

Updates from Northumberland County

April 28 - May 9, 2025

- Temporary Waste Disposal Measures Post-Ice Storm: In response to the severe ice storm that struck southern Ontario from March 29th to March 30th, Northumberland County has introduced temporary waste disposal measures to assist in storm-related clean-up. Until May 2nd, residents can apply for a Tipping Fee Rebate to offset any costs incurred at Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) for storm-related debris disposal. Residents can apply for the rebate on fees paid at CRCs by submitting a Redemption Request Form, available at Northumberland.ca/Garbage, along with a copy of weigh scale receipts. For CRC locations and hours, visit Northumberland.ca/CRC.
- Notice of Completion for the Integrated Renewal of County Road 64: Northumberland County and the Municipality of Brighton have completed a Schedule B Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) for the Integrated Renewal of County Road 64. Also known as Prince Edward Street, this arterial road connects to Prince Edward County and serves as a north-south corridor for motorists, pedestrians, and cyclists in the Brighton urban area. The project included two distinct sections. The preferred design for the Urban section, from Elizabeth Street to Harbour Street, included new on-road bicycle lanes, enhanced sidewalks on both sides, traffic calming features, intersection improvements, and the rehabilitation or replacement of watermains and sewers. The Rural section, from Harbour Street to Stoney Point Road, involved road resurfacing with paved shoulders and selected culvert replacements. To review and submit comments on the Project File Report, which documents this process, visit the project page at JoinIn.Northumberland.ca by May 14, 2025.
- County raises flag to mark Dig Safe Month and highlight the importance of safe digging: April is Dig Safe Month, and Northumberland County is joining communities across Ontario to spread the word about the importance of safe digging practices. Following the County Council meeting on Wednesday, April 16, Warden Brian Ostrander and Director of Public Works Denise Marshall, raised the Dig Safe flag on the County's community flagpole. Dig Safe Month is a province-wide initiative aimed at encouraging community members to contact Ontario One Call before beginning any digging projects. Residents and contractors are reminded to "Call or

Click Before You Dig." Ontario One Call will provide information about buried cables, pipes and other underground infrastructure. For more information or to request a locate, visit <u>OntarioOneCall.ca</u> or call 1-800-400-2255. For tips on safe digging practices, visit <u>DigSafe.ca</u>.

- The following Council Proclamations can viewed at Northumberland.ca/News:
 - National Volunteer Week April 27: This week is a time to recognize and celebrate the vital contributions of volunteers across Canada. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the many dedicated volunteers across Northumberland who generously give their time, skills and energy to support local programs, services, and help our community thrive.
 - National Day of Mourning April 28: Observed annually on April 28, this day honours workers who have been killed, injured or affected by workplacerelated incidents or occupational diseases. To mark the day, flags at County headquarters will be lowered to half-mast, and the building will be illuminated in yellow in remembrance of those who have lost their lives.
 - Museum Month: Celebrated throughout the month of May, Museum Month emphasizes the crucial role museums play in preserving history, telling stories, and igniting curiosity. Northumberland County Archives and Museum (NCAM), though preparing for its new facility, honours this month by acknowledging the community's role in bringing exhibits to life. NCAM looks forward to welcoming everyone to a space designed for greater connection and discovery in fall 2025.
 - **Community Living Month:** Celebrates fostering inclusive communities where individuals of all abilities can live, work, and thrive. Northumberland County joins the province-wide campaign to raise awareness and promote inclusion for individuals with intellectual disabilities and their families.
 - Mental Health Awareness Month: This month is dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of mental health and promoting mental wellbeing. It encourages open conversations and education to reduce stigma and support mental health for all.
 - First Responders Day May 1: Honours the brave individuals who protect and preserve lives and property during the critical early stages of an emergency. It is an opportunity to celebrate and express gratitude for their unwavering commitment and dedication to the safety and well-being of our communities.

- National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ Peoples – May 5: Also known as Red Dress Day, this day honours the memory of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and 2SLGBTQQIA+ people in Canda. It serves as a powerful call to action for justice, remembrance, and systematic change to protect and support these communities. Inspired by Métis artist Jamie Black's impactful red dress installation, the day stands as a solemn reminder of those who are missing and the deep loss felt by their families and communities.
- Safety and Health Week May 5: This week highlights the importance of preventing injuries and illnesses in workplaces, homes, and communities. The week is dedicated to raising awareness about safety and promoting practical, preventive measures that help create and maintain healthy, secure environments for everyone.
- Emergency Preparedness Week May 6: Is a national awareness initiative that highlights the importance of emergency management in Ontario and across Canada. It serves as a reminder of the value of planning ahead and being ready in the event of an emergency. This week encourages community members to take proactive steps – such as creating a plan and assembling an emergency kit – to help ensure their safety during unexpected situations.