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P.A. Day Activities

Beat the P.A. Day boredom with free activities at the Indoor Pool, Community Centre, and Perth Museum!

Indoor Pool Programs

Nov. 28-29 – Intermediate First Aid

Dec. 2 – Registration for Winter Swim Lessons

Dec. 8, 9, 15, 17 & 18 – Bronze Cross

Jan. 6 – Registration of March Break Day Camp

Holiday Skates & Swims are Back!

Enjoy holiday programming during the Winter Break. Full schedule coming soon!

Exploring a New Regional Recreation Centre in Perth!

Perth and neighbouring municipalities are exploring a potential regional recreation centre. A feasibility study will look at community needs, possible amenities, and long-term costs, with the goal to apply for provincial funding through the Community Sport & Recreation Infrastructure Fund.



Help Shape the Future of Recreation

What recreation spaces and activities matter most to you? Take part in the Regional Recreation Facility Feasibility Study survey by Sunday, Nov. 15, and share how you use existing facilities, what's missing, and what you'd like to see in the future. Your feedback will help the study team identify community needs and priorities as it explores options for a potential regional centre.

Survey Open Until November 15

Engage.Perth.ca/RecCentre

Perth Dog Park Celebrates One Year of Paws and Pals

The Perth Dog Park celebrated its first anniversary on Oct. 4 with a special event hosted by the Friends of Perth Dog Park! Thanks to the group's fundraising efforts, a new shade shelter will soon be installed. It's another exciting addition to this community space.



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Departing Message from Mayor Judy Brown



As this term of Council comes to a close, I want to take a moment to reflect on the past four years and thank the people who make Perth such a special place to call home.

One of the things I've appreciated most is seeing what we can accomplish by working together. From investing in infrastructure to approving 120 affordable housing units, we've made important progress in meeting our community's needs. I'm grateful to my fellow Council members, Town staff, local organizations, and residents whose dedication, ideas, and involvement have helped move Perth forward. While progress doesn't always happen overnight, it's rewarding to see the difference these efforts make.

It has been a privilege to serve as your Mayor. I'm grateful for the trust you've placed in me and for the many conversations and connections along the way. As a new Council prepares to begin its term starting Nov. 17, I encourage everyone to stay informed, get involved, and continue helping shape Perth's future.

Sincerely,
Judy Brown (Mayor of Perth, 2022-2026 Term)

Council Highlights: A Review of the 2022-2026 Term

Over the 2022-2026 term, Council worked with staff and community partners to invest in essential infrastructure, support housing, and plan for Perth's future.

Major infrastructure projects included the Craig Street reconstruction and the Perth Wastewater Lagoon capacity expansion project, helping strengthen the services our growing community relies on. Council also approved a new Environmental Services Shop, with planning underway for the future facility.

Creating a more connected and welcoming Perth was another priority. The Active Transportation Plan laid out a vision for safer walking and cycling, while the opening of the Perth Dog Park at Darou Farm added a new space for residents and their four-legged friends.

Council supported accessible and affordable housing efforts, including the Community Housing Initiative Perth and the Linden Housing Co-op, and approved infill developments representing over 200 new residential units, helping create new housing opportunities within the existing community.

Together, these initiatives reflect four years of investment in Perth's infrastructure, neighbourhoods, and long-term future.



Celebrating four years of progress, partnerships, and community growth.



Upcoming Council & Committee Meetings

Nov. 17 | 5 p.m.
Council Inauguration & Committee of the Whole

Nov. 24 | 5:30 p.m.
Town Council

Dec. 1 | 5:30 p.m.
Committee of the Whole

Dec. 8 | 5:30 p.m.
Committee of the Whole

Dec. 15 | 5:30 p.m.
Town Council

Visit **Perth.Civicweb.net** for more details

Want to make a difference in your community? With a new term of Council beginning, we'll soon be recruiting committee members. Watch Perth.ca and our social media channels for more information!

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Power Up Safely: What You Need to Know About Lithium-Ion Batteries



From cell phones and laptops to e-bikes, e-scooters, and toys, lithium-ion batteries power many everyday devices. While generally safe, damaged or improperly used batteries can overheat, catch fire, or even explode.

To help keep your household safe, follow the manufacturer's instructions and use approved batteries, and charging cords. Never charge devices on beds or couches, unplug them once fully charged, and store batteries away from heat and flammable materials.

Stop using batteries immediately that show signs of overheating, swelling, leaking, or unusual smells. If safe, move it away from flammable materials and call 9-1-1 if there's a risk of fire.

Never put lithium-ion batteries in household garbage or recycling bins. Use an approved battery recycling program instead. **For more information, contact Perth Fire Services at 613-267-5574.**

What's on in Perth

NOV

November 14
Perth Farmers' Christmas Market

November 21
Once Upon a Christmas

November 28
CPKC Holiday Train

DEC

December 4
Festival of Lights Drone Light Show

December 5
Perth Santa Claus Parade

Visit **Events.Perth.ca** for more details and to see the full Event Calendar.

Upcoming Facility Closures

Remembrance Day

Wednesday, Nov. 11 - Town Hall, Landfill

Holiday Closures

Dec. 25-Jan. 2 - Holiday schedule will be available on Nov. 20 at Perth.ca/HolidayClosures.

Light Up the Holiday Season in Perth!



The holiday season shines bright in Perth! Beginning November 14, visit the Crystal Palace to enjoy the Community Christmas Trees, which will be lit throughout the season. Then, join us at the Tay Basin on Dec. 4 for the Festival of Lights Drone Show, featuring festive music and seasonal treats. Discover more at Perth.ca/FestivalofLights.

The Sights and Sounds of the Season



From festive markets and holiday concerts to cherished traditions, there's plenty to celebrate in Perth this season!

Make shopping local part of your holiday traditions! Explore the Perth Farmers' Christmas Market, Holly Jolly Art Show, and Nick of Time Christmas Craft Show for handmade gifts, local art, and seasonal treats. While you're out, browse Perth's shops and discover unique gifts while supporting the local businesses and people who help make our community special.

Enjoy the sounds of the season with festive performances by local choirs and musicians, or gather with family and friends for the annual Perth Santa Claus Parade. There's something for everyone to enjoy as Perth comes alive for the holidays!

Find out about these events and more at Perth.ca/HolidayEvents.

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Stay Connected with Perth

There are many ways to stay informed and get involved in our community.

Perth.ca
Visit Perth.ca for the latest news, events, programs and important updates.

Have Your Say with Engage Perth
Learn about local projects and share your input at Engage.Perth.ca.

Follow Us on Social Media @TownofPerth
Stay in the loop and join the conversation on Facebook and Instagram.

Report an Issue
Potholes, streetlights, watermain breaks, and more...let us know!

Visit **Perth.ca/ReportIt** or call **613-267-3311.**

Building a Stronger Perth

Listening to Local Businesses



Barbara King, Business Retention & Expansion Coordinator

More than 50 local businesses have already shared their insights through our Business Retention & Expansion (BR+E) program. Through confidential, one-on-one conversations, we're learning what's working, what challenges businesses face, and where opportunities exist. This feedback will help shape future economic development priorities and business supports, ultimately strengthening our economy.



Own or operate a business in Perth? Get involved at Engage.Perth.ca/BRE.

Mark Your Calendar! Upcoming Key Dates

NOV

Annual Leaf Pick-Up
November 16-20

Set your bags curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 16 (paper bags only please). Collection will occur throughout the week.

NOV

Town Council Inauguration
November 17

Town Council will be sworn in on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 5 p.m. in Council Chambers, with the Committee of the Whole meeting to follow.

NOV

Winter Parking Restrictions
November 20

No overnight parking is permitted on all town streets from Friday, Nov. 20, 2026 to Wednesday, March 31, 2027 between 12:01-6 a.m.

DEC

Festival of Lights
December 4

Kick off the holiday season with magic in the air—literally! The Festival of Lights Drone Light Show returns to the Tay Basin.

Get Winter Ready

Clear the Way for Plows
Keep driveway markers, planters, and other items **at least one metre back** from roads and sidewalks.

Keep Snow Off Roads and Sidewalks
When clearing your driveway, please don't push snow onto or across roads or sidewalks.

Help Keep Hydrants and Drains Clear
Have a fire hydrant or storm drain near your property? Help keep it free of snow and ice so crews can access it quickly when needed.

A Window Into the Holidays

The Downtown Heritage BIA is getting festive! From Nov. 21 to Dec. 13, stroll the streets, admire the decorated storefronts, and vote for your favourite holiday display.

To cast your vote and learn more, visit DowntownPerthBIA.ca.



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