



WINTER UPDATE

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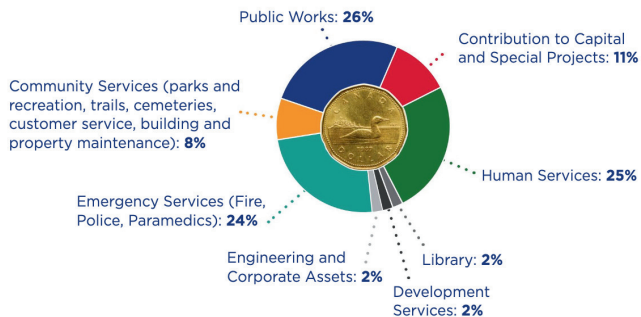
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BUDGET NEWS

Earlier this month, Council passed the City budget for 2024. The goal was to keep tax increases down as residents struggle with the high cost of living, while maintaining City services for residents in the face of rising costs and being ready for growth. I am pleased to report that the tax increase was reduced to 2.94% for 2024 plus the 1.5% levy for local infrastructure needs, while services were maintained and some expanded to absorb and prepare for growth.

For Ward 3 in 2024, work funded in the Budget includes:

- repairing the public works roads depot in Ward 3;
- extending the Fenelon landfill life cost-effectively and adding cameras;
- installing sidewalks on Clifton Street in Fenelon;
- replacing the HVAC at the Fenelon library;
- designing upgrades for the boat launch in Fenelon;
- new flooring for the community centre in Fenelon;
- designing the park for Juniper Street to meet growth needs and develop the community on the south side of Fenelon;
- developing Fenelon Township Park in Cameron;
- installing new washrooms at the Cameron fire hall;
- building a new utility room at the Cameron ballpark;
- and resurfacing the playground in Cambray.



WARD 3 – RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Rob Jardine, Fenelon Falls

Community is at the heart of Rob's daily life: from serving as a past board member of the Ross Memorial Hospital Foundation to being on the board of the Balsam Lake Association and working as a volunteer firefighter in Fenelon. Rob is the proud owner of a long-time small business in Fenelon with his wife Monica and deeply values the people here in Ward 3.



CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE



A great time was had at the Southview Estates, Cameron Christmas food drive. More than 550kg of food was donated!

ROADS! ROADS! ROADS!

The 2024 budget contains \$33 million for our roads – the biggest single item in the budget. For Ward 3, road work in the budget includes:

- Killarney Bay Road – off Glenarm Road;
- Ellice Street – Fenelon Falls;
- Francis Street East – Fenelon Falls;
- Anderson Drive – Southview Estates, Cameron; and
- Golf Links Road – Sturgeon Point.

Road work in Ward 3 scheduled from deferred capital and regular Roads Plans in 2024 includes: reconstruction of Colborne North and Louisa Streets, Fenelon Falls and resurfacing of Fenel Road (Chambers Rd. to Glenarm Rd.); Mark Road (Chamber's Rd. to 0.3 km south of Hollowtree Rd); and Ranchers Road (Long Beach Rd. to CKL Rd. 121).

Roads continue to be a priority in 2024. I am currently working with residents for work on Sturgeon Glen and Wrenhaven Roads.

I brought a motion at Council this fall for a full evaluation of the City's current road repair program, including identifying gaps and proposing new ways to better and more transparently determine which roads get done when, given that some roads simply won't cooperate with a 5-year plan.



ON THE RADAR...

Sewers – The City's engineers are now analyzing the videos from the sewer scoping this past summer to find spots of inflow and infiltrations and plan repairs. This work will help reduce demand on the wastewater treatment plant.

The Bridge – There will be a public open house about the plans for major repair/reconstruction of the existing bridge in Fenelon Falls, coming up in the new year.

Fenelon Bypass – The environmental assessment is the next step toward a bypass of Fenelon Falls via the Baddow Road. The assessment is planned to start this fall.

Fenelon Trails – This long-in-coming development in Fenelon Falls is looking to phase in its units based on planning and sales over the coming several years. The owner has expressed being open to discussions with the community.



FENELON LEGACY C.H.E.S.T. FUND

Does your Fenelon Falls not-for-profit organization need some help with a great project? Don't forget that funding may be available from the Fenelon Legacy CHEST Fund. Past Ward 3 recipients have included the Fenelon Agricultural Society; Turkey Trot; and the Fenelon Falls Curling Club. For more information and/or to apply, call LeAnn at Community Services: 705-324-9411, ext: 1300.

HERITAGE AWARD!

Congratulations to Ward 3 (Southview Estates/Cameron) resident Sara Walker-Howe being honoured with the Osprey Heritage Award for non-fiction work about Kawartha Lakes pictured here with Heritage Committee Chair Athol Hart of Crane Bay in Ward 3. Our local heritage is vital to our past and future!



OFFICE HOURS

EVERY MONDAY MORNING

FENELON LIBRARY

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
19 MARKET ST
FENELON FALLS

FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED

CITY HALL

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
26 FRANCIS ST
LINDSAY

BY APPOINTMENT

SANTA DAY

The Senior Citizens' Club of Fenelon Falls kicked off another incredible Santa Day with a pancake breakfast this year. Thank you to the committee, volunteers, and businesses who make Santa Day such a fun and memorable event each year.



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

..from Abigail, Gabe, and myself! And best of Diwali and Hanukkah and Kwanzaa as well. Ramadan is in March next year...



I will always serve you with respect & kindness!

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