



Rideau Lakes

**TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU LAKES
Economic Development Committee
AGENDA**

**Monday, May 4, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Municipal Office, Chantry**

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1. CALL TO ORDER	
2. ROLL CALL	
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12. ADJOURNMENT



**TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU LAKES
Regular Council Meeting**

RESOLUTION 61-2026
Title: Economic Development Committee: Motion re - Spring into Rideau Promotion
Date: Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Moved by Councillor Hutchings
Seconded by Councillor P. Banks

WHEREAS at the Economic Development Committee meeting held April 7, 2026, a recommendation was passed recommending that promotional materials for Spring into Rideau be distributed widely at no cost to the municipality;
NOW THEREFORE be it resolved, that the Council of The Corporation of the Township of Rideau Lakes concurs with said recommendation.

Carried

Proposed article for Spring into Rideau

For submission to the Leeds Grenville Economic Development eNews

Spring into Rideau: A shared approach to strengthening the spring tourism season in Rideau Lakes

A new initiative in Rideau Lakes is seeking to build on one of the region's most promising seasons for tourism growth: spring. "Spring into Rideau", developed through the Rideau Lakes Economic Development Committee, is a community-driven effort to promote early spring from April to May. Rather than introducing a new festival or large-scale event, the initiative brings together existing activities, businesses, and experiences under a shared seasonal identity.

The goal is simple. Make spring easier to see, easier to promote, and more appealing as a time to visit.

"Spring into Rideau is about building on what we already have and helping tourism grow in our shoulder seasons," says Ken Davies, Chair of the Spring into Rideau Working Group. "We know that spring is a beautiful and active time in our communities. This initiative gives us a way to invite visitors to support our local businesses."

The concept is inspired in part by the continued success and renewed energy around Daffodil Days; a defining symbol of spring in Rideau Lakes. Long known as the Daffodil Capital of Ontario, the region is seeing ongoing interest in celebrating these early blooms as an anchor for spring visitation.

From roadside blooms to forest paths, daffodils offer a natural and recognizable signal that the season has arrived. Spring into Rideau builds on that idea, using both the flower and the colour yellow as a unifying thread across communities.

April and May mark the beginning of travel planning and short trips for many Ontarians. The landscape is changing, communities are revived, and the pace remains unhurried. By clearly promoting this period, Spring into Rideau encourages visitors to arrive earlier, explore more broadly, and extend their stay.

Tourism continues to play an important role in the regional economy. Across Canada, the sector contributes more than \$100 billion annually to GDP and supports approximately one in ten jobs. Increasingly, there is a shift toward shoulder-season travel, where visitors seek out quieter, more relaxed experiences outside of peak summer months.

For Kim Lulashnyk, who leads the charge for Spring into Rideau, the initiative reflects both creative and economic opportunity. “We have enormous potential,” says Lulashnyk. “The flowers, the energy, and the opportunities for individuals and small businesses to participate all come together in a natural way. It gives people a reason to visit Rideau Lakes in the shoulder season and to experience what makes this place special.”

Lulashnyk has seen firsthand the growing interest in spring programming. Experiences such as Daffodil Days, creative workshops, and seasonal gatherings are drawing visitors looking for something slower, more personal, and more connected to place. But also looking for something to do, to experience.

“Spring is already telling a beautiful story here,” she adds. “This simply helps us share it more clearly and more collectively, with more activities, specials, and experiences.”

Unlike traditional tourism campaigns, Spring into Rideau is intentionally flexible.

Participation is locally driven, with each village and hamlet choosing how to be involved. Communities may highlight existing events, promote seasonal offerings, or collaborate with neighbouring areas. Businesses can participate through simple actions such as spring displays, themed promotions, or inclusion in shared marketing.

By establishing a clear identity for spring, the region is taking a step toward a more balanced, year-round tourism economy. Find out more at [**rideaulakes.ca/spring**](http://rideaulakes.ca/spring)



Rideau Lakes

Locally Owned Businesses 2026

The Township of Rideau Lakes would like to gratefully acknowledge the Leeds Grenville Economic Development for hosting and maintaining the online Business Directory.

View the full directory at the following link:
<https://www.rideaulakes.ca/directory>

Note: This list was edited in order to count the number of locally owned business in Rideau Lakes. As a result, the following employers that are part of the Rideau Lakes Business Directory are not included in this list: Schools, Churches, Societies, LCBO's, Landowner Associations, Conservation Areas, Lockstations, OPP Offices, Fire Stations, Masonic Lodges, Halls, Health and Employment Organizations, Libraries, Legions, Canada Post outlets and Banks.

1.	23&Co.
2.	3 Continents B & B
3.	4 Paws Inn Boarding & Grooming
4.	A & B Cleaning Company
5.	A & S Improvements
6.	A & J Hennessy Income Tax & Bookkeeping
7.	ATCS Health (Lori Waugh)
8.	A Cut and a Trim Lawn Services
9.	Abelan Designer/Builder
10.	Access Storage
11.	Aman Farms
12.	Amplitude Consulting
13.	Amy's Country Cooking

14.	Andrew Milne Studio
15.	Angela's Cookie Jar
16.	Arctic Acres
17.	Armstrong & Carter Ironworks
18.	Arykat Otter Lake
19.	Aunt Molly's Antiques
20.	Autumn Moon Holistic Wellness
21.	Aussie Tree Care
22.	B. Beach Building Services
23.	B-You-Tiful Essence
24.	Baker & Son Tire Repair
25.	Baker's Feed Store Ltd.
26.	Bark Productions Inc.
27.	Barker Willson - Elgin
28.	Barry Baker Carpentry
29.	Barnes Protection Services Inc.
30.	Bass Bay Cottage Rental
31.	Bass Lake Lodge Cottages and Campground
32.	Bastard Coffee House
33.	Battams Camp
34.	Bayview Yacht Harbour Ltd.
35.	Bear Mountain Boat Shop
36.	Belfor Property Restoration
37.	Bernie's Nearly New Shoppe
38.	Beverley Shores Honey Vincent Family Farm
39.	Bichelangelo
40.	Big Al's Detailing
41.	Bill and Mary Jazz Duo
42.	Bill Kendall Taxidermy
43.	Bill's Repair Sales and Service
44.	Bin Haulin'
45.	Blair Brothers Maples
46.	Blue Leaf Pottery
47.	Bond's Electrical & Plumbing

48.	Box Arrow Farm
49.	Bread! and More!
50.	Brew Bye You
51.	Brown's Contracting
52.	Brown's Marina
53.	Bryan's Septic Service
54.	Bushgarden Farmstead Cheese
55.	C & M Superior Systems
56.	C5 Solar Farm
57.	Cairnbrae Elevator
58.	Camp Otterdale Ltd.
59.	Campbell's Trucking
60.	Cannabis Fields
61.	Canning Greenworks
62.	Carol Lee's Studio
63.	Carquest Auto Parts
64.	Casi's Hair Studio
65.	Cedar Cove Cottages
66.	Cedar Knoll Camp
67.	Cedar Valley Property Maintenance
68.	Cerulean Forest Reiki
69.	Chaffey's Lock Antiques and Collectables
70.	Chantland Farms
71.	Charles Nichols Plumbing and Electrical
72.	CJ's Auto Service
73.	Clean Choice
74.	Clean Fuels Pipeline Inc.
75.	Clear Lake Cottages
76.	Clearly Auto Glass
77.	Clover Gardens
78.	Colleen's Medi Spa
79.	Connell Septic Systems
80.	Cooligan Carpentry
81.	Corn Acre Farms

82.	Cory Sly Small Engines
83.	Cottages at Turtlehill, The
84.	Country Fries
85.	Country Road Rentals
86.	Countryside Elegance Nail Technician
87.	Crosby Cookhouse
88.	Crosby Self Storage
89.	Curtis Valy Farms
90.	CW Roofing
91.	D & J Financial Services
92.	Dan's Tree Service
93.	Dave's Auto Glass and Upholstery
94.	David Ambrose, Furniture Maker
95.	Davis Cottages on the Rideau
96.	Davis Lock Cattle Co.
97.	Day / Simpson Roofing & Repairs
98.	Debbie's Bees
99.	Delta Country Market (Delta Foodland)
100.	Delta Design Co.
101.	DeltaTop Farm
102.	Deltawood Farm
103.	Diggin It Nursery
104.	Dixie Chips
105.	Don Palmer Haulage
106.	Don's Septic Systems and Landscaping
107.	Donna Welch Cleaning Company
108.	Dorothy's Lodge
109.	Doucet Farm
110.	Dr. Donald Freeman
111.	Dr. Ian Shiozaki
112.	Dr. Richard Putnam, N.D. Naturopathic Medicine
113.	Dreamscapes Rideau

114.	Duncan's Appliance Sales & Service
115.	E. Covell General Contracting Ltd.
116.	Edwards Custom Service
117.	Electrician - Tim Crowder
118.	Elgin Auctions
119.	Elgin Bowling Lanes
120.	Elgin Drugs PharmaChoice
121.	Enchanted Paw Pet Designs & Spa
122.	Equicare Plus
123.	Ethereal Massage Therapy
124.	Evergreen Golf Course
125.	Everline Coatings and Services
126.	Extreme Landscape and Construction
127.	Farm Forest Research
128.	Fair Field Farm
129.	Falls Décor MF Paints
130.	Fat of the Land Farm
131.	Fern Construction
132.	Fern & Fox Wellness (The Hip Wellness Collective)
133.	Fern & Fox: Thrift & Curiosities
134.	Fin Freaks
135.	Forfar Restaurant & Cheese Shop
136.	Fox EPS
137.	Franklin's Marina
138.	French's Auto & Welding
139.	French's Trucking
140.	Front Porch Flowers
141.	Furnace Falls Coffee Co.
142.	FYI Appliance Repair
143.	G & N Contracting
144.	G Beck Electric Plumbing & Heating
145.	G. M. Exterior Solutions
146.	G. Varley Gallery

147.	Gallery-15 Multi-vendor Antique Market
148.	Gary Neal Septic Services
149.	Gilded Corner Picture Frame Shop
150.	Gladden Networks Outdoor Lighting Systems
151.	Go Fudge Yourself
152.	Golden Moment Farm
153.	Gordanier Freshmart
154.	Gordon's Custom Farm Services
155.	Gourmet Goodies
156.	Graham's Mobile RV Repair
157.	Grass Point Lodge B & B
158.	Green Valley Cottages & Trailer Park
159.	Greg Fleming Septic Services
160.	Gunnebrooke Farms Ltd.
161.	Hagan Livestock
162.	Hales Excavating & Trucking
163.	Handyman
164.	Hank's Fries
165.	Hanks on the Run
166.	Harlem Stonegate Bed and Breakfast
167.	Hartin Automotive & Truck Repair
168.	Hartin's Wheel Alignment & Auto Repair
169.	Hawkridge Institute
170.	Hawk's Nest Kitchen and Catering
171.	Hebden House B & B
172.	Hello Friday Marketing
173.	Henhouse Harvests
174.	Hennessy Gunsmith
175.	Heritage Seed and Produce
176.	Holly Kendall, RMT
177.	Holman Electric
178.	Horseman's Way
179.	Hotel Kenney Rideau

180.	Howard Burns Equipment Rentals Inc.
181.	Howling Hideaway Rescue
182.	Indian Lake Marina and Campground
183.	IntegraSpec-Rideau / Teixeira Construction
184.	Intoxicated Cakes by Rasa
185.	J & J's Big Rideau Resort
186.	J & S Goodies
187.	J. Looby Construction
188.	J.C. Electronics
189.	JDF Plumbing & HVAC
190.	Jamesview Builders & Electrical Ltd.
191.	Janet Wykes, Barrister & Solicitor
192.	Jeannie's Fries
193.	JJs Farm – Local Microgreens
194.	Joe Burns Heating & Cooling
195.	John Shea Fine Art - Rosal Bay Studio
196.	Jones Falls Management
197.	Julianna's
198.	Just like Home Doggie Daycare
199.	K. C. Spas and Pools
200.	Kelly's Building Service
201.	Ken Davies Logistics & Development
202.	Kendra Armstrong Nursing
203.	Kenney Murray Grading Ltd.
204.	Kerr's Firewood
205.	Kevcon Construction
206.	Kevin Greene Carpentry Ltd.
207.	Kilborn's On The Rideau
208.	Kim Ethier Massage & Sport Therapy
209.	Kingsgate Lake House
210.	Lakeland Cottages
211.	Lakeside Log Homes
212.	Lambtrax Farm

213.	Lanark Drywall
214.	Landmark Property Solutions
215.	Lapointe Excavation
216.	Layerstone Ranch
217.	Leave It With Linda
218.	Leave the Books to Me
219.	Leeds Transit Inc.
220.	Leggett's Maple Sugarbush
221.	Len's Cove Marina (Cottage Rentals)
222.	Leroux Lumber Ltd.
223.	Little Rideau Farm
224.	Lloyd's Cottages
225.	Local Massage Therapy
226.	Lombard Auto
227.	Lombard Glen Golf & Country Club
228.	Lone Oak Equine Photography
229.	Lord Byron's Kitchen
230.	Lost Woods Farm
231.	Lower Beverley Lake Campground
232.	Luna Moth Blooms & Bounty
233.	Lynn Brothers Construction
234.	M.G. Mechanical
235.	Madden's Tree Service
236.	Magill Family Farms and Services
237.	Mancino Gallery, The
238.	Maple-Ain Farms
239.	Maplecroft Studios
240.	Maple Hill Farm Stand
241.	Maple Rock Holsteins
242.	Maples Golf & Country Club
243.	Maple Shores Estates
244.	Marion's Honey
245.	Margaret Kelk Studio
246.	Mark Mulrenin Live Music
247.	Marketing Uncomplicated

248. Mary's Threads
249. Matthews Auto Collision
250. McCaffrey Farrier Service
251. McCulloch Cottages
252. McEwen Acres
253. McMullan Appliance & Mattress
254. McNichols Trades Group Ltd.
255. McParland Cottages
256. Merlot Sunset B & B
257. Michael Doxey Artist and Technician
258. Michael's Hair Styling
259. Michael Rousseau WETT Inspector
260. Miller's Bay Farm Market Garden & Berry Patch
261. Miller's Wheel Alignment
262. Mobile Small Engine Repair
263. Moccasins Canada
264. Moe's Waterside Cantina on the Rideau
265. Mon O'Kel Cottages
266. Moon Valley Farms Apple Orchard
267. Monitor Freight
268. Moonlight Bay Campground on Otter Lake
269. Mr. French Fry
270. Mulville's Turf & Till
271. Napa Auto Parts
272. Narrows Lock Campground Corp.
273. Nate's Seamless Eavestrough
274. Nature's Magic Photography
275. Newboro Farm Gate Gardens
276. Newboro House Bed & Breakfast
277. Newboro Lawn & Garden
278. Newboro Soap Company
279. No. 9 Gardens
280. Nopper's Tollers

281. Nora Brown Art Studio
282. Norris Automotive
283. Norris's Live Bait & Tackle Hunting Centre
284. Northland Power
285. Norwood Family Farm
286. Nut-Free Gourmet Cookies & Dough
287. O'Hearn's Garage
288. Old Delta Canoeworks
289. Olde-Port Automotive
290. Old World Country Antiques
291. Opinicon Pines Resort
292. Otter Lake Park Motel and Campground
293. Our Cottage Glass
294. Palmer's Vegetable and Berry Farm
295. Paradise Ranch
296. Pattinson's Paddles
297. Past Life and Spiritual Journeys (Suzette O'Hearn Raison)
298. Paula's Pizza
299. Paw-Fect Pet Sitting by Liv
300. Pedherney Performance Automotive (Jay's Auto Service)
301. Phalanx 3D
302. Pharmasave Portland
303. Pheasant Ridge Studio
304. Phoenix Rising Equestrian Centre
305. Photo Richard
306. Pine Glen Lodge
307. Pleasant View Farms
308. Poplars Resort
309. Portland Family Restaurant and Pizza
310. Portland Foodland
311. Portland Mini Storage
312. Portland Outdoors

313. Portland Window and Door
314. Portside Pub & Eatery
315. Powellsbay Pillow Co.
316. Precious Moments Carriages
317. Project Wakesurf
318. R. E. Howard Painting & Wallpapering
319. R. R. Equipment
320. Ralph Oosting Saw Mill
321. Ravenwood Garden Services
322. Raymond Marine Services Inc.
323. RCL Automotive Ltd.
324. Recess Café
325. Revolve Farms
326. Rick Simpson Building Service
327. Rideau Antiques
328. Rideau Aquatic Weed Control
329. Rideau Carpentry & Construction
330. Rideau Classics Rental
331. Rideau Docks Ltd.
332. Rideau Driving School
333. Rideau Insurance
334. Rideau Lake Bengals
335. Rideau Lake Pottery
336. Rideau Lakes Building Centre / Castle Building Centre
337. Rideau Lakes Car Wash
338. Rideau Lakes Chiropractic
339. Rideau Lakes Cottages
340. Rideau Lakes Country Condo
341. Rideau Lakes Electric
342. Rideau Lakes Exteriors
343. Rideau Lakes Golf & Country Club
344. Rideau Lakes Lodge
345. Rideau Lakes Power Sports
346. Rideau Lakes Storage

347. Rideau Mac Resort
348. Rideau Paintworks Inc.
349. Rideau Power Greens
350. Rideau Realty Limited
351. Rideau Roots
352. Rideau Tax Service
353. Rideau Tours
354. Rideau Town & Country Realty Ltd. - Elgin
355. Rideau Town & Country Realty Ltd. - Newboro
356. Rideau Valley Landscape Supplies RVLS Inc.
357. Rideau Vapes
358. Rideau Wreaths
359. Ridgecraft Garden Centre Products
360. Riley Construction Inc.
361. Rilie Baker Photography
362. Rob Chant Holsteins
363. Robb McManus Contracting
364. Rob's Ultramar (Rob's Corner Garage & Store)
365. Robin Laffier Studio
366. Rogers Motel
367. Rona
368. Rosebush Energies
369. Royal Red Farm
370. Rue Royale Caststone
371. Ryan, Earl J Contracting
372. SBSeward Roofing & Carpentry
373. S.D.R.R. Management Ltd
374. Satori Farms
375. Sage and Seed Photography
376. Sand Lake Campground & Cottages
377. Sand Lake Marine
378. Sandy Beach at Otter Lake

379. Scheuermann Vineyard & Winery
380. Scotia Stoneworks
381. Scotland Funeral Home
382. Scott Blair Construction
383. Scott's Bike Hosting Service
384. Scotty's Lawn Care
385. Scott's Small Engines
386. Seahawk Farm
387. Seaman's Haven
388. Sean Price Building Services
389. Secondhand Stories
390. SellingWorx Plus Inc
391. Service Master
392. Shabby Chic Vintage Chicks
393. Shangri-La Cottages and Campground
394. Sharon's Health & Wellness
395. Shimmer Alterations
396. Shillington General Contracting
397. Simmons Cottages
398. Silva Scapes (formerly Cove Dweller)
399. Sky's the Limit Ranch (The Horseman's Way)
400. Small Business Bookkeeping
401. Smiths Falls Ford
402. Smiths Falls Golf & Country Club & Tina's Catering
403. Smiths Falls Veterinary Services
404. Snider's Plumbing & Pumps
405. St. Lawrence Tree Service
406. Stacey's Oasis Spa
407. Stagecoach Fine Foods and Bistro
408. Stealing the Bloom Farm Tours and Barnyard Zoo
409. Stevenson Performance Wellness
410. Stirling Lodge, Post & Beam Restaurant

411. Stone Manor Studios
412. Stonedged Farm Honey
413. Stoodley's Kitchen & Beverage
414. Street Motor Sales
415. Strickland Tire Service
416. Sugar Maple Farms
417. Summit Sound Inc.
418. Sun on the Brow Cottages
419. Sunflower Bake Shop
420. SunnyFarm
421. Sunnyside Family Retreat
422. Sure Fire Cube
423. Taylor Designs Inc.
424. Ted Henry's Automotive
425. Ted Theelan Small Engine Repair
426. TerraUtopia Inc.
427. The Barn at Elgin
428. The Dirt Road Designer (Niki Basten)
429. The Drapery Den
430. The Frugal Farm
431. The Galley Restaurant
432. The Gathering Place
433. The Horse Effect
434. The Opinicon
435. The Pie Bar
436. The Septic Store
437. The Tipped Ship
438. The Trailer Company
439. Thompson's Plumbing
440. Thompson's Septic and Gravel
441. TJC Electrical
442. TNT Panels
443. Tobin's Stump Removal & Services
444. Tom's Saw Shop
445. Torrence Photo

446.	Town & Country Bookkeeping & Business Services
447.	Tri-Tech Computer Services
448.	Truelove Carpentry
449.	Twin Pines Campground
450.	Upper Narrows Retreat
451.	Upper Rideau Resorts
452.	Vase and Votive
453.	Veldman Family Opinicon Cottages in Brooks Bay
454.	W.C. Gasworks
455.	Walker Family Farm
456.	Warehouse Storage Solution
457.	Warren Kerr Excavating
458.	Waterways RV Resort
459.	Welch's Drywall Ltd.
460.	Wendy Martin Financial Services
461.	Wendy's Country Market
462.	Westport Lakes Inc. Self Storage Units
463.	Whole Home Spaces
464.	Whitefish Falls Woodworking
465.	Wild Wing Restaurant
466.	Ted Stewart, Wildfowl Sculptor and Wildlife Artist
467.	Willow Bay Naturals
468.	Willows Agri-services Ltd.
469.	Wills Transfer Ltd. - Head Office
470.	Wolfe Springs Golf & Waterfront Resort
471.	Writing by the Lake
472.	Wykes Boat Repair
473.	Young Signs
474.	Your Nail Girl
475.	Zipper Thrift Co.

If you know of a locally owned business that should be on this list, please let us know!
 Contact Marie White at 613-928-2251 ext. 288
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2026 Economic Development Workplan (Listed as they appear on the Budget)				
PROJECT/ GOAL	STRATEGIC PRIORITY / DESCRIPTION	ASSIGNED	BUDGET	STATUS
Business Recognition Program	Priority #3 - Community Revitalization. Coordinate and publicize the annual program and recognition event.	Marie White, Ec Dev Committee, Council	Net \$1,920 (\$3,920 expenses offset by \$2,000 in revenue)	Complete. Business Breakfast took place on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Elgin Lions Hall. The Honourable Michael Barrett M.P. was in attendance (regrets received from M.P.P. Steve Clark and the Warden due to conflicts). Thank you to sponsors G. Tackaberry & Sons Construction Co. Ltd., KPMG MSLP, RBC Royal Bank of Canada and Wills Transfer Limited. RSVPs from over 130 attendees and fifty businesses recognized. Advertisement published on April 22, media releases issued and article published on the cover of the Review Mirror on April 22, 2026. Wall Plaques ordered.
Publications - Map	Priority #4 - Focused Sector Development. MHAC and ECD to continue to work together to produce and distribute the Rideau Lakes Map including all roads, village maps and heritage landmarks/points of interest.	Marie White, Ec Dev Committee, MHAC	\$3,985	Reprint of 2025 maps. Project shared with MHAC; MHAC budgeted for design updates including the approved Early History Statement. Reprint of 5,000 maps ordered and received in March for distribution in 2026.
Special Projects - Marketing Plan Implementation	Priority #5 - Business and Workforce Development. Continue to follow through with actions identified in Marketing Strategy and Branding Guidelines (Marketing General). Promotion, map and guide distribution fees, advertising, business visits, conference registrations and partnerships that advance Economic Development Goals.	Marie White	\$2,239	Economic Development Summit Registration in 2026 (\$600). Ontario East Economic Development Membership (\$339). Map Distribution (\$200). Update: Ports Cruising Guide will not be published in 2026.
Special Projects - Photographer Videographer	Images and Footage to refresh content for both print and online presence.	Marie White	\$3,000 (Note: \$1,000 redirected to Spring into Rideau)	"Celebrate in Rideau Lakes: Wedding and Event Must Haves" page in development.
Special Projects- Strategic Projects	The Eastern Ontario Rail Trail Tourism Loop project (EORTL). Priority #2 - Physical Infrastructure (Active Transportation).		\$3,000	Presentation and update took place at the February 3 meeting of the Economic Development Committee. Recommendation on April 7 to proceed with 2026 Partnership Agreement (MOU).
	Village Renewal Projects. Priority #2 - Physical Infrastructure (Active Transportation). Priority #3 - Community Revitalization.		\$85,000	ROD Grant: Year One (Township-wide Historic Village Renewal: Streetscape, Wayfinding and Landscape Project). Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS) has offered professional services to advance the Village Renewal Projects at no cost to the Township.

	Delta Village Vision	Delta CEC / Consultant		<p>The Village Vision for Delta was discussed at the Delta Community Enhancement Committee meeting held on January 28. As a follow up from the introductory meeting and overview of the program, committee members discussed the dates for the survey release and the input session. The program is now underway. Input Sessions will take place on July 18 and August 11 (Virtual). Posted in the April and May eNews. Media release issued on April 10. Approx. 12 registrants and surveys to date.</p> <p>Rideaulakes.ca/DeltaVision</p>
	First Impressions Community Exchange Program (FICE)	Ec Dev Committee Members		<p>The application was submitted and a matching community is being sought.</p>
	Spring into Rideau	Spring into Rideau Working Group: Ken Davies, Kim Lulashnyk and Trish Bolechowsky	\$1,000 (redirected from the Photography line item)	<p>Working Group met in person on January 14 and virtually on March 25 to discuss activities for 2026. A program for mid-April to mid-May is in development. A call for interest was published in the January eNews. Promotional materials (rack cards) included in the April 7 agenda package were approved by Council. Distribution is underway. \$1,000 was redirected from the photography budget towards Spring into Rideau signs. The business-led partnership program application was successful, so this contribution will be matched.</p>
	Parks Canada Partnership (200th Anniversary of the construction of the Rideau Canal 1826-1832)	200th Anniversary Working Group: Councillor Paula Banks, Councillor Linda Carr, Councillor Sue Dunfield, Ken Davies and Dudley Hill.		<p>An invitation to Parks Canada staff representatives to attend an upcoming meeting of the 200th Anniversary Working Group Meeting. On March 25, Parks Canada met virtually with members of the Newboro and Area Heritage Society (NAHS) to which the Mayor and Township staff were included. Discussion regarding partnership was favourable. The Rideau Corridor Landscape Strategy includes studies at Newboro Lock and Jones Falls.</p>
Capital				
Rebranding - Sign Replacement	Staff to implement the approved Sign Design and Replacement Strategy. Per 2020 Branding Guidelines approved by Council.	Marie White Leila Stafford (Corporate Services), Facilities and Parks	\$5,000	Sign order in progress,

Frequently Asked Questions

Have questions? Check out our FAQs to learn more about the project, consult the project's [Submission Guidelines](#), or email us at climateready@canurb.org

What is the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service (CRIS)?

The CRIS is a national initiative connecting participants with top climate experts to support the integration of low-carbon resilience into local housing and infrastructure projects. It's part of the Climate Toolkit for Housing and Infrastructure, a suite of resources supporting infrastructure owners and decision-makers in developing projects that build resilience and contribute to Canada's path to net-zero emissions.

What is the Climate Toolkit for Housing and Infrastructure?

The Climate Toolkit for Housing and Infrastructure (CTHI) is a set of three resources designed to support municipalities in developing climate-resilient infrastructure. These resources include the Help Desk by Housing, Infrastructure and Communities Canada, the Climate Insight Tool from ICLEI, and the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service from the Canadian Urban Institute. Combined, they facilitate knowledge sharing and capacity building, broadening access to climate expertise across the country.

Who manages the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service?

The CRIS is managed by the [Canadian Urban Institute](#) (CUI), a leading organization that promotes urban solutions in partnership with city builders, researchers, and community leaders across Canada.

Who funds the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service?

The CRIS is funded by the Government of Canada.

Why do climate-based infrastructure projects matter?

Climate-based projects enhance resilience against disasters, reduce long-term costs, and protect environmental resources. They also improve city attractiveness and livability, provide access to funding opportunities, and support reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples through sustainable stewardship of the land.

What is the Roster of Climate and Infrastructure Experts?

The Roster of Climate and Infrastructure Experts is a curated list of experts sourced through the Climate Ready Infrastructure Service to be made available for infrastructure projects.

What role do experts play in the program and what benefits do they provide?

Experts provide essential technical advice and guidance to CRIS participants, helping them integrate low-carbon and climate resilience considerations into their infrastructure projects. By participating in the program, experts contribute to meaningful climate action, enhance their professional visibility, and have the opportunity to apply their knowledge to real-world challenges, ultimately supporting the achievement of Canada's climate goals. Experts produce Options Reports that are unique and tailored to the participating community. These can include:

1. Technical design options
2. Energy use assessment (ASHRAE Level 1 or 2, Decarbonization Pathways)
3. Climate hazard identification and analysis
4. Cost estimates (Class D, Order of Magnitude, Project Dependent)
5. Overview of how this project will fit into your policies and practices

How are matches made?

The matching process for municipalities will focus on key areas of expertise, roster standing, and consideration for comparable projects completed in the region or a similar region. The matching process is designed to support cross-pollination, capacity building, and provide the best quality of expertise to local governments. Rates are considered in the matching process in addition to expertise, geography, and previous performance.

Is there a cost to participate in the program?

There is no cost to participate in the program. Participation in the program, including access to experts through the Roster of Climate and Infrastructure Experts, is offered as an in-kind service to eligible participants. No direct funding or financial support is provided through this program.



Rideau Lakes

TOWNSHIP OF RIDEAU LAKES
Economic Development Committee
Minutes

Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 10:00 a.m.
Municipal Office, Chantry

Members Present: Councillor Linda Carr, Ken Davies, Dudley Hill, Councillor Deborah Anne Hutchings, Councillor Marcia Maxwell, Councillor Paula Banks, Councillor Sue Dunfield, Councillor Ron Pollard

Members Absent: Mayor Arie Hoogenboom

Staff Present: Shellee Fournier, CAO, Marie White, Economic Development and Cultural Heritage Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Maxwell called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Regrets from Mayor Arie Hoogenboom. Councillor Debbie Hutchings, Councillor Linda Carr, and Councillor Paula Banks joined the meeting virtually.

ADDITIONS/AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

The Chair called for any additions or amendments to the agenda. None were heard.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION # ECD 2026-07

Moved by Councillor Hutchings
Seconded by Councillor Sue Dunfield

Be it resolved that the Economic Development Committee adopt the Agenda as presented.

Carried

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

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Chair Maxwell asked if anyone had a pecuniary interest and none were declared.

COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

CoW Rec 116-2026 - HEAR Initiative (For Information)

BUSINESS ARISING

Staff Report ECD 2026-01 - EORTL Partnership: Marie White (For Discussion)

Councillor Linda Carr joined virtually at 10:02

Further to the staff report outlining the Eastern Ontario Rail Trail Loop Partnership deliverables for 2026-2027 and the contributions from the other partners, it was noted that with 2026 budget approvals in place, the Township is ready to proceed with the partnership renewal. Since it is a formal agreement, Council approval is required. Collectively, the partnership is able to apply for funding to leverage partner contributions.

RECOMMENDATION # ECD 2026-08

Moved by Councillor Sue Dunfield
Seconded by Councillor Ron Pollard

Be it resolved that the Economic Development Committee recommends to Council that a by-law be passed to authorize Rideau Lakes to enter into a 2026 memorandum of understanding with Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (RTO11) to continue as a 2026-2027 partner in the Eastern Ontario Rail Trail Tourism Loop Project (EORTL), with a contribution of \$3,000 included in the Economic Development Budget, as presented in ECD Report 2026-01.

Carried

RECOMMENDATION # ECD 2026-09

Moved by Ken Davies
Seconded by Councillor Ron Pollard

Be it resolved that the Economic Development Committee direct staff to send a letter to Leeds Grenville inviting them to participate in the Eastern Ontario Rail Trail Loop (EORTL) project, recognizing that Lanark and Frontenac Counties are partners;

AND FURTHER THAT Leeds Grenville make a contribution of \$10,000 per year to match the other county partner contributions.

Carried

200th Anniversary Working Group - Verbal Update: Councillor Paula Banks (For Discussion)

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Councillor Paula Banks reported that the working group drafted a list of events that could be included in the 200th Anniversary celebrations. At the March 10 working group meeting, a Town Crier competition was recommended for consideration. A subsequent working group meeting was held on March 26. To reduce the number of meetings, it was suggested that the 200th Anniversary be a standing item on the Economic Development Committee agenda. The 200th Anniversary Working Group will no longer meet separately. Discussion took place.

Councillor P. Banks called a Point of Order on Chair Maxwell advising that Councillors should not be discussing staff work load as it is the responsibility of the CAO and the Chair should not be debating. CAO, Shellee Fournier provided an explanation on the staff workload.

Ken Davies informed the committee that the Victoria Day Picnic event established in 2008 will take place on May 18 with live music until noon until 2pm at the Jones Falls lock station. There is very little parking.

Ideas:

- Rideau Lakes is in support of the anniversary celebrations and invites the community to tag along using a shared 200th logo (to be developed)
- Reenactments - Newboro and Area Heritage Society (NAHS) is planning to host a reenactment
- Ice cream at Narrows Lock
- Small budget support for promotional material to be considered as part of the budget process
- Strategy to work with CECs and formal working groups of the CEC
- Grant strategy - explore funding and grant writing services

It was noted that the Newboro and Area Historical Society (NAHS), as a third party and charitable organization, may access additional grants.

RECOMMENDATION # ECD 2026-10

Moved by Councillor Sue Dunfield

Seconded by Councillor Paula Banks

Be it resolved that the Economic Development Committee direct staff to add the 200th Anniversary as a standing item on the regular meeting agenda.

Carried

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RECOMMENDATION # ECD 2026-11

Moved by Councillor Paula Banks

Seconded by Councillor Hutchings

Rideau Canal 200th Anniversary Coordination and Support

WHEREAS the Rideau Canal, completed in 1832, is recognized as both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and a National Historic Site of Canada and is one of the country's most significant historic waterways;

AND WHEREAS the year 2032 will mark the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Rideau Canal and communities along the canal corridor are expected to participate in commemorative activities leading up to that anniversary;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Rideau Lakes has established that a standing item for the Rideau Canal 200th Anniversary be on the Economic Development Committee Agenda to organize community events and initiatives between 2026 and 2032 recognizing the construction, history, and heritage of the Rideau Canal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of Rideau Lakes support the work of the Economic Development Committee in planning and coordinating community events within the municipality between 2026 and 2032 in preparation for the 200th anniversary of the Rideau Canal in 2032;

AND FURTHER THAT Council request letters of support from Parks Canada and federal representatives responsible for the Rideau Canal National Historic Site acknowledging and supporting the Township of Rideau Lakes' efforts to celebrate the Rideau Canal anniversary;

AND FURTHER THAT Council express the Township's interest in working cooperatively with Parks Canada and other communities along the canal corridor to support and promote anniversary-related events within Rideau Lakes while contributing to the broader celebrations taking place along the Rideau Canal;

AND FURTHER THAT Council invite Parks Canada to collaborate with the Township of Rideau Lakes and the Economic Development Committee on events and initiatives taking place within the municipality as part of the broader Rideau Canal bicentennial celebrations;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the following:

Karen McLeod

Superintendent

Rideau Canal National Historic Site

Parks Canada Agency

Ron Hallman

President and Chief Executive Officer

Parks Canada Agency

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Michael Barrett

Member of Parliament

Leeds—Grenville—Thousand Islands and Rideau Lakes

Carried

RECOMMENDATION # ECD 2026-12

Moved by Councillor Paula Banks

Seconded by Councillor Sue Dunfield

Ceremonial Town Crier

WHEREAS the Township of Rideau Lakes is preparing for the 200th anniversary of the completion of the Rideau Canal in 2032, with community events being planned between 2026 and 2032 through the Economic Development Committee;

AND WHEREAS the ceremonial role of a Town Crier has traditionally been used by municipalities to promote civic events and celebrate local heritage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council support the reintroduction of a ceremonial Town Crier for the Township of Rideau Lakes as part of community celebrations connected to the Rideau Canal 200th anniversary;

AND FURTHER THAT the Economic Development Committee be authorized to organize a community competition to select a Rideau Lakes Town Crier.

Carried

RECOMMENDATION # Main Motion

Moved by Councillor Paula Banks

Seconded by Councillor Hutchings

Rideau Canal 200th Anniversary Planning Supports

WHEREAS Council has established the Economic Development Committee to coordinate community initiatives and events between 2026 and 2032 recognizing the construction and completion of the Rideau Canal;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to support the Economic Development Committee in developing the planning framework for anniversary events;

AND FURTHER THAT staff assist the Committee in developing a grant funding strategy, including identifying potential funding opportunities and options for professional grant-writing support;

AND FURTHER THAT staff assist the Committee in exploring a corridor-wide funding approach involving municipalities along the Rideau Canal while supporting multi-community projects within the Township of Rideau Lakes;

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AND FURTHER THAT staff report back to Council with options for modest budget support for promotional and commemorative materials related to the Rideau Canal anniversary, including items such as informational flyers, handouts, flags, and other materials that may be made available through the Township to support community events between 2026 and 2032.

RECOMMENDATION # ECD 2026-13

Moved by Councillor Sue Dunfield
Seconded by Ken Davies

Be it resolved that the main motion be deferred.

Carried

Spring into Rideau Working Group - Verbal Update: Ken Davies (For Discussion)

Ken Davies informed the committee that promotional material for Spring into Rideau was included in the agenda package and circulated examples at the meeting. Events taking place during April and May are invited to be included in the program. Digital promotions may include how to get involved, and the URL that directs people to the Spring into Rideau webpage can be added. Appreciation was expressed to volunteer Kim Lulashnyk for her work on Spring into Rideau.

RECOMMENDATION # ECD 2026-14

Moved by Ken Davies
Seconded by Councillor Ron Pollard

Be it resolved that the Economic Development Committee recommends to Council that promotional materials for Spring into Rideau be distributed widely at no cost to the municipality.

Carried

Rideau Lakes Business Listing - Update: Marie White (For Information)

Staff highlighted the most recent changes to the Rideau Lakes Business Listing.

15 businesses were added:

- Rideau Lake Pottery
- Kevcon Construction
- JJs Farm - Local Microgreens
- Vase and Votive
- Your Nail Girl
- TJC Electrical

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- Satori Farms
- Rideau Wreaths
- Big Al's Detailing
- Andrew Milne Studio
- Seaman's Haven
- Maplecroft Studios
- Margaret Kelk Studio
- Robin Laffier Studio
- Jones Falls Management

Removed:

- Windfall Studio - closed

There are now 474 locally owned and operated businesses in Rideau Lakes.

Action Listing - Update: Marie White (For Information)

Staff provided an update on Economic Development Action items. Celebrate in Rideau Lakes content has been compiled.

MINUTES

Minutes of the March 2, 2026, Economic Development Committee Meeting were distributed to the Committee. Chair Maxwell asked for any errors, omissions or questions.

RECOMMENDATION # ECD 2026-15

Moved by Councillor Ron Pollard
Seconded by Councillor Carr

Be it resolved that this Committee approve the Economic Development Committee Meeting minutes of March 2, 2026 as presented.

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION

EORN Cell Gap Project Update (For Information)

NEW BUSINESS

Committee Roundtable

Councillor Linda Carr:

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- Can we offer free WIFI in villages
- Stoodleys in Elgin is doing well
- Portland Pizzaria is doing well
- Portland Pub Trivia Night is well attended
- Newboro is fantastic

Public Representative Ken Davies:

- Loon in Newboro is available

Public Representative Dudley Hill:

- The Crosby Roundabout will allow landscaping only

Chair Maxwell:

- Forfar Restaurant and Cheese Shop's new menu has been well received

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

CLOSED SESSION

RECOMMENDATION # ECD 2026-16

Moved by Councillor Sue Dunfield

Seconded by Councillor Ron Pollard

Be it resolved that the Economic Development Committee moves into closed meeting at 12:07 p.m. to discuss the following matters under Section 239 (2) of the *Municipal Act*.

- Closed Session Minutes: September 2, 2025
- Rideau Lakes Business Recognition Awards: Section 239(2)(b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employee
- Ontario Heritage Trust Lifetime Achievement Awards: Section 239(2)(b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employee

Carried

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Rideau Lakes Business Recognition Awards: Section 239(2)(b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employee

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Ontario Heritage Trust Lifetime Achievement Awards: Section 239(2)(b) Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including Municipal or local board employee

REPORT REGARDING CLOSED MEETING

Be advised that a Closed Meeting was held and Committee discussed three (3) items. The minutes from the previous closed session meeting, the Rideau Lakes Business Recognition Awards and the Ontario Heritage Trust Lifetime Achievement Awards under (b) a personal matter about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees.

RECOMMENDATION # ECD 2026-17

Moved by Councillor Sue Dunfield
Seconded by Ken Davies

Be it resolved that the Business Recognition Program be revisited for next year, and that the criteria be revised.

Carried

RECOMMENDATION # ECD 2026-18

Moved by Councillor Sue Dunfield
Seconded by Councillor Ron Pollard

Be it resolved that the Economic Development Committee direct staff to find out if compensation for travel is provided to recipients of the Ontario Heritage Trust Lifetime Achievement Awards Ceremony held in Toronto.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

The Economic Development Committee adjourned meeting at 12:37 p.m.

Marcia Maxwell, Chair

Marie White, Secretary

EORN Cell Gap Project Monthly Update

March 2026

Regional view

	Planned	Completed	New this month
Upgrades to existing towers	311	311	n/a
New towers in service	257	182	8
New co-locations	89	78	0
Land use authority	257	256	0
Please note that this information is collected monthly and is subject to change as the project moves forward.			

United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

	Planned	Completed	New this month
Upgrades to existing towers	24	24	n/a
New towers in service	18	17	1
New co-locations	7	6	0
Land use authority	18	18	n/a
Please note that this information is collected monthly and is subject to change as the project moves forward.			

Note: data is updated by Rogers on the 15th of each month. Data provided for this update was received on March 15, 2026.

United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Uplifts Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C3644	Athens	Athens	In-service
C4081	Charleston Lake	Athens	In-service
C2247	Maitland	Augusta	In-service
C3399	North Augusta	Augusta	In-service
C3142	Cardinal	Edwardsburgh-Cardinal	In-service
C0319	Spencerville	Edwardsburgh-Cardinal	In-service
C6518	Hwy 401 and Hwy 16	Edwardsburgh-Cardinal	In-service
C1589	Prescott	Edwardsburgh-Cardinal	In-service
C0321	Brockville	Elizabethtown-Kitley	In-service
C2447	Frankville	Elizabethtown-Kitley	In-service
C6602	Hwy 401 and Halleck's Road	Elizabethtown-Kitley	In-service
C2208	Hwy 401 and Butternut Bay	Front of Yonge	In-service
C6516	Hwy 401 and Jenkins Road	Front of Yonge	In-service
C7753	Thousands Island Casino	Gananoque	In-service

United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Uplifts Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C0082	Gananoque	Gananoque	In-service
C0318	Mallorytown	Leeds and the Thousand Islands	In-service
C2210	Morton	Leeds and the Thousand Islands	In-service
C3398	Hwy 401 at Rockport	Leeds and the Thousand Islands	In-service
C1196	1000 Islands	Leeds and the Thousand Islands	In-service
C2517	Merrickville	Merrickville-Wolford	In-service
C1942	Hwy 416 at Kemptville	Municipality of North Grenville	In-service
C6510	Hwy 416 and Beach Road	Municipality of North Grenville	In-service
C2176	Hwy 416 and County Road 20	Municipality of North Grenville	In-service
C2327	Otter Lake	Rideau Lakes	In-service
C0420	Westport	Rideau Lakes	In-service

United Counties of Leeds and Grenville Co-location Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8685	Slab Street and County Road 18	Augusta	In-service
C8484	Hwy 2 and Hwy 401	Front of Yonge	In-service
C8540	Thousand Islands Bridge and Benson Park Road	Leeds and the Thousand Islands	In-service
C8551	Holton Road and Black Church Road	Leeds and the Thousand Islands	In-service
C6371	Todd School Road and Barnard Road	North Grenville	In-service
C8261	Hwy 15 and Hwy 42	Rideau Lakes	In-service
C9867	Davis Lock Rd & Hwy 15	Rideau Lakes	2026

United Counties of Leeds and Grenville New Tower Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8535	Glenmore Road and Lord Mills Road	Augusta	In-service
C8717	Kyle Road and Branch Road	Augusta	In-service
C8684	Cooper Road and Limerick Road	Augusta	2026
C6514	Hwy 416 and Smith Road	Edwardsburgh-Cardinal	In-service
C8488	Debruge Road at Brockville	Elizabethtown-Kitley	In-service
C8682	Toledo	Elizabethtown-Kitley	In-service
C8266	Hwy 42 and Hwy29	Elizabethtown-Kitley	In-service
C8323	County Road 7 and Atkins Lake Road	Elizabethtown-Kitley	In-service
C7562	Taylor South	Leeds and the Thousand Islands	In-service
C8260	Hwy 15 and Hwy 32	Leeds and the Thousand Islands	In-service
C8680	County Road 3 at Outlet	Leeds and the Thousand Islands	In-service

United Counties of Leeds and Grenville New Tower Build Schedule

Tower identifier	Site name	Municipality	In-service plan
C8718	Ballycanoe Road and Escott Yonge Townline Road	Leeds and the Thousands Islands	In-service
C8683	Wolford Centre Road and County Road 15	Merrickville-Wolford	In-service
C8681	Daytown Road and Chantry Road	Rideau Lakes	In-service
C8692	Jones Falls Road and Gamble Sly Road	Rideau Lakes	In-service
C8262	Portland	Rideau Lakes	In-service
C8690	Grady Road East at Westport	Rideau Lakes	In-service
C8128	Rideau Ferry Road and Pegg Road	Rideau Lakes	In-service