### TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY

Canton de Glengarry nord



March 2024



Above: Joan and Leo Siwik and Sandra Daigle with lifeguard Macauley on duty.

### The pool is open!

During the summer of 2023, the Township of North Glengarry ("Township") and the Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital ("HGMH") announced a partnership to work on the reopening of the HGMH Pool to the public. Over the following months, staff from both organizations worked closely together on admission specifications and lifeguarding requirements to conform with the Eastern Ontario Health Units regulations.

As part of a gradual start, the pool is now open for public swimming, on two weekday evenings; Tuesdays and Fridays, and on Saturdays.

### "We are pleased to see that the Township's partnership with the HGMH has brought back a valuable asset for the enjoyment and wellbeing of our community", indicated Mayor Jamie MacDonald.

Individuals interested in using the Pool will be asked to <u>register and pay</u> ahead of time using the Township's Reservations Calendar software, or in person at the Tim Horton's Dome.

After damage sustained from a wind storm, the Dome needed extensive repairs

#### New business open

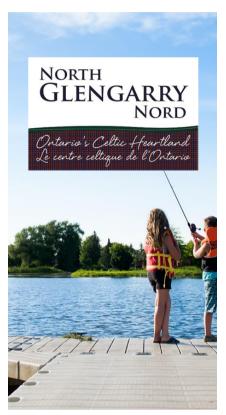
Devious Designs open storefront on Main St in Alexandria

#### March Break recap

Highlights of a great week in North **Glengarry** 



### COUNCIL highlights



### Draft Parks and Recreation Plan

The Township of North Glengarry has completed the draft of its Parks and Recreation Action Plan. The plan identifies three pillars with

corresponding action items which were derived from the Parks and Recreation Action Plan survey community responses, the 2023 Corporate Strategic Plan adopted by Council in March 2023, and today's economic reality. Residents are invited to review the plan and share their feedback to ensure that recreation activities and initiatives align with community needs. You can view the action plan <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

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### 2024 Tax By-Law Adopted

Council approved By-Law 15-2024, being a by-law to adopt the tax rates for the year 2024. Of the Township of North Glengarry's total tax dollars, 45% will be sent to the United Counties, 15.15% will be sent to the province for the education portion and the remaining 39.8% will remain in the Township. Council approved a 4.02% increase for the municipal portion of the tax rate, less than that of The United Counties, which had an overall increase of 4.36%. The average percentage change in the total tax rate is 2.89%. According to the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, the average assessed value for a residence in North Glengarry is \$245,817 which would result in an increase of just over \$119 in taxes annually.

**Please note:** Council meetings are held in person at the Township of North Glengarry's Municipal Office located at 3720 County Road 34 in Alexandria, all are welcome.

Meetings will be streamed live from the Township's YouTube account. All those who choose to attend the meetings in person will be on camera. If you wish to remain off camera for the meetings we invite you to join us online.

### Upcoming Meetings

Regular Meeting of Council

April 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Council
April 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Meeting of Council
May 13 at 6:00 p.m./

### **COMMUNITY** news

Top stories this month in North Glengarry

### Dome damaged by windstorm

On February 28, the Tim Horton's dome was damaged by a sever windstorm. Late in the evening, a resident informed Mayor MacDonald of visible damage. Members of Council and staff quickly met to assess the situation and stabilize the dome to prevent further damage. The Dome remained closed until March 16 for repairs which included lighting, exterior coverings and structural and support. Township staff and Council would like to thank Manon Lalonde for



her role in helping save the Tim Horton's Dome during the recent wind storm. Mayor Jamie MacDonald presented Ms. Lalonde for her efforts with a certificate of appreciation at the March 11 Council Meeting.

### Devious Designs opens new storefront

Felecia Crothers-St-Jean, the creative brains behind Devious Designs opened her new storefront in Alexandria on March 8. Founded in 2019, Felecia specializes in customized products including cutting boards and coasters, ornaments, drinkware, signage and much more.

The quality of the products is evident with support of high profile clients including the official licensing merchandise of personalized ornaments with the official logos of Hockey Night in Canada, CBC and CBC Kids. Welcome to Main St. Felecia!





### EMPLOYEE profile

### Have you met....

### Zoe Bougie

Treasurer

Zoe has been with the Township of North Glengarry since 2018. Starting in the Public Works Department as the Administrative Assistant, moving to Public Works Specialist, she is now the Director of Finance/Treasurer. Recently, Zoe also achieved her Diploma in Municipal Administration awarded by The Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of (AMCTO). Zoe graduated with Academic Honours for her successful completion of the required courses demonstrating expertise in areas of municipal law, finance and administration.

#### What is the best part about your job?

The best part of my job is that I enjoy what I do and get to work with such supportive colleagues. North Glengarry has a great team environment and everyone is always willing to help.

#### What is the biggest challenge in your job?

Public speaking. I haven't had a lot of experience with this, and I'm naturally a quiet person, so it is something I have been really working on in this role.

### What are your favourite things to do in your spare time?

I enjoy baking, reading, watching tv, playing sports, and of course, spending time with my family and cats.

### What other jobs have you had throughout your career?

As a student, I worked for the Township of South Glengarry. This was where I was introduced to the municipal world and decided it was what I wanted to do as a career. After university, I worked for Devanco Canada before starting with North Glengarry.



BORN AND RAISED IN SOUTH GLENGARRY, ZOE GRADUATED FROM BISHOP'S UNIVERSITY WHERE SHE STUDIED FINANCE AND ECONOMICS.

### What's the best vacation you've ever been on?

The best vacation I've been on was to Mexico. The food was amazing! One day, I'd love to travel around Europe and experience the culture.

What book or series are you currently reading or watching?
All the Broken Places by John Boyne

### What are your words to live by or best advice?

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started."

- Mark Twain

## A MARCH BREAK\_to remember



Whether at one of the Township's recreation facilities, or elsewhere in Glengarry, it was a March Break to remember!















### **UPCOMING events**

Do you have an upcoming community event? Share it in the North Glengarry Community Calendar.

Submit your event details at www.northglengarry.ca









### **HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY**

#### **ACCEPTED ITEMS**

- Paints
- Solvents
- Oils & filters
- Empty lubricating oil containers
- Single-use and rechargeable batteries
- Antifreeze and its containers
- Propane cylinders
- Fluorescent lights
- Fire extinguishers
- Pesticides
- Fertilizers

#### **NOT ACCEPTED ITEMS**

- Unused and expired
   medications
- Syringes
- Business or agricultural waste

APRIL 27
8:00AM TO 1:00 PM
R.A.R.E.
265 INDUSTRIAL BLVD,
ALEXANDRIA





