

The Township of The Archipelago

Information Report to Council

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Subject: Corporate Services Activity Update

By-law Enforcement Services

Summer Hours of operation have commenced, and By-law Enforcement personnel are currently with the *Level of Service* associated with this operational period. **Monday to Sunday 9:00am – 6:00pm.**

With the start of the 2024 fire season, physical Fire Danger Rating signs have been reinstalled and rating changes will be updated with the changing weather conditions.

Attached is the Statistics Report for the month of April. Call volume closely followed previous year's trends with a very slight increase observed.

Emergency Management

Ontario's Emergency Preparedness week was 05-11May2024. with an emphasis on the topic of "Plan for Every Season". During this time, the emergency management staff from the township participated in a public education campaign aimed toward "preparedness" and awareness to the various seasonal events that could disrupt normal activities resulting in some degree of emergency response.

These public education and awareness campaigns make up a crucial element in the Township's annual compliance with Emergency Management Ontario.

 Township of The Archipelago
May 6 at 10:15 AM · 🌐
Emergency Preparedness Week starts today! Stay tuned for daily facts & tips on how to be safe & prepared for every season.
Share how you stay prepared for emergencies throughout the year with the hashtags:
#EPWeek2024... See more



Highlight: Township emergency management staff was an active observer in a 3-day provincial training exercise. "Exercise Heatwave" was a coordinated emergency training event executed by 6 cities (Toronto, Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Guelph, Mississauga and Peterborough) around the basis of a significant widespread heat event. The training participants beyond the responding cities included all levels of government and more than 50 non-government organizations.

Activities being monitored: Heat Events, Flood Bulletins, Local Fire Ratings, Provincial Fire Map.

Information Technology

Staff are prioritizing a work plan associated with the IT Strategic Plan (ITSP) and corresponding recommended tasks of year 1 (2024).

In news, on May 13, 2024 the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, the Hon. Todd McCarthy introduced Bill 194, [*Strengthening Cyber Security and Building Trust in the Public Sector Act, 2024*](#). The proposed legislation enacts the *Enhancing Digital Security and Trust Act (EDSTA)* and amends the *Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act (FIPPA)*. The *EDSTA* intends to provide a framework to address cyber security, artificial intelligence (AI) systems while supporting digital service delivery of public sector entities, including municipalities. Meanwhile, *FIPPA* amendments better prevent and respond to privacy breaches of respective institutions. Staff will continue to monitor the progress of the proposed legislation.

GIS - Geographical Information System

Our West Parry Sound Geography Network (WPSGN) was the recipient of BeSpatial's Best Challenge Award – Small Organization GIS Award.



BEST CHALLENGE AWARDS

Best Innovation in GIS Award - The Innovation in GIS award is presented to individuals or organizations who have newly demonstrated or refined innovation in a geospatial and information (GIS) related application including analytics, technology, visualization or smart initiatives through a specific piece of work or project.

Best Public Sector GIS Award - Presented to public sector organizations that have effectively harnessed geospatial and information services, significantly enhancing efficiency, effectiveness, and decision-making processes within their operations. This has resulted in tangible improvements in business solutions and support.

★ **Small Organization GIS Award** - This category aims to acknowledge the outstanding achievements of small organizations (1-2 GIS staff) that have showcased exceptional capabilities and impact in geospatial and information services, overcoming challenges posed by limited team size and resources.

Open Source GIS & Open Data - This award recognizes individuals or projects that have made significant contributions to the development, promotion, or utilization of open-source geospatial technologies. It specifically highlights efforts in fostering collaboration and accessibility through the use of open-source GIS tools and leveraging open data.

Best Public Sector GIS

2024 Gold Award: Georgina Fire & Rescue Services

Innovation in GIS

2024 - HealthyPlan.City

Small Organization GIS

2024 Gold Award: The West Parry Sound Geography Network

Open Source GIS & Open Data

2024 Gold Award: Niagara Open Data Community Consortium

GIS staff continue working on supporting projects for Emergency Management interests, new aerial imagery, Connectivity mapping, and input to Georgian Bay Biosphere's Natural Capital Inventory/data collection interests.

Connectivity

Interests to be discussed under *Committee of The Whole, Technology Section*.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Villeneuve", written over a horizontal line.

Joe Villeneuve
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ATTACHMENTS

April By-law Activity Summary