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Welcome to the 10th newsletter for this term of Council!!!

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A big Thank You to our Public Works drivers, and all the private contractors, who have been busy keeping our roads plowed and safe for travel!!! For all you snow lovers, this has been a banner year for skiing, skating and snowmobiling. And, it's not over yet. Get out there and enjoy all our winter has to offer.

Council is midway through its term. Next Newsletter will dive into progress made on our three major Strategic Plans:

- Economic Development, Tourism and Recovery Strategic Plan
- Community Strategic Plan
- Trent Lakes Open Spaces Master Plan

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

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DEPUTY MAYOR UPDATE

December 2024 – February 2025

HIGHLIGHTS of Trent Lakes Council Meetings

- Update to Private Road Grant. Now, only 75% of residents on a private road, must be members of the road association to apply. **NOTE:** Road insurance may be available through FOCA, even if an association is not incorporated. See [Road Issues](#)
- Open Spaces Master Plan update:
 - A Trail design and construction policy has been completed.
 - A Public Washroom Location and Maintenance Strategy has been developed. **NOTE:** 10 public washrooms are available seasonally.
 - Trail maintenance best practices have been documented
- The County Official Plan (O.P.), submitted to the Province in 2022, but delayed for approval, requires revisions to conform to the new 2024 Provincial Policy Statement. These Revisions are available to the public for comment, and the *final* revised O.P. will be subject to Provincial approval this Spring. [Official Plan](#)
- As the number of volunteers maintaining ice at the Buckhorn Sports Rink has declined, they are requesting the municipality explore different operational models for next winter and beyond.
- The 2025 Budget has been approved. The Tax Levy increase is 4.04%, or an increase of \$11.79 for every \$100,000 of property assessed valued. [2025 Budget](#)
- Summaries included in this newsletter:
 - 2024 Waste Recycling Report [Waste Report](#)
 - 2024 Operations Report [Operations Report](#)
 - 2025 Community Grants

VOLUNTEER POWER!!!!!! COMMUNITY GRANTS

The municipality of Trent Lakes is fortunate to have a large number of passionate, caring volunteers who deliver services and activities that enhance the quality of life for our residents. Council recognizes their important contributions, and annually provides nearly \$60,000 in grant funds to help support their programs. This year, the deserving recipients are:

Buckhorn Community Centre	Kinmount Pickleball Club
Kinmount Agricultural Society	Santa's Elf Patrol
Community Care	Trent Lakes Recreation Association
Greater Harvey Historical Society	Trent Lakes/Selwyn Seniors Club
Cavendish Culture & Recreation Committee	Cavendish Community Ratepayers Association
Galway Hall	Buckhorn District Lions Club
Oak Shores Community Centre	50 Plus Club (Oak Shores)
Kawartha Lake Stewards Association	

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/

WASTE PERFORMANCE

The Stats are in! Thanks to all of you who consistently recycle or reuse materials to keep them out of our landfill. While our waste garbage was slightly up year over year, nearly every recycling metric is way up.

Here are all the details:

Recycling/Diversion Programs	2023	2024	Increase/Decrease
Blue Box – Containers	226.86 tonnes	236.79 tonnes	↑
Blue Box – Fibres	219.83 tonnes	246.64 tonnes	↑
Alcohol Containers	235,480 containers	287,975 containers	↑
Bulky Plastic Program (May - Oct)	16314 lbs	39705 lbs	↑
Car Batteries	1840 kgs	2500 kgs	↑
Construction and Demolition	273.99 tonnes	345.16 tonnes	↑
Electronics	44.84 tonnes	Pending	
Empty Automotive Plastics/Antifreeze containers	1961 kgs	Pending	
Fluorescent Tubes	317 kgs	780 kgs	↑
Household Batteries	1966 kgs	1643 kgs	↓
Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)	24.88 tonnes	Pending	
Leaf and Yard/Brush	2460 cu yds	2680 cu yds	↑
Organics - Moloks	52.09 tonnes	Pending	
Organics – FoodCycler	125.04 tonnes (521 units)	134.4 tonnes (560 units)	↑
Reuse Centre Items	16 40-yard bins	16 40-yard bins	↔
Scrap Metal	145.16 tonnes	140.75 tonnes	↓
Tires	665 tires	783 tires	↑
Garbage	1224.25 tonnes	1278 tonnes	↑

2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

Last year was a busy one for municipal staff. Here are a select few metrics, from various departments.

2024 SUMMARY STATS

Communications

196,667
total website views in 2024 vs
186,408
total views in 2023

Q4 2024 Social Media Followers
4,369
Q4 2023 Social Media Followers
3,932

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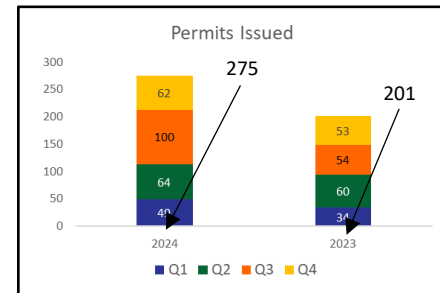
Q4 subscriptions

116

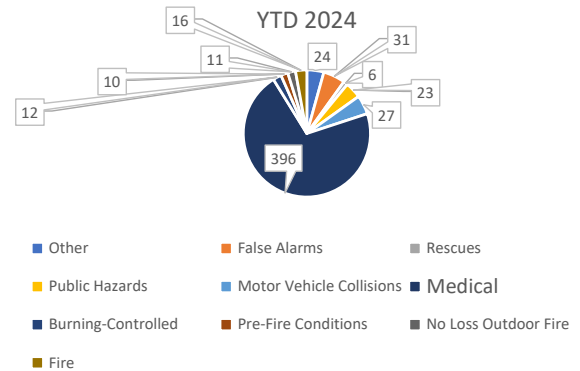
2024 total subscribers

1,220

Building Permits



Emergency Services



2024 YTD
556
Incidents

2023 YTD
573
Incidents

Bylaw Complaints

