



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW





2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | COUNCIL ACTION

ACTIONS OF COUNCIL QUICK STATS



30 Meetings of Council

288 Staff Reports to Council

20 Meetings of Standing Committee/Committee of the Whole

30 Delegations to Council

47 Meetings of Sub Committees

72 By-laws Enacted



Approved amendments to the Procedure By-law to re-structure the way Council meets. Changed from Standing Committees to **Committee of the Whole**.



Began Live Broadcasting of all Council and Committee of the Whole meetings on the Township Youtube channel. [Youtube.com/@TayTownshipON](https://www.youtube.com/@TayTownshipON)



Approved the initiation of **Online Payments** through Paymentus



Approved **flexible work trial** period for Township staff

25

COMMUNITY GROUPS/ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVED A TOTAL OF \$25,000 IN GRANTS.
Council also made the following municipal contributions to outside organizations.

- Severn Sound Environmental Association - \$135,749
- Georgian Bay General Hospital - \$25,000
- Georgian Bay Physician Recruitment - \$12,500
- Culture Alliance - \$10,000
- Georgian Bay Forever - \$15,000
- Economic Development Corporation of North Simcoe - \$33,990

GRANTS AND DONATIONS





2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | OPERATIONS

2023 ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Location	Condition	Length
Sandhill Road	Surface Treatment	2300m
Fesserton Side Road	Surface Treatment	500m
Forget Road	Surface Treatment	2400m
Hogg Valley Road	Surface Treatment	2840m
Forgets Road at Wood Road	Asphalt Placement	300m
Wood Road	Gravel Rehabilitation	2375 tonnes
Rosemount Road	Gravel Rehabilitation	4050 tonnes



Wood Road at Elliot Side Road. One laneway paved.



Surface Treatment on one lane at Forgets Road.



Wood Road at Forgets Road. Paving complete, prior to shouldering.



276KM OF ROADS MAINTAINED



41KM OF SIDEWALK MAINTAINED



NEW ABOVE GROUND FUEL SYSTEM INSTALLED



21 LICENCED VEHICLES



9 PIECES OF OPERATING EQUIPMENT
(Grader, Loader, Backhoe, Tractors
6 being upgrades in 2023)



**3496 sand tonnes
acquired for the
2023/2024
winter season**



TAY TOWNSHIP

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | PARKS RECREATION & FACILITIES



Performed ground maintenance activities at **40** properties



Completed snow removal and salting for **25** municipal facilities



784
Community Centre Rentals



250
TOTS Soccer Registrations

445
Day Camp Registrations



28+ hours of free public use per week at the Tay Community Rink and **400+** rentals in 2023



250
Baseball Diamond Rentals

345

Active Living Program Registrations

Oakwood Park Improvements



A \$95,000 Resilient Communities Fund grant awarded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation helped give new life to Oakwood Park rink. The grant was used to install new rink boards at Oakwood Park in Victoria Harbour. The project was completed in October 2023 and has improved the aesthetic and function of the arena area.

MacKenzie Park Improvements



Improvements included significant enhancements to the playground equipment, which incorporates accessible features allowing children of all abilities to play and learn together. The space now includes a modern accessible washroom facility and walkway connected to the pavilion, ensuring a seamless experience for everyone.

Horticulture Committee



The purpose of the Tay Township Horticulture Committee is to foster civic pride, environmental responsibility and beautification through community participation in horticulture. This group keeps the Township looking festive each season! To learn more about this committee visit tay.ca/horticulture.





2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | WATER & WASTEWATER



852, 101.00 m³

Total Treated Water Flows 2023
Tay Area Drinking Water System

10, 488.15 m³

Total Treated Water Flows 2023
Rope Drinking Water System



731, 497.00 m³

Victoria Harbour Wastewater Treatment Plant
Final Effluent 2023

441, 063.00 m³

Port McNicoll Wastewater Treatment Plant
Final Effluent 2023



2 hydrants replaced/added to the system



40 main valve box repairs



3 watermain repairs
2 watermain modifications



50 curb stop box/service line repairs
5 sewer lateral repairs



1 new sample station installation



4km of sewer flushing and CCTV
30 deficiencies were identified and repaired in sewer mains



In 2023 the water treatment plant upgrade was finished and included the addition of a fourth filter and a GAC (Granular Activated Carbon) system to combat taste and odour issues.

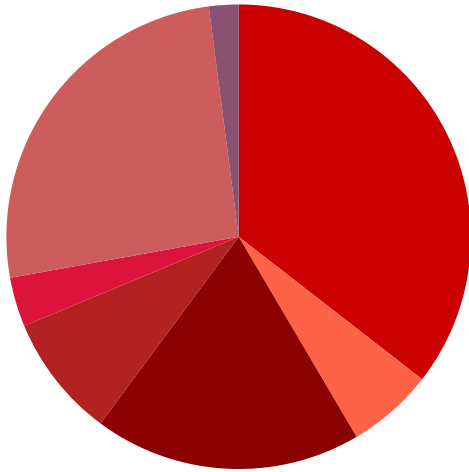


Tay Township received **100%** on the inspection for the Minister's Annual Report on Drinking Water for Tay Area and Rope Water Treatment Plants.



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | FIRE DEPARTMENT

349
EMERGENCY CALLS



- **7- Fire Emergency Calls** (2 Single Family Dwelling, 2 Trailer/Recreational Equipment, 2 Vehicle, 1 Shed)
- **90 - Other** (incl. assist OPP, CO calls, natural gas line calls, hydro wires down calls, tech rescue)
- **12 - Public Hazard** (flooding, spills affecting the environment)
- **30 - Vehicle Collisions**
- **65 - Activated Alarms**
- **21 - Burn complaints** (grass fires, smoke in residence, cooking incidents, etc.)
- **124 - Medical/Rescue**



ADVANCED TRAINING

- Certified 4 Additional Advanced RPAS Pilots
- Live Fire Training
- Flashover
- Firefighter Survival Training
- Pumper Operations
- DZ License & Driver Response
- Simcoe Paramedics Annual Quality Care Program
- SP 100 Wildland Firefighting Training
- Building Construction for the Fire Service Training
- Emergency Management Senior/Elected Officials Workshop



ACCREDITATION & COMPLIANCE

- Obtained Fire Underwriters Superior Tanker Shuttle Accreditation
- Annual Emergency Management Program Compliance
- Took delivery of a New Pumper for Station 2 Old Fort

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION

- Canada Day
- Portarama
- Seniors BBQ
- Seniors Talk
- School Visits and Youth Day
- Hall Tours
- Tay Bike Day
- Toy and Food Drives

15
NEW RECRUITS
(including direct hires)



76 TOTAL
VOLUNTEER
FIREFIIGHTERS



2,071
BURN PERMITS
ISSUED



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | PLANNING



9
**ZONING BY-LAW
AMENDMENT
APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**



7
**PRE-CONSULTATIONS
HELD**



2
**OFFICIAL PLAN
AMENDMENTS COMPLETED**



1
**PLAN OF
SUBDIVISION
EXTENSION GRANTED**

**COMMITTEE OF
ADJUSTMENT**



24 **Minor Variances
Applications Received**



9 **Consent Applications
Received**

**HERITAGE
COMMITTEE**



- Members attended the Community Heritage Workshop held in Penetanguishene.
- Members attended Tay Canada Day with an informative display on trains in Tay.
- Worked with public and summer student to update the Heritage Registry and Inventory.



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | BUILDING

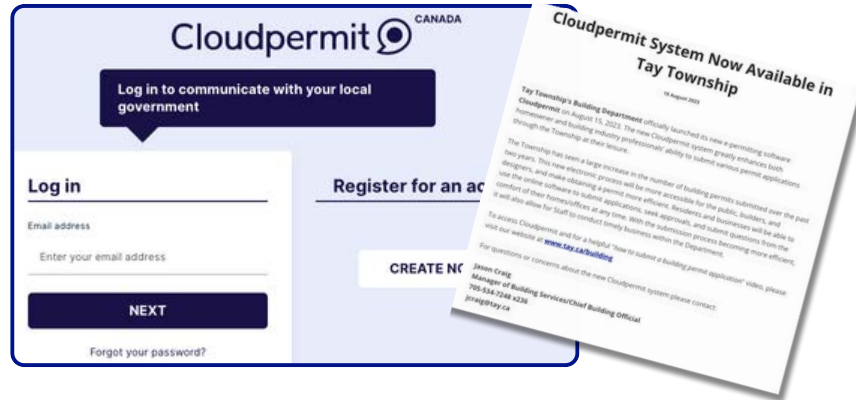


184
BUILDING
PERMITS
ISSUED



803
INSPECTIONS
CONDUCTED

Launched new e-permitting software



The new [Cloudpermit system](https://www.tay.ca/building) greatly enhances both homeowner and building industry professionals' ability to submit various permit applications through the Township at their leisure. Building permit applications are now being accepted online through this portal software. Learn more and create your account today at [tay.ca/building](https://www.tay.ca/building).



5 Order to Remedy an Unsafe Building **Issued**
5 Order to Remedy an Unsafe Building **Closed**



2 Stop Work Orders **Issued**
2 Stop Work Orders **Closed**



16 Orders to Comply **Issued**
10 Orders to Comply **Closed**

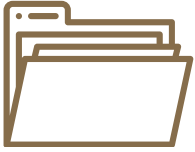


\$323,199 Collected Building Permit Fees





2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | BY-LAW



116
NUMBER OF FILES
OPENED



453
NUMBER OF BOAT LAUNCH
PARKING PERMITS



87
NUMBER OF
FILES CLOSED



14
NUMBER OF DOGS RETURNED
TO OWNERS

EDUCATION CAMPAIGNS



Continued to hand out the **Enjoy Your Stay in Tay Guide**. The guide provides an **overview of our community standards**. Do those staying at your short-term rental know when they can set off fireworks? Do they know the rules around having a backyard fire? This guide is designed to be a quick reference to these important questions.

Continued to hand out **rack cards** with education related to **Winter Parking Regulations** and **Fire Permit Rules and Guidelines**, making this information easily accessible to everyone.





2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | CLERK'S DIVISION



50
MARRIAGE
LICENCES
ISSUED



22
MARRIAGE
CEREMONIES
PERFORMED



51
COMMISSIONS



8
LOTTERY
LICENCES
ISSUED



14
FOI REQUESTS
PROCESSED



12
PLOT SALES/INTERMENTS
VICTORIA HARBOUR
UNION CEMETERY

SPECIAL PROJECTS



Introduced Council Information Package

Increase transparency and availability of correspondence received by Clerk's Department

Launched Council Portal (iCompass)

Increasing access to agendas/minutes and overall governance of Township Council

Hosted Elementary School Class for Local Government Week Event

Accepted Transfer of Waverley United Church and Cemetery Property

SENIORS ADVISORY COMMITTEE EVENTS



The Committee hosts free events throughout the year that aim to promote social engagement and education for seniors in the community.

- Hosted the **Seniors Health & Wellness Picnic** at the Tay Community Rink.
 - **26** Vendors, **2** Speakers and **4** Wellness Demonstrations.
- **Gingerbread House Making Event** at the Oakwood Community Centre.
- Hosted **3 Seniors Talks** (various locations throughout Tay Township).
- **Pole Walking** Sessions (held throughout year).



2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | FINANCE

The **overall increase for a residential property tax bill for 2023** including **County and Education** taxes was **4%**.

For an **average home in Tay assessed at \$241,212** this was an increase of **\$105.86 per year**.

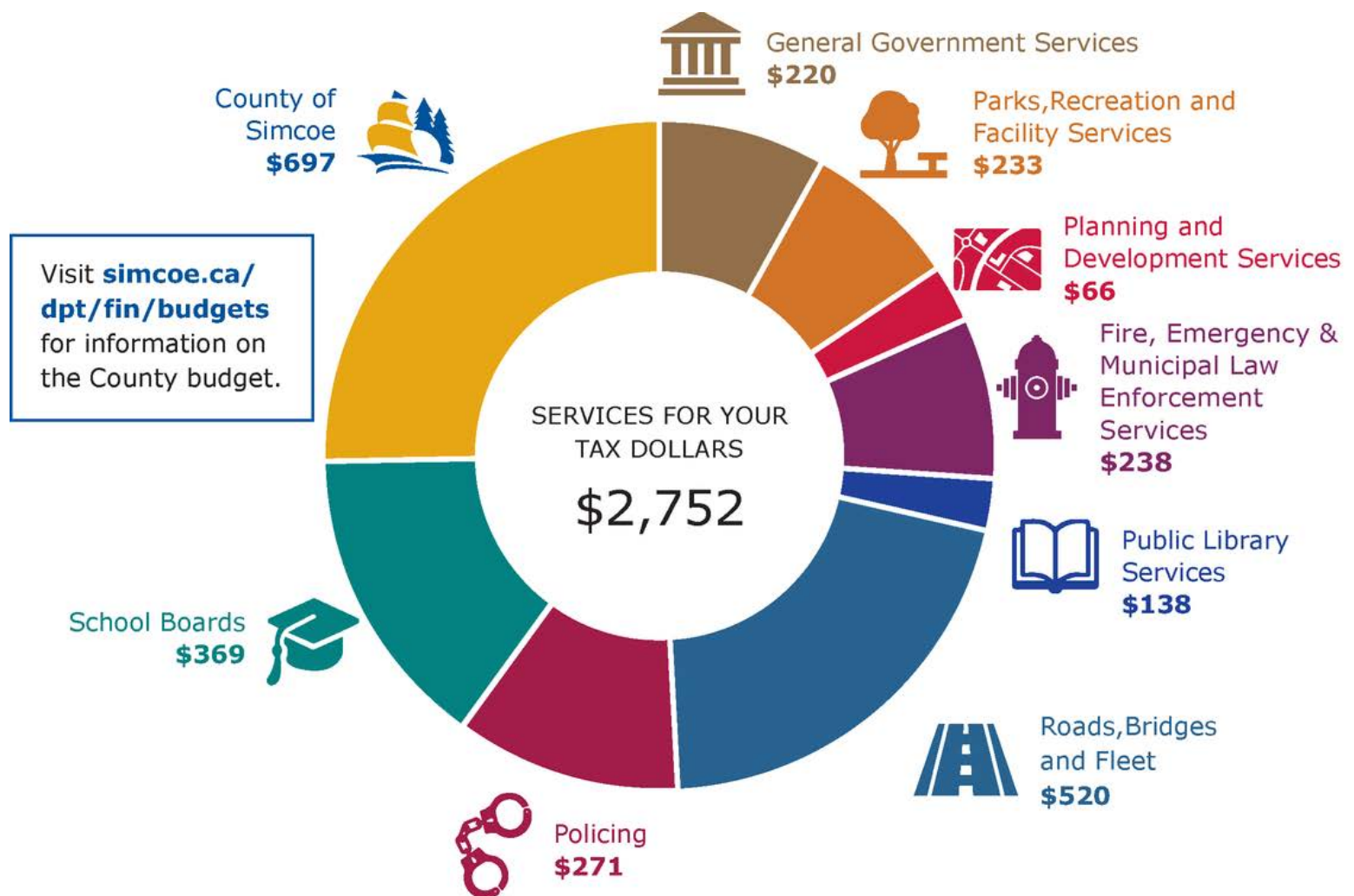


For every tax dollar paid by property owners in Tay:

- **51** cents support Tay Township services
- **25** cents support Simcoe County services
- **14** cents support publicly-funded education
- **10** cents support Ontario Provincial Police

WHERE YOUR TAX DOLLARS GO:

The chart below shows the services for tax dollars on a single family detached home assessed at \$241,212.





2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | COMMUNICATIONS



Published **201** notices on the [Township Website](#). Including News and Public Notices, Employment, Recreation and Events, Service Disruptions and Information and General Interest.



Maintain **4** social media channels including Facebook, X (twitter), YouTube and LinkedIn.



Shared **161** Community Events on [Tay Township Community Events Calendar](#).



1,785 [Facebook](#) Followers

1,893 [X \(twitter\)](#) Followers

1,126 [LinkedIn](#) Followers

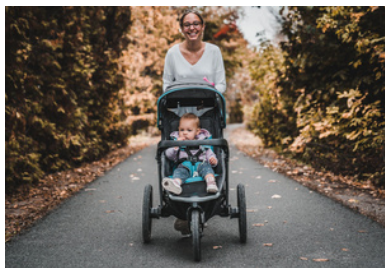
SPECIAL PROJECTS



Launched new accessible [Township website](#). Helping to enhance customer service and provide a reliable resource for news, promotion, and information coming from the municipality.



Successful in securing a grant through the [County of Simcoe](#) Tourism, Culture and Sport Enhancement Fund. This grant provided professional photos to be taken of our sport and recreation facilities, assisting with the marketing of these facilities as valuable sport and tourism assets in our community.



2,231 [YOUTUBE VIEWS](#)
2023 CREATIVE CONTENT VIDEOS
(EXAMPLE: TAY CANADA DAY HIGHLIGHTS)



2,528 [YOUTUBE VIEWS](#)
2023 COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE OF
THE WHOLE MEETINGS

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2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | [TAY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY](#)

PROGRAMS



NUMBER OF PROGRAMS

290

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

10,187



34,964

TOTAL PHYSICAL
ITEMS CIRCULATED



8,570

TOTAL E-MATERIALS CIRCULATED

• E-Books • E-Audiobooks • E-Periodicals



1,836

COMPUTER USE/SESSIONS



199

TOTAL PASSES CIRCULATED

• Wye Marsh • Simcoe County Museum
• Ontario Parks • Huronia Museum



8,378

WEBSITE VISITS



21,622

WIRELESS USE



INTER-LIBRARY LOANS

377 BORROWED

519 LENT

AT THE LIBRARY YOU HAVE ACCESS TO:



Two weekly **Game Nights** for kids



Weekly **Chess, Mahjong, and Sit and Stitch** Groups



Online Storytime on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) with matching **take-home activity kit**



Computers and 24/7 **WiFi Access**



Online Magazines and **Newspapers** with [PressReader](#)



Comics and **Graphic Novels** on your device with [ComicsPlus](#)



Three weekly **Storytimes** for babies and tots



March Break and **TD Summer Reading Club** Activities



Ontario Parks, Wye Marsh, Huronia Museum, and Simcoe County Museum [Passes](#)



Books, DVDs, Blu-Rays, Video Games, Audio Books



E-Books and **Audio Books** on your device with [cloudLibrary](#).



[Reciprocal borrowing](#) with 8 other local libraries

**AND SO MUCH MORE IN OUR BRANCHES
PLAN A VISIT AND REGISTER FOR A LIBRARY CARD, IT'S FREE!**





2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Crime Stoppers Month

Tay Township proclaimed January as Crime Stoppers Month. Mayor Ted Walker, Council and Staff raised the flag with Crime Stoppers of Simcoe Dufferin Muskoka. Thank you to our community agencies, law enforcement, media and citizens who make our community safer.



Tay Township Proclaims February as Black History Month

Black History Month is an important time to learn about the stories and many important contributions of local Black Canadians to the settlement, growth and development of Simcoe County.



#ItStarts Campaign

Tay Township joined the County of Simcoe to promote the #ITSTARTS campaign. The program is designed to take a proactive step towards addressing racism and discrimination in Simcoe County.



World Autism Awareness Day

Tay Township proclaimed April 2, 2023 as World Autism Day, helping to highlight the work done throughout the province and the work that still needs to be done to remove systemic barriers and help children, youth, and adults on the autism spectrum live their best life.



Children's Mental Health Week

Mayor Walker proclaimed May 1 to 7 as Children's Mental Health Week in Tay Township. Raising awareness about the importance of child and youth mental health is crucial to helping reduce stigma associated with accessing vital support.





2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | AROUND THE COMMUNITY



Act on Litter Day!

#TeamTay supported #ActONLitter helping to make our community cleaner and healthier. Tay Township supplies pitch-in bags and picks up full bags of garbage from community groups that want to organize clean up events during the month of April.



National Public Works Week

Tay Township thanked our dedicated Operational Services staff who go above and beyond to provide the community with front-line services that safeguard and enhance the quality of life in our Township.



2023 Citizen of the Year Award Presented to Jackie Ladouceur

Congratulations to Jackie Ladouceur on being named the 2023 Tay Township Citizen of the Year! Council and staff were able to celebrate Jackie at the Regular Council Meeting on Wednesday May 24, 2023.



Seniors' Month

Mayor Walker declared June as Seniors' Month in Tay Township, recognizing and celebrating the many accomplishments of our Tay seniors.



Fierté Simcoe Pride

Mayor Walker proclaimed July 24 to August 6, 2023 as Fierté Simcoe Pride in Tay Township. Council and Staff celebrated with Fierté Simcoe Pride on Friday, July 28, and raised the Progress Intersex Pride Flag at the Township Office.





TAY TOWNSHIP

2023 YEAR IN REVIEW | AROUND THE COMMUNITY

Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Council and Staff gathered with Candlelighters Simcoe, Parents of Children with Cancer for a flag-raising to spread awareness for childhood cancer and to recognize the hard work of scientists, healthcare professionals, parent organizations, and volunteers who work to overcome childhood cancer and who provide aid to these families.



National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Mayor Walker proclaimed September 30th as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Tay Township. To commemorate the day, Council and Staff gathered for a flag raising at the Municipal Office. Mayor Walker encouraged all residents to reflect on how we can move forward together.



Veterans' Week

Tay Township proclaimed November 5 to 11 as Veterans' Week. Mayor Walker, Council and members of our local Legions gathered to raise the Poppy Flag and show support for our veterans and their families.



Tay Canada Day

Tay Tree Lighting Ceremony





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