

Township of North Glengarry / Canton de Glengarry nord

# News|etter

March 2021



# Be winter ready

**During the winter season it's important to be prepared. When a storm hits, adjust your driving habits and please be mindful of our road crews.**



# Message from Town Hall

## Council approves 0% tax rate increase for 2021

On February 8th, North Glengarry Council approved the 2021 Municipal Budget, which includes a 0% tax rate increase from 2020. While the municipal tax rate will not be going up, the total municipal budget has increased to \$6,236,436. This increase is due to assessment growth of 0.38% resulting in additional tax collected of \$99,920. This reflects growth only and does not reflect any changes in assessment, as the 2020 rates were frozen for 2021. In the past, additional tax assessment changes provided about \$250,000 of additional tax dollars.

In normal assessment cycles, 2020 would be the base year for phased in values for the years 2021-2025. However, 2021 reassessment has been paused, which means that the assessment values for properties in 2020 will remain the same for 2021, except in cases involving new growth (new builds, improvements).

This freeze will decrease the additional tax dollars that the Municipality usually gets from assessment and growth changes. Budgetary pressures on other revenue streams could pose challenges. There has been increased demand for relief and special treatment, which only increases the challenge of producing revenues for municipal services.

Additionally, growth trends are slowing which could continue into 2021 or later. There were fewer construction starts in 2020 and possible slow down due to shortages of labour or materials. Backlogs in completion could result in backlogs of assessment and ultimately taxation dollars. There are currently unknown business sustainability /viability issues due to COVID-19 as well.

The total tax rate is made up of the Municipal Tax Rate set by the Township; the County Tax Rate set by the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry; and, the Education Rate set by the Province.

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## Municipal facilities now open to the public

Municipal facilities reopened to the public on Tuesday, February 16th. Masks are mandatory in all facilities. Whenever possible, residents are encouraged to conduct business with staff over the phone at 613-525-1110, or by email at [info@northglengarry.ca](mailto:info@northglengarry.ca) and to obtain information online at [www.northglengarry.ca](http://www.northglengarry.ca)

Town Hall is located at 90 Main Street South, in Alexandria.

## Interim Taxes are due February 26, 2021

The interim taxes are due on the last working day of February and April. Final taxes are due on the last working day of July and September. For further information, contact our Tax Department at:

T: 613-525-1110 x 249  
[taxcollector@northglengarry.ca](mailto:taxcollector@northglengarry.ca)

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# Council highlights

## Township considers proposal for Development Charges

The Township of North Glengarry has issued a request for proposal for a "Development Charges Background Study".

A Development Charge (DC) is a fee charged on new development which is intended to help pay for the cost required to service new growth. The basic concept is that "new growth pays for growth", as existing residents have already paid into the existing infrastructure and the new residents should help pay for the requirement to expand infrastructure, beyond the current levels.

The development charges collected must be used for capital costs, not operating. The DC's can be used to pay: water supply services; waste water services; storm water drainage; waste diversion services; fire protection services; parks and recreation services; transportation; and, emergency preparedness. DC's may also be used to cover the costs for the development of a future DC study.

A comprehensive Development Charges study is required to impose a Development Charge on a new build. Studies are completed by consultants, which must be tendered through the Request for Proposal Process. In the Corporate Strategic Plan 2019-2023, Council included the feasibility study for DC's as an action item to be completed.

## Upgrades for Glengarry Sports Palace

Extensive upgrades have been approved for the Glengarry and District Sports Palace, which will be getting a new ice surface floor this year. The facility was constructed in 1976 and the original structure is beginning to show it's age.

The contract for the engineering and project management services has been awarded to Barry Bryan Associates.

## Before hosting a lottery, raffle or 50/50 - Make sure to get a **Lottery & Gaming License**



A municipality may issue a Lottery & Gaming Licence to eligible local charitable or religious organizations for raffle lotteries where the total value of the prizes to be awarded does not exceed \$50,000. For more information, call the Township of North Glengarry at T. 613-525-1110 or visit: <https://www.northglengarry.ca/en/town-hall/lottery-information.aspx>

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# Employee highlight

## Carey Cameron – Public Works Foreman for Lochiel Garage

Public Works Foreman Carey Cameron joined North Glengarry's Public Works Department in 1998, amidst one of the worst natural disasters in Canadian history.

Cameron had been working as a volunteer firefighter at the Alexandria Station and as a meat manager at Loeb (now Your Independent Grocer), when the opportunity arose to assist with the clean up efforts following a storm that started on Jan. 4, 1998. Southern Quebec and eastern Ontario were pelted with as much as 100 millimetres of freezing rain and ice pellets — an ice storm that lasted five days.



*Carey Cameron, Foreman for North Glengarry's Lochiel Garage*

At its peak, 3.5 million Quebecers — roughly half of Quebec's population — and more than a million Ontarians, as well as thousands in New Brunswick, were left in the dark, many for several weeks.

"They were short drivers for the clean-up. I was hired to drive a tandem dump truck and to haul away wood chips, as volunteers cleared the roads and chipped trees," said Cameron.

During his career with the Township, Cameron has worked throughout the municipality, working at public works garages in Alexandria, Kenyon and Lochiel - where he now serves as Foreman for a crew of four crew members.

As Foreman, Cameron is in charge of the Lochiel Garage and its crew. He monitors the road network for inclement weather and mechanical issues and he provides input to North Glengarry's Public Works Director for future maintenance and

infrastructure planning.

As a snowplow driver, Cameron is out in the worst weather that North Glengarry can throw at him. When visibility is reduced to zero, Cameron is tasked with navigating carefully through the road network and clearing away ice and snow. His shift often starts at times when other drivers are urged to stay home for their own safety.

After more than 22 years spent driving a snowplow, Cameron says that the advice he would give motorists is to exert patience. Be cautious when attempting to pass a plow and recognize that the breadth of the machines may obstruct your view of oncoming traffic.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, Cameron says his favourite time of the year is the Spring. He enjoys the work of repairing the roads damaged from the heaving of ice and snow; filling in pot holes and planning for spring gravel; and dust suppressant.



# Inside the Lochiel Garage



## Upcoming Council Meetings

Council meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month, with the exception of the months of August and December. When holidays fall on a Monday, Council is usually scheduled for Tuesday. Special meetings are held as required. Agenda packages are prepared, ready for delivery and posted on the municipal website prior to a meeting. Due to public health requirements, the Township is currently hosting all of its meetings virtually, on Zoom. For more information on upcoming council meeting information and for a schedule of upcoming meetings, visit:

<https://www.northglengarry.ca/en/town-hall/council-meeting-information.aspx>

**Upcoming Council Meetings: March 8, March 22**

# Health & wellness

## Healthy Smiles Ontario Program - *Providing free dental care to low income families*

Healthy Smiles Ontario is a government-funded dental program that provides free preventive, routine, and emergency dental services for children and youth 17 years old and under from low-income households.

The program includes regular visits to a licensed dental provider and covers the costs of treatment including: check-ups, cleaning, fillings (for a cavity), x-rays, scaling, tooth extraction, urgent or emergency dental care.

Cosmetic dentistry, including teeth whitening and braces, are not covered by the program.

Children are automatically enrolled in the program if they receive assistance under the Temporary Care Assistance Program, or Assistance for Children with Severe Disabilities Program; or if they or their family receive either Ontario Works, or Ontario Disability Support.

Find out more at <https://www.ontario.ca/page/get-dental-care>

## Submit, or access, your immunization records online - Register with the EOHU

Digital records allow Ontarians to securely keep track of their families' immunization records. To learn more, contact the Eastern Ontario Health Unit at 613-933-1375 or 1-800-267-7120 or visit:

<https://eohu.icon.ehealthontario.ca/#!/welcome>

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**In 2020  
North Glengarry  
took over internal  
management of  
its dog service**

**3** Dogs found  
new homes.

Dogs  
were  
reunited  
with their  
families.

**15**



**Despite our best efforts - sometimes dogs get lost.  
We work hard to reunite lost pets.**

Do your part – Register your dog & notify us  
if you have lost your animal or seen one running at large.

[todd@northglengarry.ca](mailto:todd@northglengarry.ca) / T. 613-551-1823



# Business support

**Ontario Small Business Support Grant** – Starting at \$10,000 for all eligible businesses, the grant provides businesses with funding to a maximum of \$20,000 to help cover decreased revenue expected as a result of the Provincewide Shutdown.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs>

**Property Tax and Energy Bill Rebates** – Businesses that are, or were, required to shut down or significantly restrict services due to provincial public health measures can apply for rebates, provided in the form of grants, to help with their fixed costs.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs#section-2>

**Ontario's Main Street Relief Grant: Personal Protective Equipment Support (PPE)** – There are still grants available for up to \$1,000 for unexpected costs of PPE during COVID-19. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/businesses-get-help-covid-19-costs#section-1>

**Save On Energy Program** – see the return on investment of energy-efficiency upgrades faster with Save on Energy incentives. This includes up to \$2,000 to help small businesses upgrade their lighting. Numerous additional programs for retrofits and major projects. [www.saveonenergy.ca](http://www.saveonenergy.ca)

**New online marketing platform to showcase Franco-Ontarian products and services** – Franco-Ontarian businesses, entrepreneurs and social enterprises will be able to sign up to access a free, bilingual digital platform to market their goods and services, allowing them to reach more consumers throughout Ontario and beyond. Learn more at: <https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/60141/ontario-supports-economic-development-within-franco-phone-community>

**Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA)** – CEBA requirements and deadlines have changed: <https://ceba-cuec.ca/>

Applicants who have received the \$40,000 CEBA loan may apply for the \$20,000 expansion, which provides eligible businesses with an additional \$20,000 in financing. All applicants have until March 31, 2021, to apply for \$60,000 CEBA loan or the \$20,000 expansion.

**Regional Relief and Recovery Fund (RRRF)** – The Community Futures Development Corporation is in charge of administering this program. <https://mycommunityfutures.ca/>

**North Glengarry Community Improvement Plan (CIP)** – A program to help with the beautification of businesses within the municipality, this cost-sharing grant program helps to fund façade improvements, new signage and other exterior improvements. There is a monthly intake period. Contact [tara@northglengarry.ca](mailto:tara@northglengarry.ca) / T. 613-525-1313 <https://www.northglengarry.ca/en/doing-business/cip.aspx?mid=17040>

**SDG Counties Regional Incentives Program (Intake Period COMING SOON)** – The program aims to: Encourage redevelopment and investment in existing building stock within the County to support employment, reduce the number of vacant buildings, and increase the assessment base; Promote active recreation, tourism, and the continued development or enhancement of the trail network; Stimulate investment in the agricultural sector by funding diverse, on-farm expansions and agri-tourism; Increase the amount of tourist accommodation available within the County and enhance and expand existing establishments.

Contact [tara@northglengarry.ca](mailto:tara@northglengarry.ca)

<https://sdgcounties.ca/stay-discover-grow>

**Digital Main Street Program (ShopHERE, Grants, Future Proof)** –DMS, in collaboration with partners (Launch Lab, Invest Ottawa, Shopify, etc.) will help you a quick, easy, and no-cost option of selling online right away. [www.digitalmainstreet.ca](http://www.digitalmainstreet.ca)

**Eastern Ontario Development Fund (EODF)** - Provides support for projects and investments to entities in Eastern Ontario. Denis Lapierre (Senior Business Advisor) is the lead for our area. <https://www.ontario.ca/page/eastern-ontario-development-fund>

**Canada Summer Jobs 2021** –120,000 unique applications will push through at a 75% wage subsidy reimbursement of the minimum wage. You can hire your 1st applicant as soon as April 26th, 2021. <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html>

**Applications Open for Ontario's New Skills Development Fund** – The fund, which will support workers and apprentices, is specifically designed to address the challenges brought on by COVID-19 and help reduce obstacles to hiring, training and retaining while preparing workers for the province's economic recovery. <http://www.tcu.gov.on.ca/eng/eopg/programs/sdf.html>

# Community support

## Tourism Business Support Funding

The Cornwall & Area Chamber of Commerce has received funding to facilitate a program that will provide funding to support business improvements required for health and safety measures due to COVID-19. Organizations do not need to be members of the Chamber in order to apply for funds. The Cornwall & Area Chamber of Commerce will provide non-repayable funding in the amount of 80% of eligible costs (with a 20% contribution from businesses) normally to a maximum of \$4,500.

Eligibility:

- Must be a small to medium-sized business or not-for-profit that provides goods and/or services to tourists (including accommodations, recreation & entertainment, food & beverage services and retail).
- Business or not-for-profit must have a registered business number.
- Business or not-for-profit must be located in the City of Cornwall, Akwesasne, or The United Counties of Stormont, Dundas, and Glengarry.
- The business must demonstrate how their business is related to and/or dependent on tourism and that its business operations have been adversely affected by COVID-19.

Intake 2 (if funds are still available): The application deadline for Intake 2 is June 30th, 2021 at 11:59 pm. Successful grant applicants will be informed by August 6th, 2021. Projects must be completed by September 30th, 2021. Expenses can retroactively be claimed from June 1, 2020.



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Boys & Girls Clubs

## **GLENGARRY YOUTH PROGRAM**

### **PROGRAM IN THE PARK**

**EVERY TUESDAY**

FOR: GRADE 1-6

WHEN: 3:00-6:30 PM

WHERE: THE ISLAND PARK  
(GARY SHEPHERD HALL)



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**ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL [GLENGARRY@BGCCORNWALLSDG.COM](mailto:GLENGARRY@BGCCORNWALLSDG.COM)

# Recycle Reduce Reuse

## North Glengarry Garbage & Recycling Policy

- 1) Collectable Waste shall be placed at the edge of the roadway or driveway prior to 6:00 AM, on collection day.
- 2) Weekly limit of two (2) garbage bags, additional bag requires a special tag that can be purchased from R.A.R.E. or the Municipal Office at a fee of \$3.00 per tag. Maximum size of garbage bags is 26" X 32.5".
- 3) Any tags purchased at \$3.00 may be used the following year.
- 4) Bags must be put in acceptable covered containers. No loose garbage or waste will be picked up.
- 5) Ashes must be one week old and put in plastic bags.
- 6) No heavy construction material or heavy steel will be picked up.
- 7) 45 gallon drums will not be permitted.
- 8) No batteries, household furniture, appliances, tires, dead animals, chemicals, syringes, needles or sharp articles will be picked up.
- 9) Approved garbage cans and proper garbage bags are to be used. No cardboard boxes will be allowed. Maximum weight for garbage cans is 18 kg (40 lbs.)



In North Glengarry,  
waste collection and  
recycling is  
administered by  
Recyclage  
Alexandria  
Recycling Equipe (RARE).  
  
T. 613-525-5112  
[rare@northglengarry.ca](mailto:rare@northglengarry.ca)

The graphic features a green superhero character on the right, wearing a green mask, a green long-sleeved shirt with a white recycling symbol on the chest, and a green cape. He is standing on a grassy field with a large tree on the left. In the foreground, there are two blue recycling bins with the recycling symbol and the text "We Recycle!". The background is a light blue sky.

The Township of North Glengarry challenges you to  
**become a recycling champion**  
Recycle every day instead of throwing paper  
and plastic away.

**Do you need extra bins to  
better sort your recycling?**

Recycling bins are available for purchase  
at RARE, located at 265 Industrial Blvd., in  
Alexandria. Residents pay \$3/each for the first  
THREE replacement (or additional) bins.  
Subsequent bins are available for \$10 each.  
INFO: T. 613-525-5112 /[rare@northglengarry.ca](mailto:rare@northglengarry.ca)  
[www.northglengarry.ca](http://www.northglengarry.ca)



Emergencies can happen anytime.

**Are you Ready?**

Emergency Preparedness Week

May 2-8, 2021

[www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca)



**Know the risks** – Although the consequences of disasters can be similar, knowing the risks specific to our community and our region can help you better prepare.

**Make a plan** – It will help you and your family know what to do.

**Get an emergency kit** – During an emergency, we will all need some basic supplies. We may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours in an emergency.



**North Glengarry Fire Department**

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