mechanics/Recreation and Facilities Project*
- Approved Amendments to the Development Charge By-laws
- Reviewed the 2024 Q3 Summary Reporting [Q3 Report*](#)
- Approved an Increase in aggregate notice to locations within 2,000 m
- Directed staff to prepare shoreline preservation and tree protection policies
- Repealed the License of Occupation Policy
- Scheduled a Strategic Plan review for early Q1 2025
- Reviewed the first draft of the 2025 Budget Draft

TOWN HALL ISSUES

Your Mayor and Deputy Mayor hosted 3 Town Hall meetings in August; one at each of the Municipal Community Centres. Many Individual issues were raised and dealt with. Across the municipality, shared concerns and [work in progress](#) on these, include:

- Speeding on all municipal (and County roads) is increasingly a problem - [A speed indicator was on 507, a road safety audit is being conducted by the County on 507, speed limits have been reduced on several roads and our representative on the PTBO Police Detachment Board continues to raise the issue for increased enforcement measures.](#)
- Short Term Rentals are a continuing problem - [See the STR section herein.](#)
- What is the schedule for replacement of Public Works and Fire Depot buildings? - [Rising costs, financial capacity and increasingly busy contractors have pushed the facilities replacement schedule out. New dates to be reviewed by Council](#)
- Increasing threat of fires - [Trent Lakes Fire services continue training and preparation for fire emergencies, and issue fire bans as dictated by local conditions.](#)
- Abandoned docks and the plastics in the old floats - [Cottage Associations are taking the lead on proposing a plan to collect and dispose of abandoned docks.](#)

*SHORT TERM RENTALS (STR)

Council approved a Mandatory Registration program for short term rental owners in Trent Lakes, to be implemented in 2025. A detailed timeline will be published in the new year. This is a modification of the earlier proposal for a full licensing program, informed by the nearly 200 residents who provided feedback and a detailed modeling of resources and costs. The Working Group recommended Mandatory Registration as a more balanced, efficient and cost-effective way to address issues the public has raised about STRs.

The key components of a Mandatory Registration Program are:

- A signed application from the owner with:
 - Property Information
 - Owner Information
 - Name and contact information for responsible person who can be on site within 60 minutes to address any complaints or issues (Shifts the first level of complaint resolution to the owner and their responsible person.)
 - Rental Information (e.g. number of bedrooms, number of guests permitted, number of weeks rented per year, time of year rented)
- Septic permit review
- A small processing fee: \$250 – 500
The Administrative Penalty System, with escalating fines, continues.
- The demerit system, which provides for registration to be revoked after multiple violations, continues.
- Onsite inspection is not a part of the program.
- Must adhere to all municipal bylaws.

More details: [Short Term Rental Report 11.05.2024](#)

*QUAD COUNCIL MEETING

Trent Lakes Council attended the second annual meeting with Council members from Curve Lake First Nation, Selwyn and North Kawartha. We had an open exchange of priorities and challenges and reinforced the commitment to work together on common concerns like health care, transportation, housing development and services. (Below: Council members in attendance)



* TOURISM OPEN HOUSE

The County of Peterborough is bringing economic development in-house and has a powerful team leading it. [Announcement](#) They have held Tourism Open Houses in each municipality and were at Lakehurst Hall on October 21st. About 20 local business representatives attended. Common themes included:

- Need for year round events to bring visitors
- Can we have more multi-use winter trails? KHHSS?
- Need to showcase local creators
- Need transportation for Lock visitors to sights
- Weather making snowmobile visits challenging

The tourism team, in conjunction with our Trent Lakes Economic Development Officer, will be building a plan to address these.

*Q3 OPERATIONS HIGHLIGHTS

- A new 4-Year Collective Agreement for Outside Workers with CUPE reached
- Peterborough County OPP Detachment Board created (replaces Trent Lakes Police Services Board)
- A gain of 444 social media followers and now 1,107 subscribers to the e-newsletter.
- September YTD:
 - 213 building permits, 1,273 inspections and 59 septic permits completed
 - 54 planning applications processed.
 - 116 bylaw complaints (to staff and after-hours) addressed
 - Garbage tonnage basically flat
- Fire and Emergency Services call volumes remain high; about 70% for medical reasons
- A new viewing platform completed at Ode'Naang Park
- Under Green Initiatives: two mattress diversion events and one paper shredding event.

NOTE: These are updates selected by me to keep the public informed. Any errors or omissions are mine alone. For more, and to see video recordings of past Council meetings, go to www.trentlakes.ca/council/meetings-agendas-minutes/