



Annual Achievement Report 2025



Projects that Built...

Strong Communities



Community Cleanup Event

In 2025, Loyalist Township initiated a Township-wide community cleanup event in conjunction with Earth Day celebrations. This inaugural event was successful thanks to the participation of community members who showed up to keep our spaces cleaner and greener, while building a sense of pride and togetherness in our community.



Physician Recruitment

Loyalist Township has established a physician recruitment incentive program designed to attract family physicians to Loyalist Township, ensuring our residents have access to high-quality primary care close to home. Since the program was established, three new family doctors have established practice in Loyalist Township. In 2025, the Township continued work on service agreements with five additional doctors which are expected to be finalized in early 2026.



Veterans and Rainbow Crosswalks

A new rainbow crosswalk was painted across Main Street in front of Odessa Public School. This project was initiated several years ago by students in the Odessa Public School Challenge Program. In November 2025, Loyalist Township proudly installed a new commemorative crosswalk located at Kildare Drive and Kidd Drive in honour of Canada's Veterans. The crosswalk serves as a visible reminder to pause and reflect on the contributions of Veterans, both past and present, each time residents and students cross its path.



Opening of the Downie Wenjack Legacy Space

In October 2025, Loyalist Township officially opened the Gord Downie and Chanie Wenjack Legacy Space at the W.J. Henderson Community Centre.

Local Indigenous Elders, drummers, community members, organizational representatives, Downie Wenjack Fund staff, Township staff, and members of Gord Downie's family participated in the opening ceremony. Together, we reflected, learned, and celebrated the spirit of Reconciliation.

The Legacy Space is a special place for everyone. A space for learning, listening, and connection, where we can come together as a community to honour the past and build a more understanding and compassionate future.

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Sustainable Infrastructure and Services



Potter Creighton South Main Construction Project

Beginning in 2024, Loyalist Township and the County of Lennox & Addington worked together on upgrading infrastructure on the original sections of Potter Drive and Creighton Drive, and the western portion of South Street, as well as Main Street - Odessa between Creighton Drive and West Street. Work is continuing East on Main Street over the next several years.



Small Fill Station

In August 2025, Loyalist Township opened a small potable water filling station at the Township Booster Station at 243 County Road 6. This potable water filling station provides residents with potable water access and is intended for filling containers up to 1 cubic metre (1,000L). Loyalist Township also operates a bulk water station at the same site. The need for this facility was magnified this year as our region experienced unprecedented dry conditions through much of the summer and fall.



Sir John Johnson and Pruyn Crescent

In 2025, Loyalist Township completed infrastructure upgrades on Sir John Johnson Drive and Pruyn Crescent. The work included watermain replacement, water service upgrades, road reconstruction, drainage improvements, and the installation of a multi-use pathway along Sir John Johnson Drive, connecting Main Street - Bath with Briscoe Park. Active transportation linkages are an important component of the Township's Infrastructure Masterplan.



Amherst Drive Traffic Calming Project

As part of the consultation for our Infrastructure Masterplan, the Township conducted a traffic calming survey. Based on feedback received from this survey along with OPP traffic and accident data, Amherst Drive was determined as a priority area that would benefit from traffic calming. In 2025, a pilot program was undertaken which installed multiple physical measures to improve safety for everyone who uses the municipal right-of-way, both motorists and those who use active modes of transportation, such as walking or cycling.

Following the pilot project, the effectiveness of these measures was evaluated by collecting various data during and after the pilot and comparing it to the previous data we collected. The results of this pilot project will help inform and guide future traffic calming plans.



Skate Park/Pump Track

In June 2025, Council received a report advising that a confidential Donor wished to build a skate park and pump track in Amherstview. Council directed staff to move forward with this project in Loyalist Park.

The construction of a pump track and skate park is estimated to cost approximately \$1,000,000. Thanks to the support of the anonymous donor, construction on the pump track (Phase One of the project) is expected to begin in Spring/Summer 2026.

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Restoration of Fairfield-Gutzeit House

The Fairfield-Gutzeit House underwent a major restoration project in 2023 and 2024 funded through an Ontario Trillium Grant and Loyalist Township capital project funds and re-opened to the public in July 2025.

In 2025, Loyalist Township received a Certificate of Commendation from the Frontenac Heritage Foundation in recognition of our contribution to the conservation of local built heritage and the preservation of a valuable community cultural asset, the historic Fairfield-Gutzeit House in Bath.

This award celebrates our community's commitment to preserving local heritage and ensuring that one of our region's most iconic 19th-century landmarks continues to inspire future generations. The restoration was truly a labour of love guided by craftsmanship, historical integrity, and deep respect for the stories this home holds.



Community Tree Program

Loyalist Township launched the Community Tree Initiative pilot program in March 2025. Thanks to a \$15,000 grant received through the Loyalist Township Community Grant Program, this initiative offered residents the opportunity to purchase a tree at the discounted price of \$25, plant it on their own property, and help make a difference in our community's natural landscape.

Thanks to the overwhelming interest from community members, we sold 125 trees in under 10 minutes!

This green initiative is aimed at enhancing the local tree canopy and supporting the fight against climate change. This program supported the Township's goal of planting 20,000 trees over ten years, as outlined in the Climate Action Plan.



WJ Revitalization Campaign and Renewal

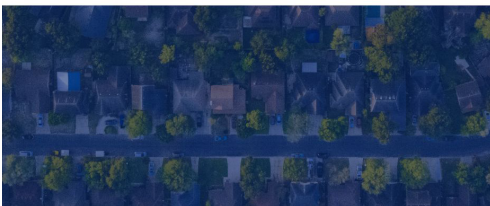
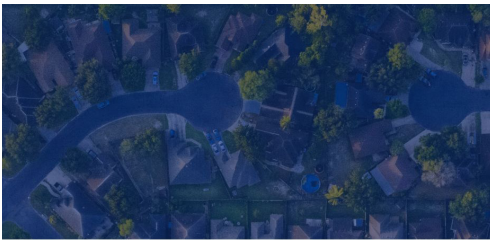
The W.J. Henderson Recreation Centre Renewal is a major project designed to meet the needs of a growing Loyalist Township community. The project focuses on modernizing and expanding key services, including building a new aquatic facility with an 8 lane, 25 metre pool and a warmwater leisure pool. The renewal also includes arena upgrades, accessibility enhancements, improvements to community use spaces, new change rooms, an Indigenous Legacy Space, and energy efficiency upgrades that will make the building Net Zero ready.

Construction is expected to be completed and the aquatic facility opened to the public in the third quarter of 2026.

Loyalist Township has received significant financial support for the project from the federal and provincial governments along with a variety of other funding sources. Additionally, a volunteer-led campaign was established to support community fundraising efforts and naming rights. In 2025, more than \$825,000 had been secured through the generosity of local businesses and community members, including Brookland Homes, Barr Homes, Latham Pools and Amherstview Golf Club. The total fundraising goal for the campaign is \$2,000,000.

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Balanced Growth



Housing CIP and Incentives

In late 2024, Loyalist Township learned that its application to the Housing Accelerator Fund was approved. The Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF) is a federally funded program managed by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

To achieve a target of 615 new dwelling units by the end of 2027 Loyalist Township is implementing an Action Plan with eight HAF Initiatives concentrated on advancing the administrative infrastructure to accelerate housing development, including policy and process reviews, streamlining procedures and funding an Affordable and Purpose-Built Rental Housing Community Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP offers incentives for the development of additional residential units, purpose-built rentals and affordable housing within the Township to support the needs of renters and lower-income households.

Zoning By-law Review

Loyalist Township is undertaking a comprehensive review of its Zoning By-law that will reflect the land use policies and directions outlined in the Township's Official Plan. The Township's Official Plan guides how the municipality will grow and develop until 2036.

In 2025, Township staff began review and analysis of the current Zoning By-law. Interested parties were engaged to consider and suggest amendments which will help inform updates to the draft Zoning By-law.

In 2026, Loyalist Township will be holding open houses to consult with the public regarding the draft Zoning By-law. It is anticipated that the final Zoning By-law will be presented to Council for adoption in the spring of 2026.

Subdivision Engineering Technical Guidelines

The Subdivision Engineering Technical Guidelines provide clear requirements for the design of municipal infrastructure supporting new residential subdivisions. They cover a large number of topics including Roads, Stormwater, Sanitary Sewers, Watermains, etc. The guidelines are intended to give clear guidance for developers and their engineers to support faster development approvals while ensuring the Township is assuming infrastructure that meets our needs.

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Organizational Effectiveness



Deputy Warden and Warden Re-elected

At the December 10, 2025 Inaugural Meeting, Lennox and Addington County Council elected their Warden and Deputy Warden for the year 2026. County Council elected Nathan Townend, Deputy Mayor of Loyalist Township as Warden and Jim Hegadorn, Mayor of Loyalist Township as Deputy Warden. Warden Townend and Deputy Warden Hegadorn also served in these positions in 2025.

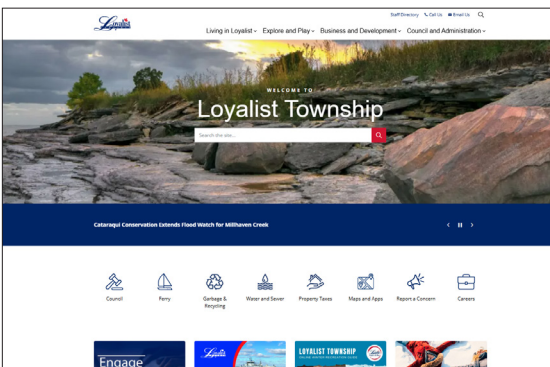


Ward Boundary Review

In 2024, Loyalist Township initiated a Council Composition and Ward Boundary Review. The purpose of the ward boundary review was to review the existing electoral arrangements to develop an effective and equitable system of representation. Council composition, options for how Council representatives are elected, existing ward boundaries, and whether residents have equitable representation were reviewed under this project.

At the May 13, 2025 meeting, Loyalist Council enacted a By-law 2025-39 to establish a new ward boundary configuration in Loyalist Township. In accordance with Section 222 of the Municipal Act, By-law 2025-39 was appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT). On December 18, 2025, the OLT made an order repealing By-law 2025-39.

This means that the existing ward structure established at amalgamation continues to apply for the 2026 Municipal and School Board Elections. Staff have been directed to bring this matter to Council in 2027 for consideration and direction.



New Township Website

In 2025, Loyalist Township undertook a project to modernize and upgrade the Township website. The Township website is the most well-used source of information for residents, visitors, business owners and other interested parties, with nearly 650,000 pageviews in 2025.

The new website provides an enhanced user experience with improved page layouts designed for easy navigation. Additionally, the digital platform is designed with accessibility as a core principle and is built to meet and exceed the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA.

We are proud of what we've built together this year and look forward to fostering an even more vibrant, balanced, and connected Loyalist Township in the year ahead.

