



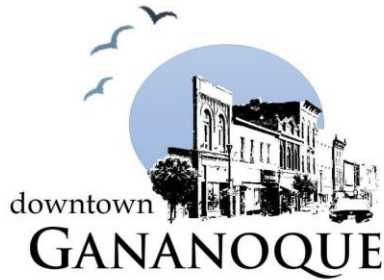
**Downtown Gananoque Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board
MEETING AGENDA**

Held on Thursday, February 1st 2024 at 6:30PM

In Person and Online via Webex at Town Hall - 30 King Street East, Gananoque

Meeting Link: [Click Here](#)

1.	Call Meeting to Order
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof
3.	Approval of Minutes (Adoption) – January 17, 2024
4.	Public Question/Comment (Only Addressing Reports on the Agenda)
5.	Disclosure of Additional Items
6.	Delegations – None
7.	Presentations by Staff – None
8.	Treasurer’s Report – Budget Update
9.	Unfinished Business
	1. 2024 Budget
10.	Correspondence
	1. OBIAA Newsletter – 25 January 2024 2. Town of Gananoque Town News – 16 January 2024
11.	New Business/ Reports
	1. 2024 Event Planning – April 8 Eclipse
	2. 2024 AGM
12.	Discussion of Additional Items
13.	Next Regular Meeting
14.	Questions from the Media
15.	Adjournment



Downtown Business Improvement Area (BIA) Board

UNADOPTED MINUTES

Held on Wednesday January 17, 2024 at 6:30 PM

Held in Person (& Online via WebEx) at Town Hall 30 King Street East

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT		STAFF PRESENT
Members:	Councillor David Osmond	Melanie Kirkby, Treasurer
	Randall Smith, Vice-Chair	Lynsey Zufelt, Recording Secretary
	Lesley Poole, Treasurer	Amanda Trafford (Online)
	Lisa Robichaud, Chair	
	Kathrine Christensen (Online)	
Regrets:	Ryan Chartrand	
	Shannon Treanor	
	Carolyn Harding	

1.	Call Meeting to Order
	The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM.
2.	Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest & General Nature Thereof
3.	Approval of Minutes (Adoption) – October 19th, November 15th & 22nd, 2023
	<p>BIA Motion #2024-001 – Approval of Minutes - October 19th, November 15th & 22nd, 2023</p> <p>Moved By: Randall Smith Seconded By: David Osmond</p> <p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE DOWNTOWN GANANOQUE BIA BOARD APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 19, NOVEMBER 15 AND NOVEMBER 22, 2023 MEETINGS.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">- CARRIED</p>
4.	Public Question/Comment – None

5.	Disclosure of Additional Items		
	Amanda Trafford mentioned “My Main Street” funding programs opening for applications, to which the BIA Board may consider applying.		
6.	Delegations – None		
7.	Presentations by Staff		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amanda Trafford – Festival of Lights Report • Ms. Trafford was recognized by Treasurer/Acting CAO Melanie Kirkby for stepping up to take over the initiative. 		
8.	Treasurer’s Report		
	BIA Board Treasurer Lesley Poole went over the 2024 Budget for discussion.		
9.	Unfinished Business – Budget		
*** Board Member Kathrine Christensen left the meeting at 7:32PM ***			
The Board did not have quorum upon Member Kathrine Christensen’s departure. The meeting officially ended at 7:32PM.			
10.	Correspondence		
11.	New Business/Reports		
12.	Discussion of Additional Items		
13.	Next Meeting – AGM Thursday February 1, 2024		
14.	Questions from the Media		
15.	Adjournment		
	The BIA Board Meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.		
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Downtown BIA 2024 Budget for Discussion

<i>Account Name</i>	<i>Projected 2023 Spent and committed</i>	<i>Proposed 2024 Budget</i>	<i>2023 Notes/Explanations</i>	<i>2024 for discussion</i>
Revenue				
Levy	47,620	47,610		No appetite to raise levy
Less: Levy adjustments	327	-		
BIA Fundraising	-	2,500		Music and/or comedy show fundraiser(s) at Royal
Grants, TAP funding	-	20,000		Possibly for eclipse event promotion
Transfer From Reserves		2,290		
Total revenue	47,293	72,400		
Spending				
Special projects	12,000	12,240	Lynsey's time - 5 hours per week allocated to BIA	What could be accomplished with add'l staff time?
Other wages & deductions	643			N/A in 2024 due to change in how staff time is charged to BIA
Ads, publications, subscriptions	248	6,000	?	MyFM or Recorder / Social
Memberships	-	250		OBIA membership
Conventions/travel	-	1,785		OBIA conference - 1 board member could attend with Amanda to learn more about what other Ontario BIAs are doing
Lights and signage	949	1,500	Repair and replace Christmas lights	What is plan for replacement at end of life span (5 years)? Town funded current light purchase (~\$40K)
Lights - put up/take down	4,407	4,500	Funnel electricians put up and maintain; town takes down and stores	Consideration to leaving them up year-round Interest in trying for 1 Year?
Audit fees	1,109	1,200	Seems like a lot given size and simplicity.	Can town take this on?
Beautification (flower baskets)	13,809	16,425	2024 is year 3 of 3-year contract with Minnakers;	BIA would like input to timing and selection of flowers. Could Horticultural Society take on winter greenery with town to install?
Events	11,522	28,500	Insurance for Santa Claus parade; Halloween event; new Christmas décor	Add Eclipse plus Easter, possible summer event to amplify Festivlles
Misc	-	-		
Total spending	44,687	72,400		
Surplus/shortfall	2,606	-	Use 2023 surplus to fund eclipse glasses?	
				Eclipse \$ 10,000
				Easter \$ 2,000
				Holiday Lights \$ 2,000
				shoulder \$ 10,000
				Parade \$ 2,500
				halloween \$ 2,000
				festiville
				bonus bucks
				\$ 28,500

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ONTARIO BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT AREA ASSOCIATION



January 25, 2024



THIS WEEK...

Thursday, January 25

10:00am - OMAFRA RED Info Session

2:00pm - OBIAA Awards Committee Meeting

NEXT WEEK...

Tuesday, January 30

2:00pm - OBIAA Best Practices Call

Wednesday, January 31

7:00pm - DMS Webinar: TikTok for Small Business

5:00pm - EV ChargeON application deadline



Woodstock, ON – OBIAA Board
Your OBIAA Board will be conducting Strategic Planning with the guidance of Caroline Polograbia | Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and Stephen Morris | Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs.

Do you have ideas and suggestions for the OBIAA Board? **Email** Kay.Matthews@OBIAA.com

OBIAA BEST PRACTICES CALLS

See you Tuesday at 2...

If you want to present or ask a question of your colleagues, please email Erin at admin@obiaa.com

Minutes from the most recent calls *to follow*, prior minutes can be found below under **OBIAA Resources** in OBIAA newsletters. **Calls are recorded** - please email admin@obiaa.com to request a recording or previous minutes.

NEXT CALL: Tuesday, January 30

Follow-up to Best Practices Calls...

Downtown Trenton BIA - [Canada Summer Jobs Grant Letter](#)

Why should you join OBIAA's Best Practices Call every Tuesday?

“Looking out for our communities has never been more important than right now. Being part of the OBIAA community is looking out for your own community.” – Jody Yantha, Bancroft BIA

Why does your BIA join OBIAA? What are your key benefits?

If you had one thing to tell other BIAs about your membership with OBIAA, what would it be?

Let OBIAA know you value your membership, email us at admin@obiaa.com

OBIAA ANNOUNCEMENTS

From our Liaison Ministry the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

A Free Webinar Training Series For Not-for-Profit Organizations and BIAs

Training for Not-for-Profit Organizations

These free virtual interactive train-the-trainer sessions provide organizations with valuable skills and tools to facilitate their own strategic planning. Sessions are based on the stages outlined in Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs' **Strategic Planning Resource** manual.

To be participate organizations must:

- be willing to participate in the strategic planning process
- have commitment from the Board of Directors
- have a minimum of 3 active volunteers to commit to being trained
- not be in a crisis

At the completion of the program, each organization will have:

- experience in facilitating the strategic planning process and volunteers trained to maintain it
- access to a support network for continued organizational development
- volunteers that have developed leadership skills

Session Date/Times	Stages
Session 1 – February 22 10am-11:30am	Introduction to strategic planning Community Economic Development
Session 2 – March 7 10am-11:30am	Vision and Mission
Session 3 – March 21 10am-11:30am	Collect and analyze information & Develop goals
Session 4 – April 4 10am-11:30am	Performance measures and action plans & Implement and monitor

REGISTER HERE:



For more information, contact ag.info.omafra@ontario.ca or call 1-877-424-1300
A collaborative partnership between OBIAA and OMAFRA

Ontario 

OBIAA is pleased to once again announce a free train-the-trainer webinar series designed for organizations to gain valuable skills and tools to facilitate their own strategic planning.

Based on the **Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs'** Strategic Planning Resource manual, this step-by-step interactive webinar series will help organizations improve their effectiveness, strengthen their volunteer leadership skills, and build a network of volunteers and leaders to support each other.

For more information and to determine eligibility, click below.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Episodic disabilities in your workplace?

Long COVID, Anxiety, Diabetes, Chronic Pain, Cancer, HIV, MS, Arthritis, Depression

Realize offers online courses and other resources for HR professionals, business leaders and employees addressing accommodation best practices, planning and other key issues related to episodic disabilities in the workplace.

2024 Annual National Summit on Episodic Disabilities and Employment Moving from Knowledge to Action



DATES: March 20th & 21st 2024
TIMES: 12pm – 3:30pm (Eastern Time) each day
PLACE: Virtual meeting on Zoom
REGISTRATION: is free

Our Summit theme in 2024 is Moving from Knowledge to Action. The Summit is an opportunity for human resources professionals, business leaders, managers, people living with episodic disabilities and others to create links between valuable research and actionable workplace solutions..

Join us! What you learn will help pave the way for a more inclusive and accommodating work environment that supports people living with episodic disabilities and benefits employers too.

Substance Use Disorder Long-COVID
Bi-polar Disorder Chronic Pain Cancer ALS
POTS Long-Term Pain HIV/AIDS Diabetes
Parkinson's Disease Meniere's Disease Depression
Fibromyalgia Migraines Asthma PTSD
Guillain-Barre Syndrome Cystic Fibrosis Multiple Sclerosis
Hepatitis B & C Anxiety Arthritis



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FOSTERING
POSITIVE CHANGE
FOR PEOPLE LIVING
WITH HIV AND OTHER
EPISODIC DISABILITIES

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New BIAs in the News



Send your news stories to admin@obiaa.com to have them included in the newsletter!

Collingwood

Paris

- **The Brantford Expositor** - [Great blue heron featured in new mural in downtown Paris](#)

Windsor

- **CBC News** - [Windsor residents, groups share budget concerns with councillors](#)

New in the News...



As Niagara-on-the-Lake Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa recently walked around Sheraton Centre Hotel in downtown Toronto, he repeatedly heard people praise his historic town as beautiful and a delight. [Read more...](#)



The City of Winnipeg is taking the owners of several vacant buildings to court in two separate lawsuits, alleging they've failed to pay years worth of inspection bills and other fees, amounting to thousands of dollars. [Read more...](#)



Destination Ontario's Data & Insights team has released the most recent [Ontario Tourism Health Check](#) report highlighting recovery indicators such as accommodation occupancy rates and border crossings.



Canada Post's latest report, Rethinking Returns is your roadmap to creating a return strategy that is convenient, sustainable, and profitable for your business. Their report is based on surveys with Canadian shoppers and retailers, bringing insights that will help you create a balanced return policy. [READ More](#)

The Ontario government is investing an additional \$44.6 million per year to connect children and youth to mental health services across the province so they have access to the care they need, when they need it, in their community. This is part of the government's [investment of an additional \\$330 million](#) each year in pediatric health services at hospitals and community-based health care facilities across the province.

- [Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)
- [Ontario Connecting Children and Youth to Care Close to Home](#)
- [Ontario Expanding Mental Health Services for Children and Youth in Every Corner of the Province](#)
- [Roadmap to Wellness: A Plan to Build Ontario's Mental Health and Addictions System](#)

WEBINARS

Upcoming Digital Main Street Webinars



***Did you know these Webinars are great for
BIA Staff and Boards, too?
Sign up today!***

TikTok for Small Business

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024
7:00-8:30pm**

TikTok has taken the social media world by storm. Sure, the video sharing platform is full of funny pet videos and the latest dance trends, but it can also be a great place to engage with your customers or clients.

How to Efficiently Plan Your Content for Social Media

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024
7:00-8:30pm**

Social media is a powerful tool for small businesses, but it can also be overwhelming. This beginner-level webinar will teach you how to create a content plan that will help you stay

how you can use it to build a following for your small business.

create and repurpose content in a way that is efficient and effective, and how to share it across different social media channels in a way that will help you reach your target audience. This workshop is designed to help small business owners make the most of their social media efforts and increase their online presence and engagement. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to efficiently plan your content for social media and grow your business.

Register For Upcoming DMS Webinars or In-Person Events

FREE Upcoming DMS In-Person Workshops

Oakville: Digital Tools, Software & Apps to Manage Your Small Business

DATE: Tuesday, February 20, 2024

TIME: 9:00am-12:00pm

LOCATION: Oakville Town Hall
1225 Trafalgar Road
Oakville, ON L6H 0H3

From accounting to scheduling, file sharing to project management, there are digital tools to help with every aspect of running a small business. Knowing which ones are right for you can be a challenge though. This beginner-level workshop will help you learn what's out there to help you manage with efficiency and ease.

Register For Upcoming DMS Webinars or In-Person Events

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

The next intake for the **RED** program will be close on February 21, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. **E.T.** The updated program [guidelines](#) and [application](#) are now available.

Ontario's Rural Economic Development (RED) program provides cost-share funding to support activities that create strong rural communities in Ontario, and opens doors to rural economic development through:

- funding assistance to address barriers to economic development and labour force challenges, better position rural communities to attract or retain investment, and enhance economic growth
- funding to build community capacity and support for economic development in Ontario's rural communities
- investments in rural communities to help diversify and grow local economies – making economic growth more inclusive so rural Ontario continues to share in the province's economic prosperity

Read the [RED program guidelines](#) for the full details about eligibility, program funding and application requirements. [APPLY NOW](#)

Next Information Sessions - January 31, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm EST - Sign up on the [session registration page](#).

Government of Canada announces \$15 million for My Main Street Program



My Main Street will include the **Community Activator stream**, supporting 75 communities' high-impact placemaking projects that seek to revitalize neighborhoods and reimagine public spaces including main streets, downtown strips and plazas as vibrant and inclusive places that work for everyone.

The investment will include a Business Sustainability Program. This stream will provide non-repayable contributions up to \$20,000 in direct-to-business funding to support productivity enhancements for up to 325 brick-and-mortar businesses located on main streets across southern Ontario.

The programs will launch on February 15, 2024.
[FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

Now through February 27 • Applications are now open for TD Park People Grants 2024! 70 grants of \$2,000 are given to community groups and organizations to host two park events across Canada. [Learn more.](#)

Capital Grant Applications

NOTE: BIAs cannot be lead applicants, but they can be co-applicants.

Through the [Capital grant stream](#), the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) supports projects that improve community facilities and spaces. OTF funds capital projects that update buildings, enhance spaces, and purchase fixed and non-fixed equipment so people and communities can thrive.

Eligible applicants can apply for a grant from February 7, 2024 until the application deadline of March 6, 2024 at 5 PM ET.

Contact OTF's Support Centre for general questions and technical support at otf@otf.ca or 1 800 263-2887. The Support Centre is available Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM to 5 PM ET.

Funding Opportunity

The Ministry of Transportation (MTO) is pleased to introduce Ontario's public electric vehicle (EV) charging program, **EV ChargeON**. This program aims to enhance accessibility and availability of public electric vehicle charging infrastructure throughout the province, tackle range anxiety and make long-distance EV travel easier.

Application process and compiled materials, including Q&As and webinar recordings, available in this [LINK](#). For further guidance please email at evchargeon@ontario.ca with any questions or to schedule a meeting.

For application support, please visit the [Transfer Payment Ontario](#) website or contact their service team through email (TPONCC@ontario.ca) or phone (416-325-6691 or 1-855-216-3090).

Applications are being accepted until January 31, 2024 at 5pm.

NOTE: OBIAA has confirmed that BIAs are eligible as Local Boards of Council

[More Information](#)

Tourism Growth Program (TGP)

The Federal Minister of Tourism, announced the launch of the [Tourism Growth Program \(TGP\)](#) as part of the previously announced [Federal Tourism Growth Strategy](#). With \$108 million in federal funding, the TGP will be delivered by Canada's seven regional development agencies over three years, starting in 2023-24. The regional development agencies will deliver the program funding directly to businesses and other organizations.

The TGP will support Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, small and medium-sized businesses, and not-for-profit organizations in developing local tourism products and experiences. Tourism projects will align with the [Federal Tourism Growth Strategy](#) in supporting sustainable tourism, outdoor experiences, Indigenous tourism, seasonal expansion, and tourism in rural and remote areas, with the goal of diversifying regional economies and supporting economic growth. Approximately 15% of TGP funding will support Indigenous-led tourism initiatives.

Applications are being accepted until February 29, 2024, 8:59 pm eastern time.

NOTE: Eligibility includes governments (municipal/provincial/territorial and related entities), which would therefore include BIAs.

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Expanded Communities at Risk: Security Infrastructure Program (Expanded SIP)

Public Safety Canada is pleased to announce that the **Expanded Communities at Risk: Security Infrastructure Program (Expanded SIP)** call for applications is now open and accepting requests for funding.

Applications are being accepted on a continuous basis until March 31, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. Pacific Time (PT), or until all funding has been allocated.

To apply and learn more about eligibility, please visit Public Safety Canada's website at ([Communities at Risk: Security Infrastructure Program - publicsafety.gc.ca](#)).

Available funding opportunities from the Ontario Government

Find out what funding is currently available from the **Government of Ontario**, if you're eligible and what you need to apply.

Has your BIA registered for the Transfer Payment ON to receive up to date information on potential grants?

Find out more and Register: [HERE](#)

Ontario Government Funding Opportunities



Ontario - Cultural Tourism and Local Events

The [Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund](#) is to help develop, promote and present high-quality, high-profile events that strengthen the economies of communities across Ontario.

[Apply Now](#)

RESOURCES FOR SHARING

We will be continually adding to this section. Please feel free to share any additional resources by emailing them to admin@obiaa.com

NOTE: New resources highlighted in yellow.

Government of Canada

- [CRA resources to help your business thrive](#)
- [Learn how to stop IP theft](#)
- [Name your business when you incorporate](#)

Canadian Statistics Advisory Council - [2023 Annual Report](#)

Province of Ontario

- [Helping Contain Costs of Building Roads and New Homes](#)
- [ServiceOntario Partnering with Retailers to Enhance Access to Services](#)
- [Putting More Repeat Violent Offenders Behind Bars](#)

Ontario Regional Economic Development

- [2023-2024 Teeny Tiny Summit](#)
- [2023-2024 Teeny Tiny Summit Recap](#)
- [Rural Ontario Data and Information Resources](#)

OMAFRA

- [Dine Ontario](#)
- [Ontario Driving Economic Growth in Rural Communities](#)
- [CED 101 Inventory Guide 2023](#)
- [Community Assets Excel](#)
- [Community Assets PDF Large](#)
- [Teeny Tiny Summit Chat Summary](#)

MSAA

- [2023 Accessibility Compliance Reporting for your members](#)

OBIAA RESOURCES

OBIAA's Resources can be found on our Website.

Members Only Resources are also available, such as the 2023 Member Salary Survey.

OBIAA's WEBSITE

BEST PRACTICES CALL MINUTES

- [Minutes 01 09 24](#)

OBIAA ADVOCACY

- [CEBA INFORMATION](#)

Previous BPC Minutes & Recordings *available upon request*

- [250th BPC Video](#)

CONFERENCE

- [2024 Sponsorship Package](#)
- [2024 Trade Show Package](#)

SUPPLIER RESOURCES AND PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- [Supplier Catalogue](#)
- [Supplier Partnership Opportunities](#)

OTHER

- [Governance Samples, including Constitutions](#)
- [2023 Salary Survey](#)
- [ROI of BIAs Report](#)

Harvard Business Review - [When an Active Pause Is the Best Strategic Choice](#)

Next City - [Rethinking Streets to Drive Commerce and Connection – Not Just Cars](#)

Bay Ward Bulletin - [Snow removal operations](#)

CBC News - [After frustrating summer, city launches revised CaféTO application process](#)

CTV News

- [Go-Give Project, BIA set to launch new initiative next month](#)

[Symposium - May 2023](#)

- [Homelessness Response Toolkit for BIAs](#)
- [Homelessness Response Toolkit QR Code](#)

DIGITAL MAIN STREET

- [Working with a Digital Services Professional: Tips for Small Businesses](#)
- [SEO Fundamentals](#)
- [Grow Your Brand on Instagram](#)
- [Small Business Websites 101](#)
- [The Future is Online and In-Person Video](#)
- [Digital Transformation Grant 5 Year Video](#)
- [Digital Service Squad 5 Year Video](#)
- [Advancing Digital Horizons for Small Business](#)

Global News

- [New Ontario cannabis rules could have 'Amazon effect' on industry](#)
- [Guelph mayor hopes bylaw will address safety concerns at tent encampments](#)

The Hamilton Spectator - [Midland council backs BIA in CEBA forgiveness request](#)

The Kingstonist - [Downtown Kingston BIA announces retirement of Michèle Langlois](#)

Midland Today - [Midland council backs BIA in CEBA forgiveness request](#)

Orillia Matters - [Residents hot](#)

- [Traditional parking meters could be nearing their end in Windsor, Ont. as councillor eyes digital replacement](#)
- [Here is how Ottawa is clearing the snow from last week's storm](#)

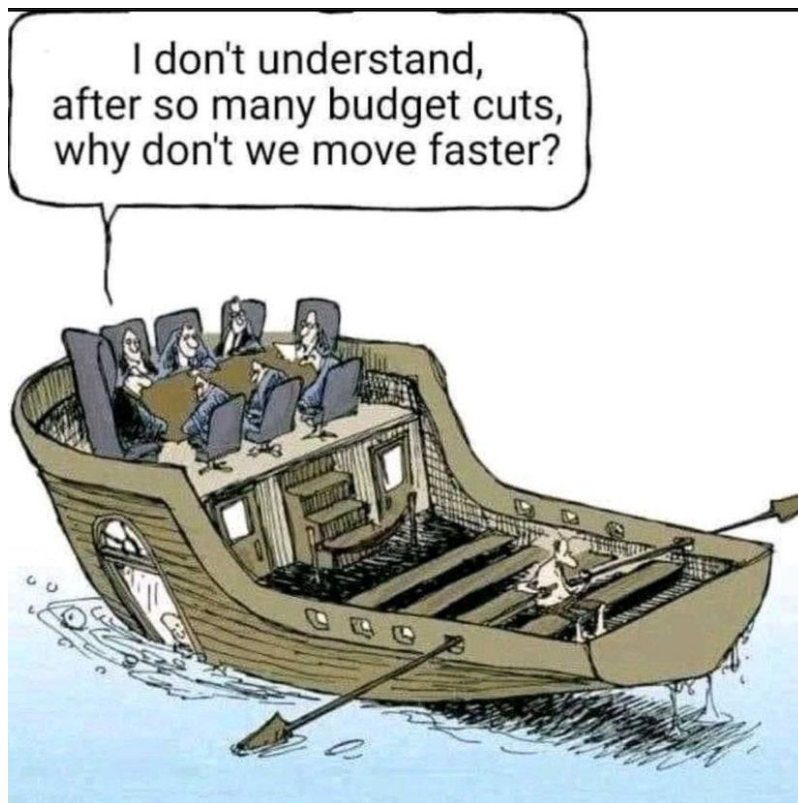
The Pembroke Observer

- [Downtown Pembroke officially welcomes Renfrew County Community Futures](#)

Thorold Today - [Ontario township overturns ban on Pride flag, allows it on community flagpole](#)

OTHER RESOURCES

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“The budget is not just a collection of numbers, but an expression of our values and aspirations.”

— Jack Lew

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TOWN OF GANANOQUE NEWS

Council January 16, 2024

- Media Release – United Counties of Leeds & Grenville – Counties Partnership, Provincial Funding, Allocates 44 New Licensed Childcare Spaces in Gananoque by end of 2024. As such, Town Staff were directed to move forward with negotiations with UCLG and YMCA Eastern Ontario.
- Notice was given with regards to a Public Meeting to be held during the Regular Council meeting on Tuesday February 6, 2024, to consider a Proposed Official Plan Amendment and Class III Development Permit relating to 740 King Street West.
- An expression of interest to sit on the Finance Working Group was called in response to a Motion put forward by Councillor Harper in 2023, which was passed by Council, to rotate the membership of the group on an annual basis. A By-law was passed to appoint Councillor Colin Brown and Councillor Patrick Kirkby, replacing Deputy Mayor Vicki Leakey and Councillor Anne Marie Koiner.
- Staff were directed by Council to explore alternatives to fireworks and looked at drones. Following a Staff Report and careful consideration, Council directed Staff to proceed with a traditional fireworks show for Canada Day 2024, with a budget of \$13,000 or a 20 minute show.
- The 2024 Operating and Capital Budget was read a first and second time as presented with a 7% tax levy increase. The third and final reading is scheduled to take place at the next regular meeting of Council, on February 6, 2024.
- Staff were directed to proceed with adoption of the 2024 Operational budget as drafted, of the 2024 Joint Services Transfer, Health Unit and Employee Health Benefits Renewal.
- Short term borrowing By-law was passed which will authorize short-term borrowing.
- The 2024 Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budget was read a first and second time. The Average Household will see a 13.8% increase. The third and final reading is scheduled to take place at the next regular meeting of Council, on February 6, 2024.
- Interim Tax By-law was passed to authorize Staff to issue bills for the 2024 interim tax levy.
- A By-law was passed to appoint Municipal Law Enforcement Officers for the Corporation of the Town of Gananoque. CSO Andrew Kent was appointed a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer under the Ontario Fire Code.
- The Gananoque Public Library Quarterly Report was received by Council.
- Mayor Beddows put forth a motion to direct Staff to prepare a report on the changes required to provide the Town with the authority to recommend that all future personal electric vehicle charging stations built in Gananoque, to also include a percentage of accessible units in accordance with AODA. The motion was carried.
- Mayor Beddows invited Jane Needles to speak to the King Street Productions request for funding for the 2024 First Peoples' Performing Arts Festival. Council referred King Street Productions funding request for the 2024 First Peoples Performing Arts Festival to the Community Grant and Tourism Advisory Panel (TAP) application process.

Next Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Council and Committee Meetings will take place in person and virtually.