



COUNCILLOR

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Welcome to the sixteenth update of Trent Lakes Council activities, and the last edition for this term of Council. It includes a summary of key initiatives over the last four years, on page 2.

I hope you find the contents informative. Please share with your friends and neighbours.

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The Municipal Elections are this October. As a taxpayer in Trent Lakes, you can (and should) vote here. Please take the time to research the candidates and decide who is best qualified to represent you on Council.

There are 5 positions on Council. The list of candidates can be found at: <https://www.trentlakes.ca/en/government/unofficial-list-of-candidates.aspx>

Electronic and Phone voting start on Tuesday, October 11th. In person voting is on October 24th at the Municipal Offices.

PLEASE VOTE! Local representatives impact your quality of life through Council decisions. It matters!

For more information, go to: <https://www.trentlakes.ca/en/government/voter-information.aspx>

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COUNCIL UPDATE

Highlights of Trent Lakes Council Meetings

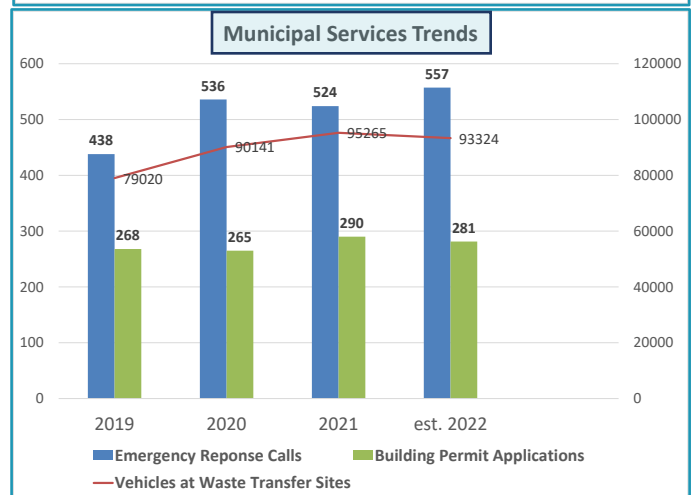
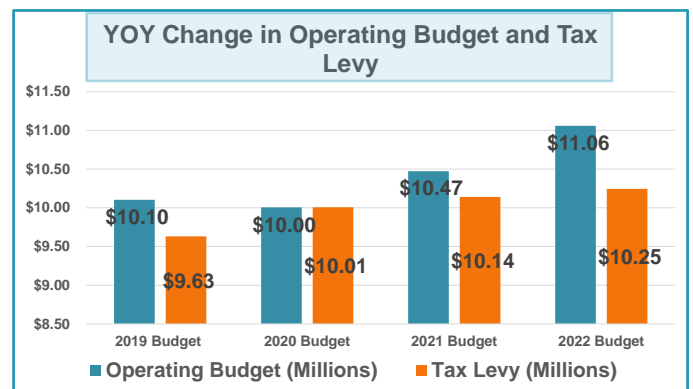
through **OCTOBER 2022**

COUNCIL DECISIONS: JULY - OCTOBER

- Approve Insurance Renewal (+15% increase – driven by market cybersecurity risk).
- Approve License of Occupation Policy – Any private docks on shoreline road allowances leading directly to or adjacent to a body of water will require a license. (Does not apply to shoreline road allowances in front of an owner's waterfront property.)
- Approve grant application for flood hazard mapping. A preventive measure for areas at risk of flooding.
- Send formal letter to County with concerns over Cty Rd 507 rehabilitation project and summer disruptions.
- Support the Trent Lakes Economic Development, Tourism and Recovery Draft Strategic Plan and direct consultant to complete the final report with Action Plans.
- Request an Official Plan Amendment to provide the Municipality with the ability to prescribe complete application requirements for building and planning applications.
- Adopt a new Volunteer Policy to reduce liability and provide support and training for volunteers. Require a six month review of the Policy to ensure it is meeting the needs and objectives it was originally intended to.
- The Dewdney Mountain Farms Quarry Application was the subject of a Public meeting in August. The application has been held up because the proposed haul route travels over a "forced" road that may not be wide enough to accommodate truck traffic. The Haul Route must be agreed to prior to voting on the zoning bylaw amendment application.
- The new dedicated mechanics and recreation/facilities building on County Rd. 49 is deferred to 2023, due to market conditions, supply chain slowdowns, inflated prices and overbudget cost estimates.

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/

- Removed quarterly restrictions on Waste Cards and penalties for first replacement card, giving seasonal residents the same # of bags as full time residents
- Voted to keep a roads depot in every Ward, to be replaced within the next 10 years and co-located with the 3 fire halls
- Developed a 3 year phased plan to manage Short Term Rentals, with licensing in 2024
- Established a 20 year plan to replace end-of-life, energy inefficient and under-functioning municipal buildings
- Restricted the use of fireworks to four holiday weekends a year, down from 365 days a year
- Continued annual septic inspections to ensure proper functioning and to protect our water quality
- Continued providing sand deposits on fire routes and private roads, for winter maintenance
- Completed local capital improvements – e.g.:
 - Galway Hall re-siding
 - Cavendish Rink upgrade
 - Buckhorn sidewalks and pedestrian crossings, paved parking and overflow parking at BCC
 - Safety upgrades and retaining wall for Cavendish transfer site
 - Enhancements to Ode Naang Park,
 - Improvements to address parking issues at Sandy Lake,
 - Resurfaced Beaver Lake Road
- Created and filled a full time bylaw officer position on staff
- Appointed an independent Integrity Commissioner, separate from the Municipal Solicitor
- Launched a new and improved municipal website
- Released a Draft Economic Recovery and Development Plan – a roadmap for the next 4 years
- In progress – a Trails and Open Spaces Expansion Plan



Trent Lakes Changes

	2019 – 2022
Operating Budget	+9.4%
Total Taxes Collected	+6.3%
Tax Collected per \$100K property value	+0.5%
Demand for Services	+5 – 27%
Full Time Population (2016-2021)	+19.3%

Key Messages:

- Despite significant increases in the full time population, and in demand for services, Council provided firm fiscal oversight and staff exercised sound financial management and judicious use of reserves, grants & fees.
- Total Canadian inflation 2019 – 2022 was 12.7%; Trent Lakes operations budget only increased 9.4%.
- For every \$100,000 of assessed property value, a taxpayer only paid \$2.10 more in taxes in 2022 than in 2019 – a 0.5% increase.