



2023 Board & Committee Report

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2023 Boards & Committees

- Committee of Adjustment
- Drainage Board
- Hearing Committee
- Police Services Board
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Mayor's Arts Awards Committee
- Dog Pound Committee
- Belle River BIA Board of Management
- Lakeshore-Tecumseh Inter-Municipal Committee
- Election Compliance Audit Committee

Committee of Adjustment

13 meetings in 2023

Committee highlights

- The Committee of Adjustment is appointed by Council to hold hearings under the Planning Act for minor variances, consents, enlargements, extensions, or changes to legal non-conforming uses; consent to mortgages, partial discharge of mortgages, validation of title, access right-of-ways, easements, and leases over 21 years.
- In 2023, the committee considered:
 - 44 Minor Variances
 - 34 Consents
- Two decisions were appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal

Drainage Board

Seven meetings in 2023

Board highlights

- The Drainage board consists of five community members. The board is considered an extension of Council that must adhere to the Drainage Act. The Drainage Superintendent is the board's staff liaison.
- Lakeshore has approximately 650 municipal drains, totaling over 1046 km, along with 60 municipal pumps.
- The board is responsible for reviewing engineers' reports and listening to residents' concerns on the technical component of the report.
- The board is also responsible for listening to residents if they have issues with their assessment in the engineer's report (this is the Court of Revision).
- The Drainage Act was created to provide for one or a series of landowners to convey their water safely across or through neighboring lands without causing any undue damage to those properties. Municipal drainage projects are predominantly "user pay."

Hearing Committee

No meetings in 2023

Committee highlights

- The Hearing Committee was established by by-law under the Building Code Act, 1992, and other regulatory by-laws, to hear appeals to orders under the Property Standards By-law and other regulatory by-laws.
- There were no appeals to the Hearing Committee in 2023.

Police Services Board

Seven meetings in 2023

Committee highlights

- Considered two reports for direction and 31 reports for information. Five closed meetings were also held, per section 35(4)(b) of the Police Services Act.
- The Ministry of the Solicitor General has approved the consolidation of local municipal police services boards. The regulations were released December 18 and the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019, will come into effect April 1, 2024 at which time the Lakeshore Police Services Board will be dissolved. The new local board structure will be:

Board	Communities Served	Council Seats	Community Representative Seats	Provincially Appointed Seats	Total
1	Town of Essex, Municipality of Lakeshore, Town of Tecumseh	3	4	2	9
2	Kingsville, Leamington, Pelee, Caldwell First Nation	4	3	2	9



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Four meetings in 2023

Committee highlights

- Hosted a tour with committee members to review municipal facilities and infrastructure.
- Began work on Multi-year Accessibility Plan, to be approved by Council in 2024.
- Created AODA Guidelines for Municipal Infrastructure, to be approved by Council in 2024.

Mayor's Art Awards

Three meetings in 2023

Committee highlights

- Upgrades to awards to move to a biennial format that is hosted on even years.
- Nominations opened in September and closed at the end of the year.
- 2024 Lakeshore Mayor's Art Awards will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2024.
- A committee was established to provide advice and recommendations to the Mayor regarding applications for the annual awards. Although approved as a 5-member committee, only one advisor was appointed for the 2022-2026 term.



Dog Pound Committee

Two meetings in 2023

Committee highlights

- The committee is made up of one Councillor each from Lakeshore, LaSalle, Essex and Tecumseh.
- The committee ensures that the Dog Pound meets its obligations under the *Animals For Research Act* which governs Dog Pounds in Ontario.
- The Dog Pound is inspected at least once per year by Animal Welfare Inspectors to ensure that the facility is compliant and kept sanitary.
- The committee also approves the annual operating budget since it operates independently of the municipalities.

Belle River BIA Board of Management

11 meetings in 2023

Board highlights

- The BIA represents a portion of Lakeshore's community of Belle River.
- Under the Municipal Act, 2001, a BIA utilizes its budget and resources to:
 - Oversee the improvement, beautification, and maintenance of municipally-owned land and structures in the area.
 - Promote the area as a business or shopping area.
- In 2023, the Board hosted:
 - Five Stroll the Streets events
 - A larger Sunsplash Festival
 - Trick or Treat walk along
- New in 2023
 - New Board chairperson, Tina Roy
 - Expanded website and social media presence, with new events calendar

Lakeshore-Tecumseh Inter-Municipal Committee

One meeting in 2023

Committee highlights

- Established to maintain a productive relationship, facilitate dialogue and information sharing between municipal councils and staff. The committee provides a forum to review and comment on a range of topics of mutual interest.
- Lakeshore hosted a meeting on November 2 and discussed the following topics: transit services, joint branding study, Lakeshore Wastewater Master Plan Update/Regional Servicing Feasibility Study, municipal garbage collection, and the new OPP detachment board.
- The Town of Tecumseh will host the next meeting in spring 2024.

Election Compliance Audit Committee

No meetings in 2023

Committee highlights

- The Election Compliance Audit Committee was established as required by the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, to review applications for a compliance audit of a candidate's or registered third party's election campaign finances.
- There were no applications for compliance audits following the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election. This committee remains in effect for the remainder of the term of Council (2022-2026) should there be any by-elections during this time.