



Updates from Northumberland County

May 12 – 23, 2025

- **Monthly Business Survey launches to support neighbourhood vitality around 310 Division Street:** Northumberland County has launched a new monthly online survey to gather feedback from businesses within 500 meters of the 310 Division Street, Cobourg shelter. The survey aims to better understand the impact of shelter services on the business sector and assess measures to support both community well-being and economic vitality. Survey results will be reported monthly to the County's Social Services Standing Committee. The first survey period concluded May 11, reflecting on experiences from April. The May report will be shared at the June 4, 2025, committee meeting. To sign up for reminders about, and to access future surveys, visit Northumberland.ca/310BusinessSurvey.
- **Community Recycling Centres to require proof of local address:** Starting July 2, residents and businesses will be required to show proof of a Northumberland County address when bringing materials to any of the County's Community Recycling Centres (CRCs). By ensuring that CRCs are only used for waste generated within Northumberland, we will help preserve this critical infrastructure for local use further into the future. To confirm eligibility, acceptable documents will include a driver's license, utility bill, tax bill, lease agreement, company letterhead or signed contract. For more information about CRC locations, accepted materials, and hours of operation, visit Northumberland.ca/CRC or contact the County's Waste Services Team at 1-866-293-8379.
- **Fuel your small business expansion with a \$3,500 micro grant from the BECN:** The Business Entrepreneurship Centre Northumberland (BECN) is now accepting applications for its Starter Company Growth Program – a unique opportunity for business owners to receive a free micro grant to invest into their business, plus exclusive access to expert training, mentorship, and one-on-one business support. The Starter Company Growth Program, supported by the Province of Ontario, supports eligible entrepreneurs looking to build their small business. Business owners must submit their applications online by June 2, 2025. To apply for the Starter Company Growth Program or explore the full range of programs and services the BECN offers to support small business owners, visit BECN.ca.

- Celebrate National Public Works Week with a snowplow selfie and a chance to win:** In honour of National Public Works Week, the County is launching a fun, county-wide contest that invites residents to get up close with one of our snowplows and celebrate the vital work of Public Works staff. Starting Monday, May 12th, a County snowplow will be touring through each member municipality, making a one-day stop in each community. The plow will be on-site from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on scheduled days between May 12th and May 22nd, offering community members the opportunity to stop by and snap a selfie and take part in the celebration. Residents can upload their photos using the online form available at Northumberland.ca/PWW. Each submission provides one entry into a draw for the chance to win a 'Northumberlanding' package for two. For more information, visit Northumberland.ca/PWW.
- OHT-N launches new website to improve healthcare system navigation for Northumberland residents:** The Ontario Health Team of Northumberland (OHT-N) has announced the launch of its new website. This site features a system navigation platform designed to help patients, caregivers and residents access local healthcare services. Community members are encouraged to visit the site and provide feedback to help enhance the platform and usability. For assistance with the service navigation section of the website, or for questions about accessing health and wellness resources in the community, please contact the OHT-N's community navigation representative at 289-265-0505. For more information about OHT-N or to explore the new site, visit www.OHTNorthumberland.ca.
- Victoria Day Closure – May 19:** Please note that Northumberland County offices and Community Recycling Centres will be closed on Monday, May 19 in observation of Victoria Day. Please note that garbage and recycling collection will shift one day forward throughout the week.
- National Nursing Week – May 12-18:** National Nursing Week is an opportunity to celebrate the incredible nurses whose care, skill and dedication make a lasting impact every day. Their compassion and expertise help strengthen the health and well-being of our entire community. Northumberland County is proud to recognize the exceptional nurses at the Golden Plough Lodge long-term care home, for their ongoing commitment to providing high-quality, compassionate care.
- Provincial Day of Action on Litter – May 13:** Held annually on the second Tuesday of May, this day raises awareness about the environmental impact of waste and encourages individuals and communities to take action to reduce litter.

- **International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia – May 17:** This day highlights the challenges faced by 2SLGBTQI+ individuals and promotes inclusion, equity and respect for diverse sexual orientations and gender identities. It serves as a reminder of the importance of creating safe, supportive and inclusive communities for everyone.
- **International Museum Day – May 18:** Celebrated annually to highlight the vital role museums play as cultural hubs, this day emphasizes their contributions to education, community well-being, cultural preservation, and lifelong learning. It is also a time to recognize how museums foster understanding, connection, and appreciation of diverse histories and perspectives.
- **Public Works Week – May 18-24:** This week celebrates the essential role of Public Works in building, managing, and maintaining the infrastructure that supports our daily lives – from roads and bridges to water systems and public facilities. It's an opportunity to recognize the dedicated professionals who help keep our communities safe, sustainable, and functioning smoothly.
- **Paramedic Services Week – May 18-25:** A time to recognize and celebrate the dedication of paramedics and their teams, and to thank them for their vital role in delivering life-saving care and support in our community. Northumberland Paramedics are proud of the skilled and compassionate professionals who serve with commitment and care each day.