



# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

est. 1994



# DID YOU KNOW

## THE TOWNSHIP DELIVERS 7 PROGRAMS, WITH OVER 27 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, Parks and Open Spaces, Cemeteries)

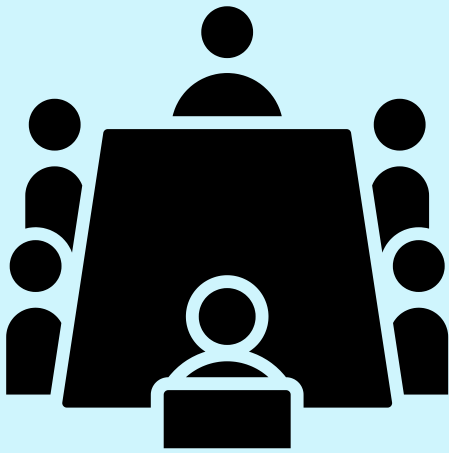
**Environmental Services**  
(Water Treatment and Distribution, Wastewater Collection and Treatment, Waste Management)

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

**Public Safety**  
(By-law Enforcement, Building Inspections, Fire Services, Emergency Management Animal Control)

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

# COUNCIL



Regular and  
Special Council  
Meetings  
**28**

Public Meetings  
(Zoning By-law  
Amendments &  
Minor Variance)  
**19**

Staff Reports to  
Council  
**109**

Delegations to  
Council  
**11**

By-laws Enacted  
**84**

**Council made the following municipal contributions to outside organizations.**

Keene Lions Club	\$200
Thomas A. Stewart Girls Rugby	\$250
Hiawatha First Nation	\$250
Crestwood Secondary (Stewart Darling Award)	\$100
Peterborough County Plowmen's	\$200
Otonabee-South Monaghan Food Cupboard	\$5,000



# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## BUILDING



Building Permits Issued

114



Inspections Conducted

1088

### Cloudpermit

Fully Launched E-permitting Software

The new Cloudpermit system 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.

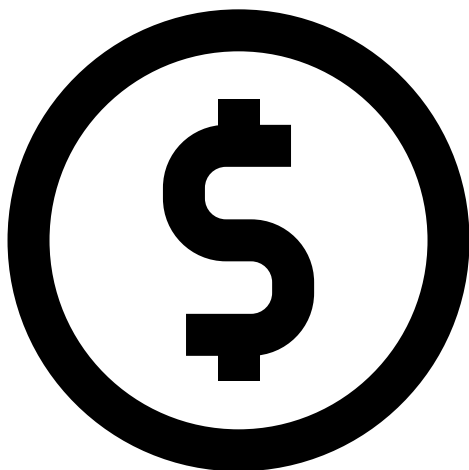


Orders to Comply **Issued**

7

Orders to Comply **Closed**

3

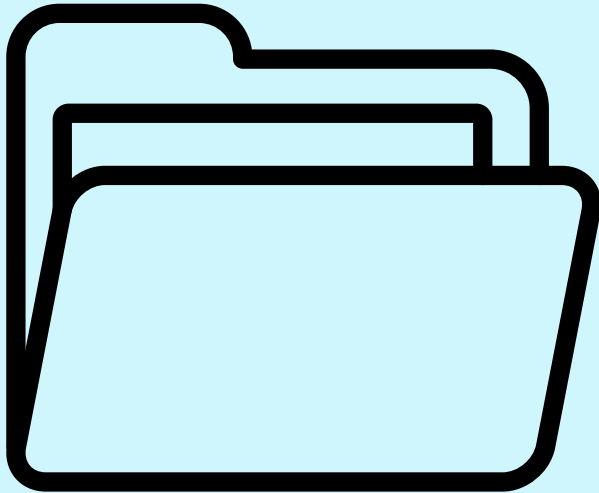


Building Permit Fees Collected

\$458,328

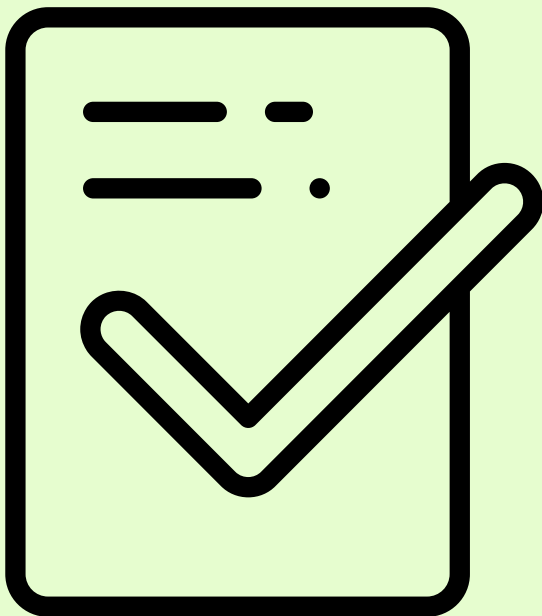
# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## BY-LAW



Number of Files Opened

40



Number of Files Closed

11

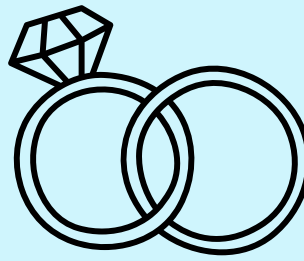
# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## CLERK'S DIVISION



Marriage  
Licenses  
Issued

4



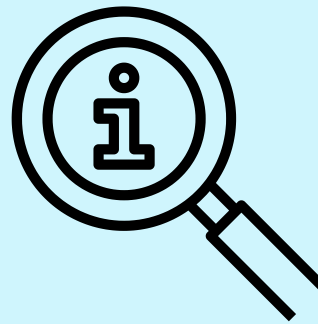
Marriage  
Ceremonies  
Performed

6



Lottery  
Licenses  
Issued

6



FOI  
Requests  
Processed

7

## Special Events & Collaborations

**OSM Food Cupboard - Gingerbread House Donations**  
Give the gift of family time this holiday season.



### 911 on Local Healthcare Town Hall Meeting

Are you a resident of Otonabee-South Monaghan?

Do you know where you can access medical care if you do not have a family physician?

Do you want to help in your community's efforts to recruit and retain family physicians?

Peterborough County's  
**911 on Local Healthcare  
TOWN HALL MEETING**

- Are you a resident of Otonabee-South Monaghan?
- Do you know where you can access medical care if you do not have a family physician?
- Do you want to help in your community's efforts to recruit and retain family physicians?

Join us for an in-person public meeting:  
**TUES. OCT 15TH 7 PM, ARDRA - SMALL ROOM**

- ✓ Meet our Health Care Advancement Coordinator
- ✓ Keep up to date on current advocacy efforts
- ✓ Learn about the Healthcare Needs Assessment and the Healthcare Ambassador program
- ✓ Access Peterborough County's healthcare resource guide
- ✓ Learn how you can help attract physicians to our community

Do you need to complete an assessment form?  
Scan the QR code or visit us online at [www.pbcounty.ca/yourhealth/matters](http://www.pbcounty.ca/yourhealth/matters)  
To get your assessment to support the form  
Please call 705-930-4765

Questions? Contact Us  
@pbcounty.ca | @pbcounty.ca | @pbcounty.ca | @pbcounty.ca

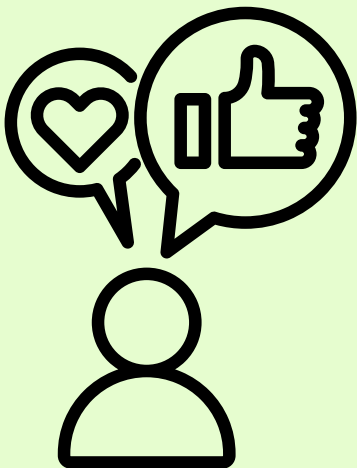
# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## COMMUNICATIONS



2

Social media channels:  
Facebook and Instagram



2,047

Facebook Followers

205

Instagram Followers

# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## FINANCE

The overall increase for a residential property tax bill for 2024 township taxes was 2.97%

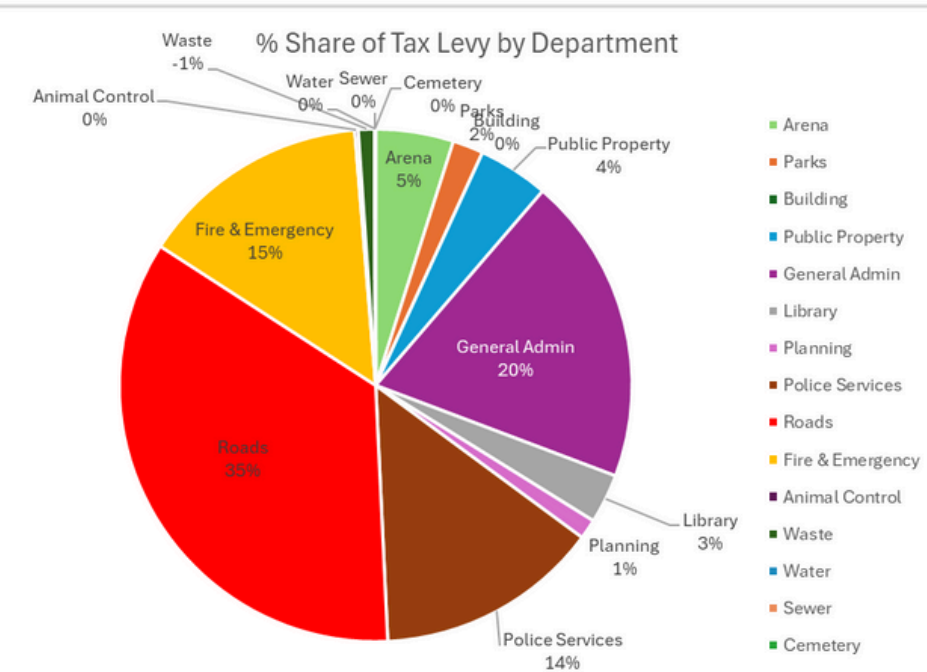
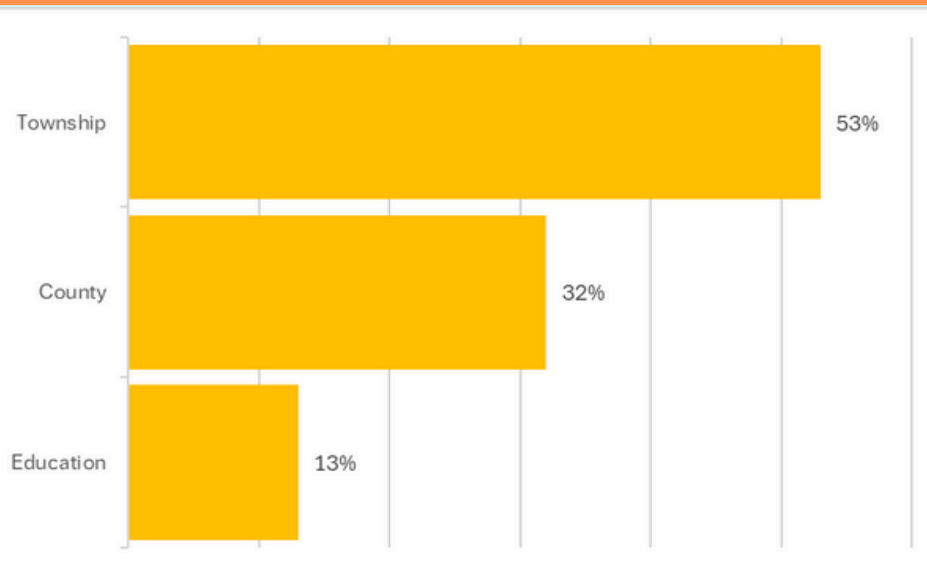


# 2.97%

Tax Rate Increase

Council approved and adopted the 2024 Budget on December 11, 2023. A 2.97% Township Tax Rate increases equates to a \$5.74 increase per installment for the average homeowner.\*

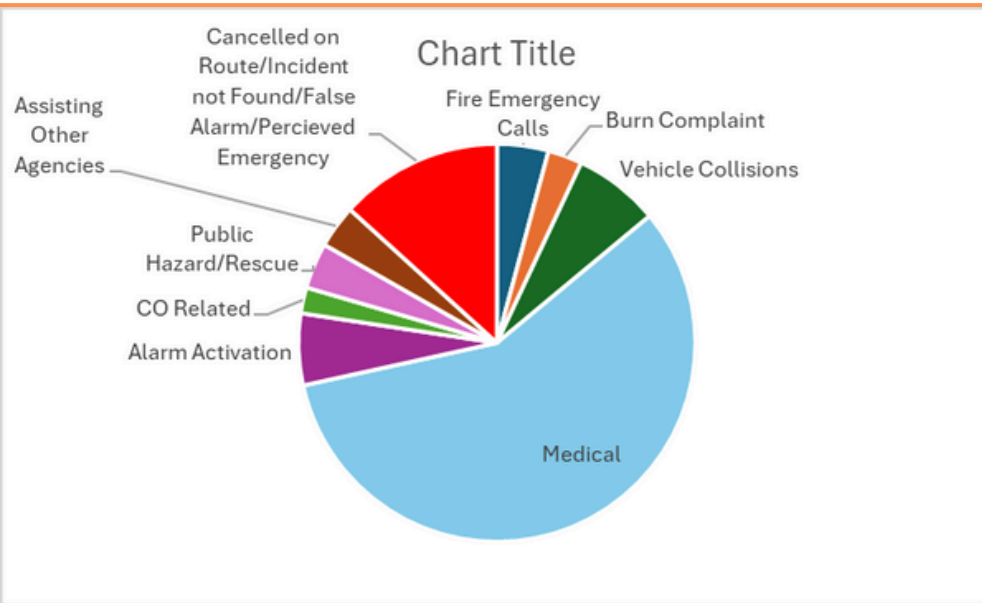
\*Based on average assessment of \$285,661. Does **not** include increases in the Peterborough County tax rate, Education rate, nor MPAC assessment.





# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

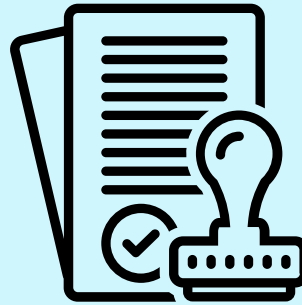
## FIRE DEPARTMENT



429  
Calls for Service



81  
Total Firefighters



186  
Burn Permits Issued

## Advanced Training

General learning and courses this year were taken in:

- Stop the Bleed
- 2 Day (weekend) Advance Auto Extrication
- 1 weekend day - Electric Vehicle & Lithium-Ion Battery Fire & Explosion Awareness for the Fire Service
- Friday-Sunday course out of town - Fire Service Fleet Signing Authority Certification Course

In-house training: 2 x 2 hour nights per month. TOPICS include:

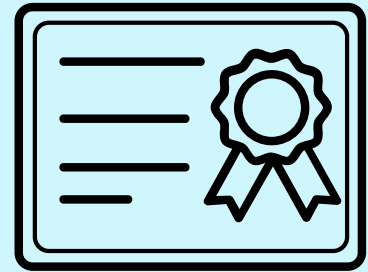
- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
- Medical Certification and in-house medical review
- Ice Water Theory and Practical
- Incident Command Overview
- Inventory, Hall Maintenance and Prepping Seasonal Equipment



# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Port-A-Tank use and Pumper Operations
- Dry Hydrant testing
- Tanker Shuttle Accreditation
- Driver Training & UTV Training
- Auto Extrication
- Boat Operations
- Site Visits to Specific Facilities (McCloskey's)
- Smoke/CO Alarm Door-to-Door checks
- HAZMAT
- Ladder Drills and Maintenance
- Railway Emergency Response & Safety



This year people were certified in:

- NFPA 1001 - Firefighter I and II
- NFPA 1072 HAZMAT Awareness and Operations
- To achieve these 2 certifications, our recruits commit pretty well every Saturday from January to June (not the long weekends), and
- For 1072, they commit to online learning for Awareness and 2 full weekends, for Operations
- NFPA 1035 - Fire and Life Safety Educator Level I

## Community Engagement & Education

- Swim to Survive - teaching Grade 3's water safety
- March Break Kids Camp (Keene United Church) - Station Tour and Education session
- Learning and Leisure Session - online with Keene United Church members
- Summer Fire Prevention visit at Shady Acres
- Kid's Sports Camp - Fire Station Tour
- Canada Day Parade
- Squirrel Creek outdoor education visit and truck tour at the summer camp for Karis Disability Services Members
- Jesse's Journey - Swimmers crossing Rick Lake in South Monaghan, in support of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
- The Keene Pumpkin Festival



# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Fire Prevention Month - school classroom visits, library session
- Fire Prevention Week - door-to-door smoke/co alarm checks
- 12 Days of Holiday Fire & CO Safety radio messaging and social media engagement

### Accreditations

- Annual Emergency Management Program Compliance
- Took Delivery of a New Command Vehicle



# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

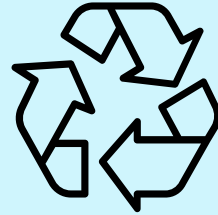
## TRANSFER STATION

### CURBSIDE COLLECTION



971.14

tonnes of waste material



367.96

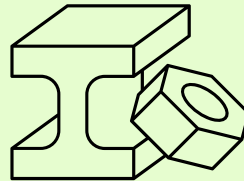
tonnes of blue box material

### TRANSFER STATION COLLECTION



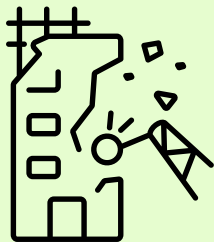
239.05

tonnes of waste



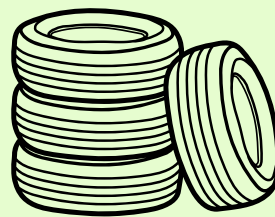
144

tonnes of scrap metal



90.41

tonnes of construction and  
demolition



3.72

tonnes of tires



304

tonnes of brush



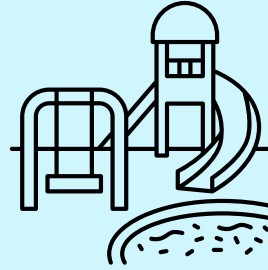
# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES

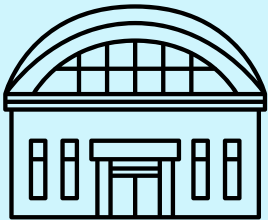


Maintenance activities  
performed at

**33**  
properties



**74**  
hours of playground  
inspections at 6  
playgrounds



**74**

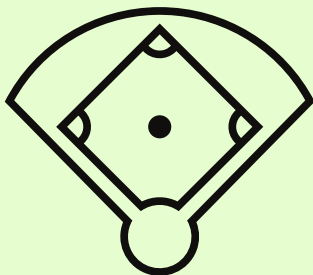
OMCC Rentals

**348 hours**

**28**

Stewart Hall Rentals

**160 hours**



Baseball Diamond Rentals

**Keene - 136 hours**

**McIntyre Park - 135 hours**

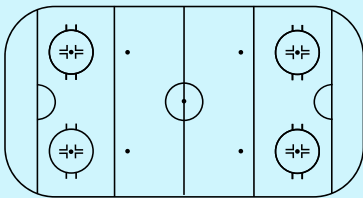
**Squirrel Creek - 133 hours**

# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

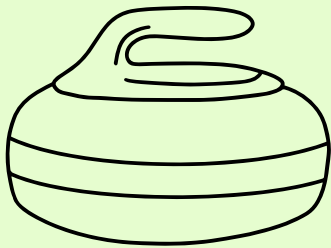
## PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES



4 hours per week of free public use



1781 hours of ice rentals



333 hours of curling ice rental



112 hours of pickleball

# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES

### McIntyre Park and Squirrel Creek Improvements

Improvements included extensive upgrades to the property, especially the elimination of overgrown vegetation, including trees and brush. This provided more open and aesthetically pleasing space and also enhanced the overall safety of the parks. These improvements make the area more useful, attractive, and secure, making it easier to add more improvements in the future.

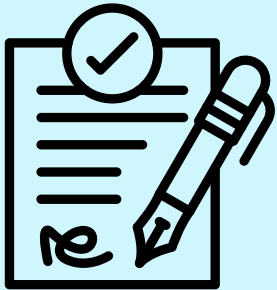


### Parks and Recreation Master Plan

In May 2024, the Township contracted Sierra Consulting Ltd. to commence the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The objective of the plan is to enhance the community's recreational facilities and green spaces to meet the growing needs of our residents.

# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## PLANNING

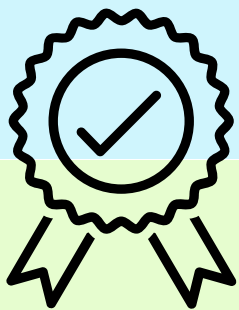


19

Zoning By-Law Amendment Applications Received

Pre-consultations Held

30

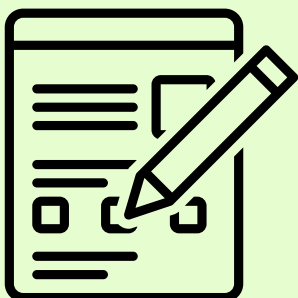


2

Official Plan Amendments Completed

Minor Variances Applications Received

9



14

Consent Applications Received



# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## PUBLIC WORKS

### 2024 Road Improvements

Road	Surface	Length
Base Line	Surface Treatment	4.5 km
Settler's Line	Surface Treatment	2.5 km

### 2024 Maintenance Program

Grading of gravel roads and calcium chloride application

Replacing old signage with new signage

Tree removal and brushing - approx. 160 lane km of road

Cutting & chipping of dangerous/dead trees - 115 km

Cold patching on hard top roads, where necessary

Ditching - 22 lane km

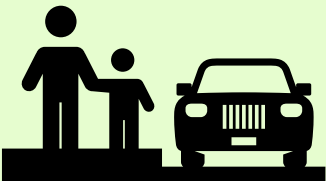
Replaced culverts and ditching, where required

Road sweeping

Winter Maintenance



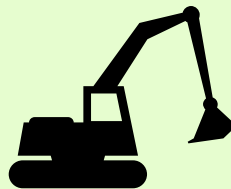
**289 km** of roads maintained  
(179 km gravel, 101 km surface treated, 9 km of asphalt)



**1.5 km** of sidewalk maintained



**12**  
Licensed Vehicles



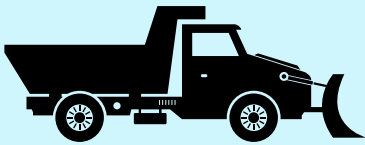
**5**  
Pieces of Operating  
Equipment (Grader,  
Loader, Backhoe, etc.)

# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## PUBLIC WORKS

### Internal Equipment Maintenance

#### Annual Safety Inspections



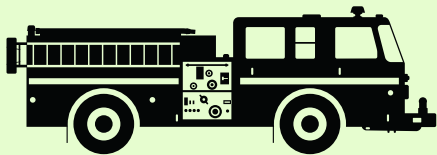
6

Tandem Plows



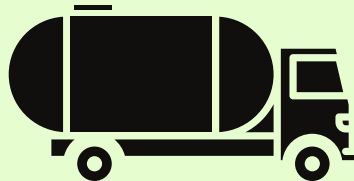
3

Half Tons



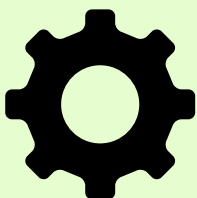
13

Fire Trucks



1

Calcium Truck



71

Day-to-day maintenance of  
Township Owned Vehicles and  
Equipment

# 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

## AROUND THE COMMUNITY

### Remembrance Day

Take the time to remember our Veterans and Soldiers, their services and sacrifices. Held at the Keene Cenotaph.



### Santa Claus Parade

Join the merriment and catch the 2024 Santa Claus Parade and support the local services.



### Pumpkinfest

Family fun featuring giant pumpkins, kid's activities, live performances, local food, and plenty of shopping.



### Canada Day

Celebrate Canada and enjoy refreshments and prizes at a parade dedicated to our nation.

