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2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

Introduction

The Township of Wellington North at a Glance

The Township of Wellington North was formed in 1999 with the amalgamation of the Town of Mount Forest, the Village of Arthur, the Townships of West Luther and Arthur, as well as some of the outlying areas in the Townships of Peel and West Garafraxa. Stretching over 526 square kilometres, it is now home to over 12,500 people – and is expected to grow to approximately 20,500 people by 2051 (an increase of more than 64%).

Wellington North is a well-diversified and evolving municipality with a strong industrial and manufacturing employment base, as well as a strong agricultural and agri-food business sector. The community is also home to many walking and cycling trails, unique stores and gift shops as well as many cultural and historical amenities and exciting events. This includes the Mount Forest Fireworks Festival, annually ranked as one of the Top 100 Festivals in Ontario.

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Our Community - AT A GLANCE -



OF BUSINESSES
1,614
LOCAL BUSINESSES



LABOUR FORCE
7,079
LOCAL WORKERS



MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME
\$78,000
PER HOUSEHOLD

Message from the Mayor

Reflecting on a Year of Progress

As we look back on 2025, I'm proud to share that it was a year marked by tangible progress and thoughtful planning by Council - work that sets Wellington North up for success in the years ahead. Guided by our Strategic Plan, Council advanced the framework that keeps our community safe, sustainable, and welcoming, while focusing on clear priorities and measurable outcomes.

We built momentum on the plans that steer responsible growth. Council continued implementing the Growth Management Action Plan and strengthened asset management, giving us a clearer picture of our long term infrastructure needs and a disciplined approach to closing the gap over time. These efforts ensure that investment decisions are transparent, data driven, and aligned with community expectations.

Residents also saw improvements on the ground.

Behind the scenes, Council took important steps to prepare for 2026. Budget deliberations balanced sustained investment in critical services with fiscal realities, updating assumptions and refining the capital program to keep delivery paced within available funding. For households, the proposed levy reflects prudent stewardship while preserving flexibility to respond to changing conditions.



MAYOR ANDY LENNOX

Our commitment to community engagement remained strong. Council's visit to Wellington Heights Secondary School fostered dialogue with students about civic decision making, and plans are underway to continue that engagement in 2026. We also made presentations to several community organizations in 2025 to communicate what we have been doing, what needs to be done, and plans on how we are going to do it, as well as received feedback on what residents see as future priorities. We also kept momentum on community priorities like aquatics - continuing to track fundraising progress and share updates - because amenities that support wellness and connection are integral to our future.

Thank you to residents, volunteers, staff, and partners for your contributions throughout 2025. Together, we've laid solid groundwork - planning with purpose, investing wisely, and building the capacity to grow well. With that foundation, Council is ready to carry this progress forward into 2026.

About Council

The Township of Wellington North Council is governed by an elected Council of five members, including the head of Council, who each serve a four-year term.

The Mayor and Council are responsible for developing the long-range vision for the future of the community. Council establishes policies that affect the overall operation of the Township and are responsive to residents' needs and priorities.

To ensure that these policies are carried out and that the community receives the services they need, Council appoints a Chief Administrative Officer who is directly responsible for the Township's administration.



Wellington North Council

Back Row, L-R: Councillor Steve McCabe (Ward 4), Councillor Sherry Burke (Ward 2)
Front Row, L-R: Councillor Lisa Hern (Ward 3), Mayor Andy Lennox, Councillor Penny Renken (Ward 1)

Administrative Structure

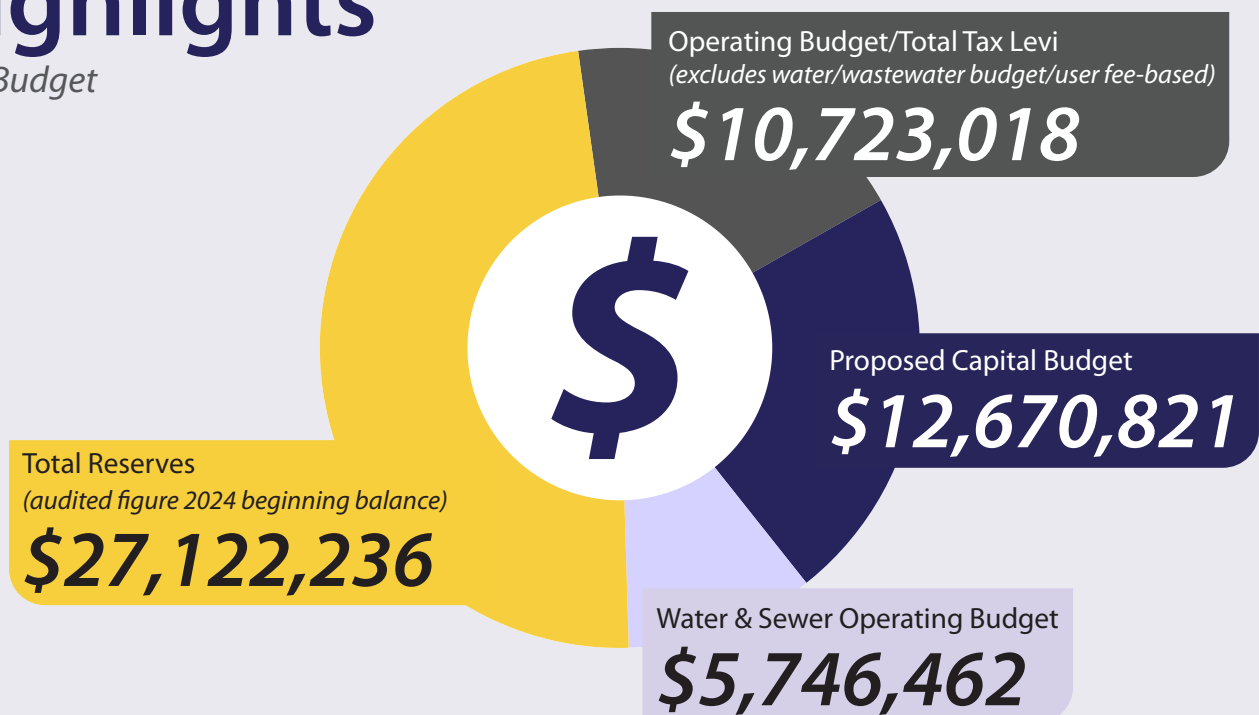
The Senior Management Team is responsible for implementing the direction set out by Township Council, including providing efficient, high-quality services for the community as well as overseeing the sustainable and responsible use of Township resources. It is led by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and includes the heads of the following divisions:

- Building and Planning
- Clerks
- Recreation, Community and Economic Development
- Finance
- Fire
- Human Resources
- Infrastructure and Engineering
- Transportation
- Water and Wastewater



Highlights

2025 Budget



Did You Know?

that the Township delivers 7 Programs, with over 25 Services including:



Governance and Civic Engagement
(Council, Community Engagement and Decision Making)



Corporate Services
(Human Resources, Financial Management, Information Technology, Clerks)



Community Services
(Community Recreation Facilities and Programming, Parks and Open Spaces, Cemeteries)



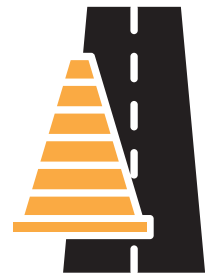
Environmental Protection
(Water Distribution, Wastewater Collection)



Development
(Land Use Planning, Building Permits, Economic Development)



Public Safety
(By-law Enforcement, Building Inspections, Fire Services)



Transportation
(Road Construction and Maintenance, Sidewalks, Street Lighting, Winter Maintenance, Bridges and Culverts, Fleet Management).



We also work in partnership with the County of Wellington, who deliver the following services to Township residents:

- ✓ Emergency Management
- ✓ Environmental Sustainability
- ✓ Curbside Waste Collection & Facilities
- ✓ Library
- ✓ Long Term Care
- ✓ Museum and Archives
- ✓ Planning and Development
- ✓ County Roads

Program Highlights

The 2025 year in Review provides an overview of the Township's accomplishments from the past fiscal year. It highlights key projects and initiatives completed across the Township's seven core program areas.

Governance and Civic Engagement

- Wellington North Progressed on three plans in 2025 that will help guide the Township in the coming years: implementation of the Strategic Plan, the development and adoption of the Asset Management Plan, and further implementation of the Growth Management Action Plan.
- Approximately 225 people participated in the Volunteer and Newcomer Celebration Event in Mount Forest in September (*April's event in Arthur was cancelled due to a power outage*). The Township wants to thank all those who make our community better and offer a warm welcome to those joining us here in Wellington North!
- Continued to advocate for Township priorities through delegations at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and through other Provincial Ministry meetings (*County Queen's Park Day*) and Environmental Registry of Ontario submissions. This included advocating for the preservation of agriculture, funding for wastewater infrastructure and for the Mount Forest Aquatics Centre, and Connecting Links funding.
- Implemented the Municipal Feedback Policy to receive, track and respond to feedback from the community on Township services and initiatives – the Township responded to more than 40 submissions in 2025.
- Completed a review and update of the Fleet Management Policy.
- Implemented new Council Agenda management software e-Scribe, which rolled out in January 2026.



Brenda Harris
Mayor Andy Lennox with Brenda Harris, Wellington North's 2025 Senior of the Year.



Volunteer Service Awards

Wellington North recognized nine residents with Volunteer Service Awards on June 23. Pictured, from left: Flynn Wettlaufer, Sharon Wenger, Al Rawlins, Bev Fettes, Nick Hansen, Jessica McFarlane, Chris McIntosh, Mikayla Humphrey, Kelsey Lennox, and Councillor Sherry Burke, who presented the awards.

Corporate Services

- Made significant upgrades to our IT infrastructure and network, more fully integrating, streamlining and modernizing the system for better functionality and security.
- Updated Development Charge By-law to reflect provincial changes in legislation.
- Continued mandatory monthly Cyber Security Training for all municipal Council and staff.
- Continued moving toward an electronic document management system



+40,000
Records Digitalized
↑ from 18,501 in 2023



Instant Record Access



Improved Security & Organization



Mayor Andy Lennox, Councillor Penny Renken, Councillor Sherry Burke and CAO Brooke Lambert met with Ric Breese (second from left), Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation, at the ROMA Conference in January 2025 to talk about road infrastructure and Connecting Links funding.

Corporate Services

- Focused on the internal implementation of the Strategic Plan, developing working groups and engaging staff in the planning of key communication efforts.
- All Township staff completed Customer Service Training as part of our ongoing commitment to serving the community better.
- Completed a new centralized administrative model, developing customer service standards, staff guidebooks and a more flexible levels of staffing to better support all service areas across the Township.



Community Services Programming:

- Opening early this season, the Arthur pool was able to offer additional swimming lesson opportunities, as well as provide the Lifesaving Society's "Swim to Survive" program for 162 Grade 3 students from five local schools.

- Introduction of a trial Youth Shinny program was offered four times per week at both the Arthur and Mount Forest Arenas.
- Pickleball remains popular in Wellington North, with eight weekly sessions in Arthur and Mount Forest, attracting around 100 players weekly, including experienced, young, and special needs players.
- Ball diamonds in Wellington North were busy – over 1,950 hours of use in 2025!



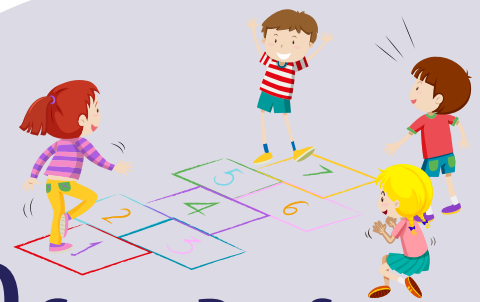
293
Patrons Registered
for Lessons



5,665
Approx. Summer
Pool Admissions

Total Count does not include lessons, day camps, or schools.

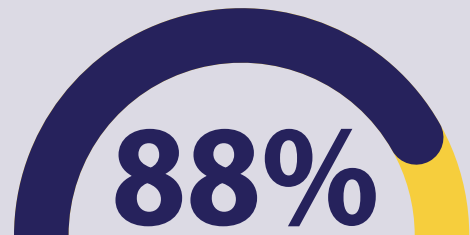
- Sensory Sensitive Swim provided a calm environment for those with sensory sensitivities, seniors, special needs clients, and support workers.
- The Township of Wellington North employed 31 young seasonal staff members to operate the Aquatics and Day Camp programs in 2025.
- Local business sponsorship supported community participation in recreation programming by reducing financial barriers and enriching program opportunities. We are grateful for their continued commitment to our community.



720 Camp Day Spaces

↑ 120 Spots from Last Season

Offered through our summer day-camp program between Mount Forest, Arthur and Damascus, over 8 sessions.



Average Program Capacity

These programs were at capacity most weeks.

Facilities:

Further progress was made on the new Mount Forest Outdoor Pool. The fundraising committee has received more than \$1.1 million in pledges and donations to date, including a \$500,000 donation from T.D. Smith Transport! Stay tuned for more on this exciting initiative in 2026!

Arthur Aquatic Centre

- Refurbished pool heater & replaced pump room heater
- Added outdoor storage shed

Arthur Arena

- Structural review completed
- New water refill station and water heater installed
- Upper Hall renovations finished; Arthur Historical Society moved in

Arthur Municipal Office

- Renovations completed; building department moved upstairs, foodbank occupies renovated basement

Arthur Parks and Trails

- OptiMrs Playground resurfaced
- West Luther Trail and ball diamond infields upgraded
- Arthur Lions Park resurfaced

Conn and Damascus Halls and Pavilions

- New signage installed

Mount Forest Facilities

- Mount Forest Museum and Archives(former municipal office): 10 new windows installed
- Community Centre: structural work, new doors, emergency upgrades, snow/ice measures
- Parks and Trails: Saugeen Trail resurfaced, ball diamond upgrades, splash pad pumphouse upgrade, new playground at Hutchison Park (*site touch-ups to finish in spring 2026*)
- Sports Complex: new cooling tower, snow removal, structural review, sliding door at arena entrance (*completion expected February 2026*)



Mount Forest Cemetery

- Enhanced our cemetery services in response to community needs. We expanded our hours of interment, providing families with greater flexibility and support. We also began selling niches and accommodating interments in the new columbarium located in the Topaz section.
- Expanding the Orchid section to include new cremation plots, with sales and interments anticipated to begin in Spring 2026.
- Again in 2025, we extend our sincere gratitude to the Horticultural Society of Mount Forest for their dedicated work in keeping the entranceway beautifully maintained.
- Completed the installation of the cremation plots at the cemetery.
- Began selling niches and accommodating interments in the new columbarium in the Topaz section of the cemetery.



Community:

- Awarded with a \$25,000 grant (*Ontario Seniors Community Grant*) allowing the Township to offer the Tech & Trek: Adventures, Connections and Learning program. This program offers bus tours to local events, a series of intergenerational activities, and drop-in digital literacy classes.
- Partnered with the Town of Minto and Town of Hanover to receive a \$35,000 grant (*Tourism Growth Program*) allowing the Township to offer the sold-out Saugeen Cultural Bus Tour in October, assist with Culture Days events, and launch the Driftscape app to help attract tourists and visitors to our region.



Arthur Aces U9: Wellington North Council recognized the Arthur Aces U9 #2 team at its October 21 meeting for winning the 2025 Ontario Box Lacrosse U9 "F" Championship.

- Council recognized five teams and seven individual athletes for their accomplishments in 2025 through the Recognition of Outstanding Sports Achievements Program.
- Supported the Mount Forest Community Garden with a \$1,000 grant through the Grants and Donations Community Development Fund, as well as approved a new location for the garden at the former Mount Forest Fairgrounds.
- Staff worked with the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee on fundraising efforts for the new Mount Forest Outdoor Pool. In February 2025, T.D. Smith Ltd. pledged \$500,000 to the pool build, which will be known as the T.D. Smith Aquatic Centre when it opens. To date, more than \$1,150,000 has been raised for the project, with more exciting news to come in 2026!



Members of the Mount Forest Aquatics Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee received the pledge from Shauna MacQuarrie, Tyler Smith, and Dennis Black of T.D. Smith Transport. Pictured from left: Al Leach, Sherry Burke, Shauna MacQuarrie, Flora Burke, Dennis Black, and Tyler Smith.

- Received a Canada Summer Jobs grant to provide funds for five seasonal roles for summer programming.
- Received a \$1,651,711 million grant (*Connecting Links Program*) to assist with the Rehabilitation of Main Street project in Mount Forest.
- Received a \$25,000 grant (*County of Wellington Economic Development*) to assist with the delivery of Business Retention and Expansion activities.
- 42 organizations received \$38,343 in grants and donations under the Township's Community Development Fund.



Saugeen Bus Tours
The Saugeen Culture Bus Tour visited Silver Fox Distillery in Arthur on October 4.

Culture:

- 23 Cultural Moments were delivered at 2025 Council Meetings, bringing the total number of Cultural Moments shared since the program began in 2012 to 179.
- Cultural Grants and Funding program approved grants to Metz Pumpkinfest and the Mount Forest and District Arts Council.
- Wellington North Culture Days were held in September and October. Events included Metz Pumpkinfest, Saugeen Culture Bus Tour, and the Artisan Showcase, among others.

Events:

- Arthur Canada Day celebrations - always a good time!
- The Mount Forest Fireworks Festival was a blast in July!
- Volunteer Celebration and Newcomer Welcome hosted in September, in Mount Forest, was attended by approximately 225 people. Our May event in Arthur was cancelled due to an unplanned power outage.
- The third annual Artisans Showcase was held in September.
- The sold-out Saugeen Culture Bus Tour was hosted on October 4; a partnership with the Hanover Cultural Roundtable and Minto Cultural Roundtable.



Mayor Andy Lennox congratulates Team Coburn Insurance on winning the Late Draw and Overall Bonspiel. Pictured, from left: Mayor Lennox, Christy Tangney, Angie Hunt, Lyndsey Wilson and Andrew Coburn.

- Four sold-out Seniors Bus Tours: Bards and Bouquets (September 12); History, Art and Autumn Charm (Owen Sound, October 23), and two trips to see the Grey Bruce Singers in Hanover (November 13 and November 15). Bus transportation to these events was funded by the Province of Ontario's Seniors Community Grant.

CONGRATS!

to the Wellington North winners of the 2025 Ontario Volunteer Service Award!

Bev Fettes, Nick Hansen, Jessica McFarlane, Chris McIntosh, Al Rawlins, Sharon Wenger, Mikayla Humphrey, Kelsey Lennox, & Flynn Wettlaufer

Wedding Officiant

In 2025, the Township of Wellington North had the privilege of officiating 15 weddings, including the special ceremony of Councillor Steve McCabe and Michelle Brown (pictured). It was truly a joy to be part of these couples' celebrations, supporting them as they marked their commitment to one another. Our officiants are dedicated to creating a warm and memorable experience for every couple and their guests. Whether the ceremonies were intimate or grand, each one reflected our Township's commitment to fostering community and celebrating love.



Steve and Michelle
(Photo courtesy of Casi Grey)

We are proud to have played a role in these meaningful moments and look forward to continuing to unite and support couples in the years to come.



Volunteer Celebration and Newcomer Welcome event in Mount Forest in September.

- The third annual Mayor's Charity Bonspiel was held at the Arthur Curling Club in November, raising \$10,245 for the new Mount Forest Outdoor Pool fundraising campaign.
- The Mount Forest Louise Marshall Hospital Foundation Gala (facility partnership).

Environmental Protection

- Notice of Completion was issued for the Arthur Water System Supply Redundancy and Storage Class Environmental Assessment.
- Full Reconstruction of John Street between Waterloo Street and Queen Street West in Mount Forest (total project \$1.14 million investment).
- Annual Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) inspections of the Arthur and Mount Forest Drinking water systems resulted in final inspection ratings of 100% for the 18th year in a row with no non-compliances.
- An external audit of the Township's Drinking Water Quality Management System was conducted by a third party. A third-party external audit of the Township's Drinking Water Quality Management System confirmed that the Township maintained its Certificate of Accreditation with zero non-conformities.
- Performed thorough inspection and maintenance activities on above and below ground equipment at Well 8A in Arthur to optimize water supply life span.
- Participated in the Waterloo Wellington Children's Groundwater Festival providing water and wastewater education for elementary school students.
- The Arthur Multi-Leg Water Tower was drained for cleaning and inspection and returned to service. This activity is completed over a 3-year cycle.
- Stainless steel liner installed in Well 3 Mount Forest well casing extending the life of the well for at least 50 years

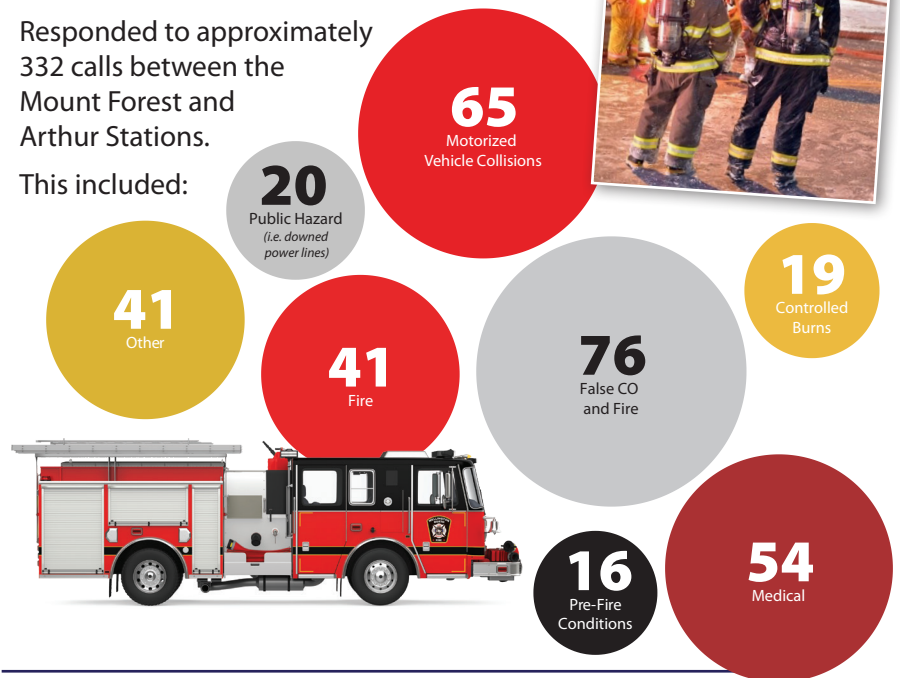
- Arthur and Mount Forest Master Plan Technical Updates completed.
- Water and Wastewater Rate Study and Financial Plan completed.



Wellington North Fire Service

Responded to approximately 332 calls between the Mount Forest and Arthur Stations.

This included:



BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED

258 Permits Issued
 \$\$\$ Worth **\$80,530,226**
 in Construction Value

87
 Residential Permits
 76 New Dwellings

28
 Industrial, Commercial,
 & Institutional Permits

65
 Agricultural Permits

20
 Demolition Permits

17 Septic System Permits

By-law Enforcement (City of Guelph Contract)

- 104 Property Standard complaints received, 101 resolved. As of December 2025, 3 complaints were open with by-law officers working towards compliance with property owners.



Economic Development Officer Robyn Mulder (right) at the Wellington Works Career and Job Fair in Palmerston.



Wellington Works Career and Job Fair in Palmerston, held at Norwell District Secondary School in April.

Economic Development

- Wellington North Farmers' Market in Mount Forest opened for its 13th year. The new location on Parkside Drive proved hugely successful, with more shoppers and highway traffic stopping in to buy local produce.
- Youth Entrepreneurship program – Student Start Up Program (SSUP) celebrated its 6th year. Nine Wellington North youth were among the 51 participants across the Saugeen Region.
- 10 Community Improvement Plan (CIP) applicants received \$25,868 in funding to assist with signage, façade upgrades and other business improvements. Applicants contributed \$102,995 towards improvements that received grants, resulting in \$144,690 in improvements throughout the Township.
- The CIP Program saw an upgrade this year with a newly reviewed section on downtown Design Guidelines. This new edition helps to promote the historical attributes of our downtown buildings.
- 400+ Grade 9 and 10 students from Wellington Heights Secondary School and Norwell District Secondary School attended the 4th annual Wellington Works Career and Job Fair at Norwell District Secondary School in Palmerston.
- Supported and advanced programs for woman with online webinars, celebration of International Women's Day and sponsorship of WOWSA (*Women of Wellington Saugeen Area*) initiatives.
- Implemented the Lean 4 Gain program across the Saugeen Connects municipalities to help local businesses strengthen operations, boost efficiency, and build stronger teams.
- Continued discussions on future employment areas between Wellington North, West Grey and the Counties of Wellington and Grey.
- Partnering with the University of Guelph to canvas local businesses across the Township, a Business Retention and Expansion Survey was completed. The survey provides insight into local business needs to help businesses stay, grow, and become more competitive in the community. 43 businesses took part in the survey.



+100
 People Attended the
 Mayor's Breakfast in April 2025



Transportation, Infrastructure and Engineering

including Road Maintenance, Winter Maintenance, Bridges & Culverts, Storm Sewers, Fleet Management, & Street Lighting

- Completed the resurfacing of Main Street in Mount Forest, which included the installation of a Pedestrian Crossover at the intersection of Main Street South and King Street. This project was 90% funded by the Ministry of Transportation's Connecting Links program. The Ministry provided us with \$1,486,539.90 towards this rehabilitation project.
- Completed public survey for final engineering design considerations of John Street reconstruction including limiting impacts on trees. Completed the reconstruction of John Street between Queen Street West and Waterloo Street in Mount Forest, which included: full replacement of watermain, sanitary and storm sewers; new services (water, sanitary and storm) from main to property line; roadway urbanization with new sidewalk (\$1.14 million investment).
- Installation of a new Pedestrian Crossover at the intersection of Queen Street East and Fergus Street South.
- Wells Street East Culvert Replacement in Arthur.
- 2025 Pavement Rehabilitation Program saw two rural road resurfacing projects: Line 8 (between Wellington Road 14 to Wellington Road 16 – 5.5km) and Sideroad 5W (between Concession 9 to Concession 11 – 2.8km). Urban surfacing of Colcleugh Avenue, Perth Street and Prince Charles Street in Mount Forest and Andrew Street in Arthur (\$1.23 million investment).
- Rural rebuild of Sideroad 13 (between Line 2 to north-1.4km).
- Award engineering design for Bridge 21 replacement on Sideroad 8E.
- Fleet: Purchase new plow truck and sidewalk machine to replace existing fleet.
- Complete tender design for new servicing and road construction on Draper Street and Anderson Ave in Arthur.
- Complete Industrial Drive Urbanization in Mount Forest with placement of new curb and gutter and asphalt



- Engineering design of storm sewer realignment on Smith Street in Arthur.

2025 Engineering Bridge Inspection

Bridges are defined as structures with a span of 3.0 m or more.

In the Township of Wellington North, the following was inspected by a professional engineer:



- Engineering design for reconstruction of Durham Street East between Main Street North and Fergus Street North including installation of new watermain, sanitary sewer and storm sewer, road urbanization and sidewalks.
- Engineering design of Newfoundland Street between Wellington Street East and King Street East including installation of new watermain and storm sewer, road urbanization and sidewalks.
- Engineering design for sidewalk and parking design project on Wellington Street East between Newfoundland Street and Egremont Street
- Implementation of the Site Alteration By-law



Strategic Plan Overview

In October 2023, Council approved its Strategic Plan based on extensive consultation with Council, the community and staff.

This strategy identified the primary goal of building a community that is:

 **SAFE**

 **SUSTAINABLE**

 **WELCOMING**

For more information, visit: www.wellington-north.com.

2025 was focused on implementing the Strategic Plan. The following highlights some of the main actions the Township took in 2025 to address its priorities:

Priority Area

Shape and support sustainable growth

- Council adopted the 2025 Asset Management Plan. This plan provides a framework for managing our assets (*roads, bridges, facilities*) in a sustainable and responsible way. It outlines the “infrastructure gap” that the Township will need to address over the long term in order to be fiscally sound as we grow.
- Updated technical studies, policy and zoning and identified sustainable funding strategies to support the implementation of the Township’s growth management strategy and key infrastructure investments.



Mayor Andy Lennox visited the Arthur Optimist Club on October 22



Wellington North staff and council participated in the Crime Stoppers Guelph Wellington flag raising to recognize Crime Stoppers Month in September.

Deliver quality, efficient community services aligned with the Townships mandate and capacity

- Developed a new framework for centralizing facility management in the Township – defining key functions and conducting building assessments for future planning and budgeting.
- Further developed the Township Service List that can be used for the basis of planning, business continuity and continuous improvement.
- Completed an Accessibility Audit of the Townships services and updated the website to enhance accessibility.
- Worked with other area municipalities to investigate potential partnership opportunities for service delivery (*for example: Procurement*).
- Worked with the Arthur Food Bank to provide for a temporary relocation while the Arthur Municipal Building underwent renovations.
- Worked with the Arthur Historical Society to provide a new location in the Upper Hall of the Arthur and Area Community Centre.
- Updated Township Service Club and Community Board Signage to better communicate local clubs and activities underway in the Township.
- Community Garden partnership – identified a temporary location in the Mount Forest Community Centre grounds while a permanent location is found
- Participating in the Saugeen Connects partnership with Minto, West Grey, Brockton, Hanover, South Bruce and the Saugeen Economic Development Corporation.



Substantial improvements were made to the West Luther Rail Trail, thanks to a generous family donation.

- Partnered with several local businesses to create sponsorship opportunities for recreational programming, allowing free access to the indoor walking program, public skates and swims.
- Leveraged over \$125,000 in grants to deliver services to the community, including funds for summer youth programming (*Canada Summer Jobs*); low-cost bus trips to local events for seniors (*Seniors Community Grant*); tourism opportunities such as the Saugeen Culture Bus Tour ; and sponsorships from local businesses and community groups to offer free public swimming, public skating and walking programs in Arthur and Mount Forest.



Council visited the Grade 10 Civics and Careers class on December 3 to discuss municipal government and engage with students.



Enhance information sharing and participation in decision making

- Engaged over 310 residents in a community consultation related to the Mount Forest Community Centre – identifying possible community uses. This feedback will help shape future options recommended related to this community facility.
- Sought community feedback related to Southeast Mount Forest Drainage challenges and opportunities.
- Supported the community by engaging the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to host a Community Safety Townhall – with over 100 participants attending in person. Developed a website to host resources and information for the community.
- Enhanced communication and engagement with residents continued in 2025. A new Facebook page was launched in October to better inform residents. Continued to post all videos from open sessions of Council to the Township's YouTube page.
- More than 325 news articles were published by local media (*online and print*) regarding the Township in 2025, highlighting everything from Council meetings to Township events.
- Worked with the Ontario Heritage Trust to develop a plaque honouring Margarette Rae Morrison - one of Ontario's first female Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and local advocate for rural communities.

WHAT'S NEXT

It's an exciting time in Wellington North!

Interested in getting Involved?

Stay tuned for more information on:

- ✓ Initiating key infrastructure projects that will support sustainable growth in the Township;
- ✓ Continuing to improve our services – ensuring our teams have the right equipment and facilities to deliver the services our community relies on;
- ✓ Getting reading for the 2026 Municipal Election;
- ✓ Continuing to build strong partnerships that allow us to leverage our collective talents and resources; and
- ✓ Celebrating our successes!

Visit our website:

www.wellington-north.com

Social media accounts saw continued growth in followers on:



19.4%

↑ Increase



25%

↑ Increase



12.7%

↑ Increase



Through the Seniors Community Grant, students from Arthur Public School worked with seniors to bake apple muffins at the Arthur and Area Community Centre.



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