

What's Happening in Hastings Highlands?

There is lots happening in Hastings Highlands! Here are some of the exciting projects and initiatives we have underway...



2024-2027 Strategic Plan

- Council approved the 2024-2027 Strategic Plan in April 2024
- The four main pillars of the plan are:
 - Ensure Financial Stability
 - Rationalize Infrastructure
 - Build Our Community
 - Cultivate Exceptional Service & Governance



South Baptiste Lake Road Project

- Project Timeline: April - August 31, 2024
- Resurface of 13.4 kms of South Baptiste Lake Road from "Y" Road to Clarke Road
- Includes roadside brushing, ditching, culvert replacement, pulverizing of the existing road surface, in addition to resurfacing



Approved 2024 Capital Budget

- \$5.2M Approved Capital Budget
- Budget Includes:
 - Resurface 13.4 kms of South Baptiste Lake Road (\$1.8M value)
 - Papineau Creek HH Road 62 Bridge Repair
 - 3 Operations Vehicle Replacements
 - Dry Hydrant Installations
 - Various Fire Equipment



HH Fire Station Structure Proposal

- Council is considering a fire station structure business case proposal that would see our station structure permanently moved to a 3-station model
- From May - June 17, 2024 the public was asked to submit their comments on this model for Council consideration
- The survey was made available online, in-person and as part of the May 30, 2024 Special Meeting of Council - Fire Station Restructure Information Session



Approved 2024 Operating Budget

- \$12.6M Approved Operating Budget
- Demolishing Fire Station 5 (Lake St Peter)
- E-permitting software for the Building Department
- Wolf Creek Landfill Closure (to remain transfer station)
- Asset Management Plan Update
- Firefighter Recruitment and Training Resources



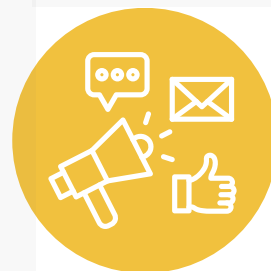
Accelerated High Speed Internet Program in HH

- Federal & Provincial Governments are investing more than \$4B into high-speed internet upgrades
- Hastings Highlands is set to see over \$20M worth of investment and over 200kms of broadband internet service enhancements
- See reverse of page for more information



Launch of New HH Website

- HH launched their new website in early 2024
- The new website is user-friendly, intuitive and accessible
- Visit us at www.hastingshighlands.ca to take a look!



Council Advocacy

- Mayor & Deputy Mayor met with the Minister of Transportation on April 25th regarding immediate financial support required to revitalize HH Road 62
- Projected costs to rehabilitate the road to MTO specifications is estimated at \$24.4M



2024-2025 Accelerated High-Speed Internet Program (AHSIP) Hastings Highlands

General Information - AHSIP in Hastings Highlands

- The Federal & Provincial Governments are investing more than \$4B into high-speed internet upgrades
- On August 4, 2022 the Province of Ontario announced their commitment to bringing high-speed internet access to every corner of the Province by the end of 2025
- This work is part of the Government of Ontario's Accelerated High-Speed Internet Program (AHSIP)
- Hastings Highlands is set to see over \$20M worth of investment and over 200kms of broadband internet service enhancements
- The province has awarded Bell Canada with the contract to expand the broadband network in Hastings Highlands
- Azimuth Three Enterprises (AZ3) has been subcontracted by Bell Canada for the installation of broadband throughout the Municipality as part of this Provincial project

When will the work be completed?

- Work will be conducted throughout Hastings Highlands in 2024 and 2025

Will there be any road closures during construction?

- The work is planned within the municipal right-of-way, including the shoulder areas of the road
- There should be no or minimal impact to traffic on municipal right-of-ways
- Driveways should not be impacted while work is being conducted
- If there is a need for work beyond the municipal right-of-way, residents will be contacted by Bell or AZ3
- Access to residents' homes is not required

Information for Residents

- As part of the project roll-out, AZ3 (for Bell Canada) will be going door-to-door to ask **eligible property residents** if they wish to pre-connect their homes to the fibre-optic network that is being installed in the municipal-right-of way
- **Please Note:** this installation is **not mandatory** and requires consent from you as the homeowner. The Municipality has been advised by the third-party Bell representatives that eligible properties may have the opportunity to connect to the network at no installation cost to the property owner*
- AZ3 on behalf of Bell Canada, will make four (4) attempts to contact homeowner(s) via door-to-door visits

For more information....

Ministry of Infrastructure Ontario

Phone: 416-327-4412

Website:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ontario-connects-making-high-speed-internet-accessible-in-every-community>

Bell Canada

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(General Project Information)

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*Important Note - The Municipality does not endorse or support any particular internet service provider or the information, materials, products, or services that they share or offer. The information contained within this document is being circulated to help inform HH residents, businesses and visitors alike about AHSIP and to ensure our community is kept abreast of the activities happening in Hastings Highlands.