



# Community **Profile**





## Welcome to Selwyn Township!

Selwyn was created by two amalgamations and one name change. The Township of Smith and the Township of Ennismore amalgamated on January 1st, 1998. The Township of Smith-Ennismore then amalgamated with the Village of Lakefield on January 1st, 2001. The Township changed its name to Selwyn Township in 2013.

### Prosperous

A lively, vibrant community with a population of nearly 18,100, Selwyn Township ranks outstandingly high on the quality of life scale. With a broad economic base that includes technology, information services, healthcare, education, retail, finance, and agriculture, it is home to one of Peterborough County's most stable economies. The Township hums with activity and is known for being clean, safe, friendly, and not particularly stressful. In short, it's easy to live, work and play here.

### Safe & Family-Friendly

There are tangible reasons why Selwyn Township is considered a wonderful place to raise a family. Peterborough County boasts an overall low crime rate. The air and water are clean, there is a great mix of housing types, and schools and medical facilities are outstanding. But there are other reasons - not so measurable but just as important: a sense of community, a focus on families, solid values, and a genuine concern for others - all of which you'll find here in abundance.

### Alive and Thriving

The Township is home to several golf courses, elegant and rustic restaurants, luxurious hotels and resorts, bed and breakfasts, distinctive boutiques, cafes and galleries. It's all here - dazzling culinary adventures, arts and entertainment. The Township offers entertainment and recreation which caters to all ages - students, young professionals, families and retirees. The Township has a variety of options for enjoying the culture, a night out on the town or a fun-filled day of sports and recreation.

### Outdoor Recreation

And don't forget the great outdoors - the Township has many public parks, beach areas and recreational trails. Further, the Township is home to softball, baseball, tennis, speed skating and cross-country skiing facilities. At any location in the Township, you are just minutes away from one of the Kawartha Lakes. Many Township residents have lake homes and cottages that serve as a peaceful getaway on a hot summer weekend. Fishing, boating and water sports are popular activities, as is putting your feet up and watching the spectacular sunset.





Left to right: Lakefield Ward Councillor John Boyko; Deputy Mayor Ron Black; Mayor Sherry Senis; Smith Ward Councillor Brian Henry; Ennismore Ward Councillor Mary Coulas.

## Selwyn Township 2022-2026 Council – [selwyntownship.ca/council](https://selwyntownship.ca/council)

Selwyn Township is a lower-tier municipality governed by a Council made up of five members. Selwyn is a part of the upper-tier Peterborough County with the Mayor and Deputy Mayor representing the Township on Peterborough County Council.

Council members serve for a four-year term of office. As part of their role as a Councillor, members also serve on a variety of Committees that support municipal operations including the Committee of Adjustment, Accessibility Advisory Committee, Library Board, Police Services Board, and the Heritage Committee.

### Council Meetings

- Second Tuesday of the Month – The meeting begins at 1:00 pm.
- Fourth Tuesday of the Month – The meeting begins at 1:00 pm.

Check out the full schedule and learn more about municipal governance at [selwyntownship.ca/council](https://selwyntownship.ca/council).



### Bridgenorth

The Hamlet of Bridgenorth is a small residential community situated on beautiful Chemong Lake amid a largely rural landscape. Bridgenorth offers a centralized destination for shopping and services and meets the daily needs of residents and tourists. Bridgenorth has lands suitable for a variety of commercial development.



### Lakefield

The Village of Lakefield is a small urban community of approximately 2,500 people located on the Otonabee River, part of the historic Trent Severn Waterway system. Lakefield is primarily a residential community with historic homes and heritage sites carefully combined with modern residential areas. Lakefield offers many of the amenities of “big city” life in a quaint, small-town setting.



### Ennismore

The Hamlet of Ennismore is historically picturesque with the post office, general store, and community church centrally located as in the days of old. Ennismore is centred in a mainly rural area and provides a focal point for community recreational and social events including hard and softball diamonds, soccer pitches, tennis and basketball courts, ice and curling rinks and reception facilities. Chemong Lake, Buckhorn Lake and Pigeon Lake border the Ennismore ward.





## Young's Point

The Village of Young's Point is the home of Lock 27 on the Trent-Severn Waterway network. The lock has a lift of seven feet and was built in the early 1870s. To the south, you can travel through Katchewanooka Lake towards Lakefield and onto Peterborough, and to the north, you can travel through Clear Lake and on to Stoney Lake, Buckhorn and Pigeon Lakes and beyond. Young's Point is a key destination for thousands of cottagers in search of great shopping, restaurants, and marinas. Young's Point is also a favourite spot for nearby residents to fish, swim and picnic.



## Buckhorn

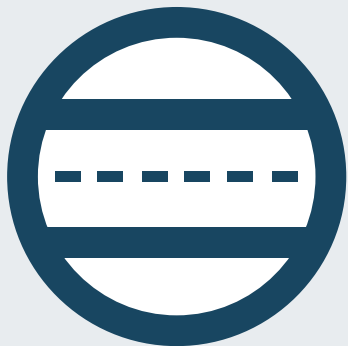
The Town of Buckhorn lies on the boundary line between the Municipality of Trent Lakes and Selwyn Township, with the majority of the area in Trent Lakes. The area is rich in culture with its many art galleries, antique stores, cultural events and attractions. For more information visit the Buckhorn Tourism website – [buckhorntourism.ca](http://buckhorntourism.ca) or the Municipality of Trent Lakes website – [trentlakes.ca](http://trentlakes.ca) for up-to-date information.



## Fun Facts

- Selwyn Township is the 2nd Safest Community in Canada (Maclean's Magazine-Issue Nov 5, 2018)
- Situated centrally in Peterborough County and is bordered by the City of Peterborough in the southeast.
- Most populated municipality in Peterborough County, with an approximate population of 18,100.
- Home to approximately one-third of all households in Peterborough County and 34% of the workforce.





### By Road

A network of well-maintained Township and County roads provides quick and convenient access to Highways 7, 28, 115 and 407. Selwyn Township is well situated with the City of Peterborough at our doorstep, Toronto at a 1-hour distance, and Ottawa at a 3-hour distance.



### By Bus

A new rural bus route called “The Link” offers public transportation between Selwyn Township, Curve Lake First Nation and the City of Peterborough via Trent University. Bus transportation is available in Peterborough and along Highway 115 via GO Bus and Coach Canada.



### By Air

The Peterborough Municipal Airport, owned by the City of Peterborough, provides business and travel charter services. Canada’s largest airport, Pearson International Airport is conveniently located only 1.5 hours away via Highway 407.





### By Water

A National Historic Site of Canada, the Trent–Severn Waterway is a 386 kilometer long canal route connecting Lake Ontario at Trenton to Georgian Bay, Lake Huron, at Port Severn. The waterway travels through the Village of Lakefield in Selwyn Township.



### By Trail

Walking and cycling trail networks are located throughout Selwyn Township, with some connecting to the Trans-Canada Trail network (The Great Trail).

## Fun Facts

- The dominant industry in Selwyn Township is retail and other services including tourism. The home-based business sector is growing.
- The Village of Lakefield and the Woodland Acres Subdivision are serviced by full municipal water and sewer systems.
- High-speed internet is available throughout the majority of the Township.



## Education for all Ages

### **Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board (KPRDSB)** [kprschools.ca](http://kprschools.ca)

- Chemong Public School – 1029 Gore Street, Bridgenorth  
705-292-9594 - [chemong.kprdsb.ca](http://chemong.kprdsb.ca)
- Lakefield District Public School – 71 Bridge Street, Lakefield  
705-652-3811 - [ridpath.kprdsb.ca](http://ridpath.kprdsb.ca)

### **Peterborough Victoria Northumberland and Clarington Catholic District School Board (PVNCCDSB)** [pvncdsb.on.ca](http://pvncdsb.on.ca)

- St. Martin Catholic Elementary School – 531 Ennis Road, Ennismore  
705-292-8997 - [stmartin.pvnccdsb.on.ca](http://stmartin.pvnccdsb.on.ca)
- St. Paul Catholic Elementary School – 2 Grant Avenue, Lakefield  
705-652-7532 - [stpaullakefield.pvnccdsb.on.ca](http://stpaullakefield.pvnccdsb.on.ca)

### **Other Schools**

- Curve Lake First Nation School – 65 Chemong Road South, Curve Lake First Nation  
705-657-3651 - [curvelakeschool.ca](http://curvelakeschool.ca)
- Our Lady of the Wayside Catholic School – 575 Centre Line, Peterborough  
705-749-3658 – [olwayside.ca](http://olwayside.ca)



## **Trent University**

[trentu.ca](http://trentu.ca)

Located on the banks of the Otonabee River, Trent University borders the City of Peterborough and Selwyn Township. As one of Canada's top universities, Trent attracts excellent students from across the country and around the world. With more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate students, Trent proudly holds the title of #1 undergraduate university in Ontario and is among the top four undergraduate research universities in Canada.



## **Sir Sandford Fleming College**

[flemingcollege.ca](http://flemingcollege.ca)

Fleming College is an Ontario College of Applied Arts and Technology with campuses in Peterborough, Lindsay, Cobourg, and Haliburton. With more than 6,800 full-time students, 10,000 part-time students, and 75,000 alumni, Fleming College offers more than 100 full-time programs in Arts and Heritage, Business, Environmental and Natural Resource Sciences, General Arts and Sciences, Health and Wellness, Justice and Community Development, Skilled Trades and Technology, and Continuing Education.



## **Lakefield College School (LCS)**

[lcs.on.ca](http://lcs.on.ca)

LCS is a leading Canadian independent boarding and day school located north of Lakefield. It is a coeducational high school community with 381 students, 155 staff, and roughly 383 living on campus full-time (including staff and family members). 280 of its students attend LCS from 45 countries around the world. The school's mission is to challenge and enable students to reach their potential in mind, body and spirit.







## Healthcare – [selwyntownship.ca/communityservices](http://selwyntownship.ca/communityservices)

Selwyn Township hosts several healthcare facilities that provide an array of services to the community, such as physicians, chiropractors, massage therapists, physiotherapists, dentists, and optometrists. All of your health care needs can be met by the health care facilities located within the Township and in the broader region.



**Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) - [prhc.on.ca](http://prhc.on.ca)**  
1 Hospital Drive, Peterborough  
705-743-2121

PRHC is a regional hospital delivering acute healthcare to a rapidly-growing population of more than 300,000 in Peterborough and the surrounding communities. Located in the City of Peterborough, just 15 minutes from Selwyn Township, PRHC is the region's largest employer with more than 2,500 staff, 400 physicians, and 500 volunteers.

**Morton Community Healthcare Centre (MCHC) – [mchclakefield.ca](http://mchclakefield.ca)**  
150 Strickland Street, Lakefield  
705-651-0505

State-of-the-art community medical centre staffed by five physicians, nurse practitioners and allied healthcare professionals acting as a family health team.







## **Chemong Medical Centre**

**765 Ward Street, Bridgenorth**

**705-292-9092**

Community medical centre staffed by physicians, nurse practitioners, allied healthcare providers along with dental and physiotherapy services.

## **Extendicare Lakefield – extendicarelakefield.com**

**19 Fraser Street, Lakefield**

**705-652-7112**

Extendicare Lakefield is an accredited 100-bed long-term care home with 24-hour nursing and supportive care, as well as in-house rehabilitation services.



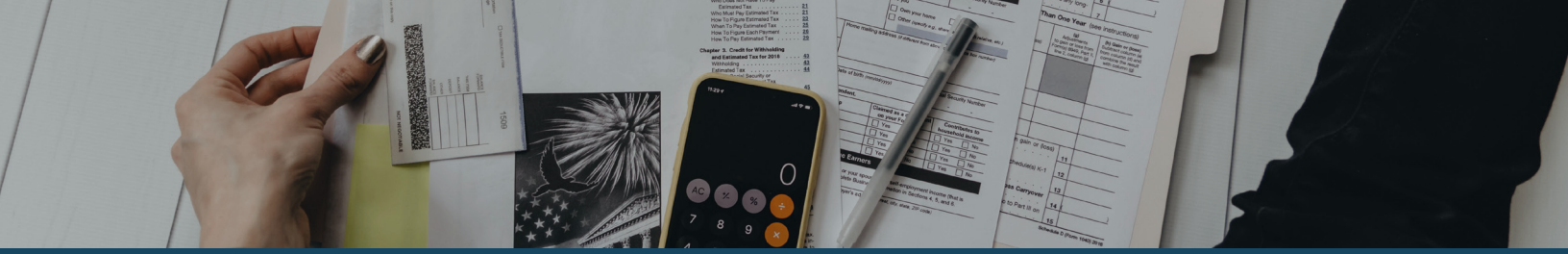
## **Regency Village – regencyretirement.ca**

**91 Concession Street, Lakefield**

**705-651-2400 ext. 426**

Regency Village is located on approximately five acres, consisting of a 70 unit three-story independent retirement living complex with amenities, and 24 condos. A health care component consistent with the needs of an independent seniors' residence is also available.





## Municipal Services

Selwyn Township employs over 80 people and is responsible for services such as Roads; Parks & Recreation; Libraries; Landfills/Waste Management; Taxation; Licensing and Vital Statistics (Lotteries, Deaths, Marriages); Fire Services and Community Emergency Preparedness; Economic Development; and Building and Planning.

The majority of our services can be accessed through the Municipal Office located at 1310 Centre Line, Selwyn. The Office is open 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM from Monday to Friday. To contact the Office, call 705-292-9507 or email [info@selwyntownship.ca](mailto:info@selwyntownship.ca).

### Tax Information - [selwyntownship.ca/taxinformation](http://selwyntownship.ca/taxinformation)

Annual property taxes are calculated by multiplying the assessed value of your property by the municipality's current tax rate. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) – [mpac.ca](http://mpac.ca) determines the assessed value of each property.

The tax rate is made up of a Township portion, a County portion and an Education portion, which is set by the Province of Ontario.

### Paying Your Property Taxes - [selwyntownship.ca/paymentoptions](http://selwyntownship.ca/paymentoptions)

You can receive your Property Tax Notices online through Virtual Town Hall (VTH) – [selwyntownship.ca/VTH](http://selwyntownship.ca/VTH) and payments can be made:

- Online through Virtual Town Hall (VTH)
- Telephone or Internet Banking
- Pre-Authorized Payment Plans (PAP)
- In Person (cash, debit or cheque)
- By Mail (cheque)
- Post Dated Cheques

### Licensing & Government Services - [selwyntownship.ca/licensingandservices.aspx](http://selwyntownship.ca/licensingandservices.aspx)

The Community & Corporate Services / Clerk's Department is responsible for the issuance of Marriage Licenses, Death Registrations, Lottery Licenses, and Commissioner of Oath services following the guidelines set out by the Province of Ontario.





### Roads

The Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining over 320 kilometres of roads, 13,000 metres of sidewalks, and 620 streetlights. The majority of road construction work is professionally handled in-house using Township staff, materials, and equipment; and is scheduled beginning in spring and continues through late fall.



### Landfill - [selwyntownship.ca/landfillsite](http://selwyntownship.ca/landfillsite)

A Township managed Waste Disposal site is located at 1480 County Road 18 (8th Line), Selwyn. Township residents also have access to the Peterborough County-City Landfill located on Bensfort Road in the City of Peterborough.

A seasonal Household Hazardous Waste Depot (HHWD) is located at the Smith Landfill site from June through September. Alternatively, a year-round HHWD is located at 400 Pido Road in the City of Peterborough. Both sites are available to Township residents for the disposal of Hazardous Waste items.

### Garbage & Recycling - [selwyntownship.ca/garbage-recycling](http://selwyntownship.ca/garbage-recycling)

Curbside garbage collection is contracted out to a private waste collector and is coordinated through Selwyn Township.

Curbside recycling, organic waste and seasonal leaf & yard waste collection are contracted out to a private collector through Peterborough County. Currently, curbside collection of organic waste is only available in the Hamlet of Bridgenorth, where fruit and vegetable scraps, meats and bones, tissues and paper towels are set out in a Green Cart (provided by Peterborough County) for collection. See the County of Peterborough website for details on recycling and composting.

#### Interactive Map – Garbage & Recycling Collection – [selwyntownship.ca/collectionmap](http://selwyntownship.ca/collectionmap)

Find out which day your garbage and recycling collection takes place by checking out our Interactive Map. Search your address or use the map to zoom in and find out what day your garbage and recycling should be curbside.



## **Parks & Recreation - [selwyntownship.ca/parksandrecreation](https://selwyntownship.ca/parksandrecreation)**

Recreation and leisure opportunities play an important role in our community by allowing us to engage in physical activity, healthy lifestyles, interact with one another, and experience our natural environment. Selwyn Township boasts an array of services and amenities available to individuals visiting the community.

The Township's Parks & Recreation Department manages the operations of two community centres, both with ice arenas and banquet facilities. Several facilities are also available to provide for year-round receptions, meetings and programs for the community. Along with its facilities, there are also 5 parks with 52 hectares of parkland, 3 trail systems, 3 beaches and a marina to enjoy outdoor activities of all kinds!

### **Selwyn Guide – [selwyntownship.ca/selwynguide](https://selwyntownship.ca/selwynguide)**

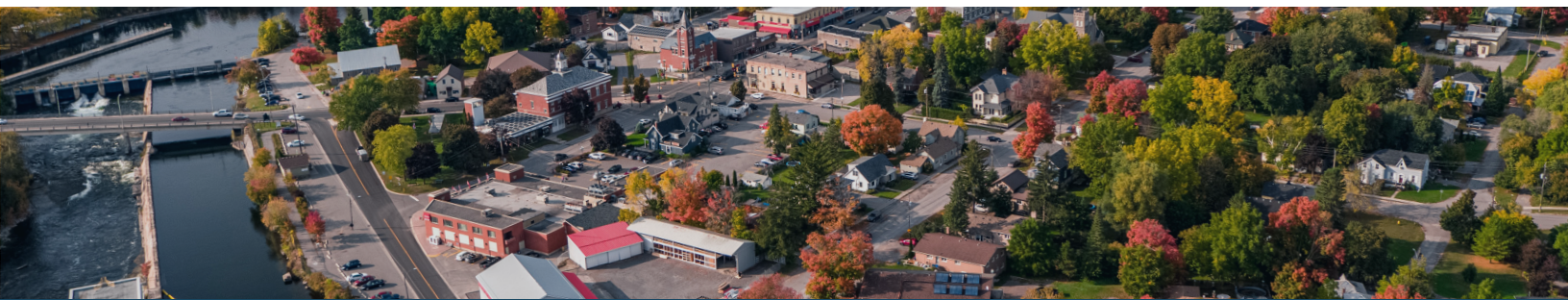
Each year, Selwyn Township publishes a Selwyn Guide where you can find information on youth and adult programming, Township departments and facilities, trails, service clubs, community events and more!

### **Interactive Map – Parks & Facilities - [facilities.selwyntownship.ca](https://facilities.selwyntownship.ca)**

Check out our handy Parks & Facilities Map which allows you to see all of our parks, beaches, trails, arenas, facilities and more in one location!



The Building & Planning Department is responsible for the issuance of all building permits per the Building Code Act, and the provision of building and plumbing inspection services. The Department also coordinates all planning-related matters including Zoning By-law issues and amendments, and minor variance applications. The Department is also responsible for property standards issues in the municipality.



## Economic Development - [selwyntownship.ca/economicdevelopment](http://selwyntownship.ca/economicdevelopment)

Selwyn Township is a welcoming municipality for any new or expanding business. Low municipal taxes, an available and knowledge-ready workforce and updated infrastructure present great opportunities for any business or developer. We invite you to take a closer look at our community as a potential location to establish and grow your business!

Selwyn Township's mandate is to foster, promote and support economic development initiatives and to create a solid foundation for building a better community, with priorities for the local economy including:

- Sustained agriculture and aggregate activity;
- Growth of tourism into a four-season sector;
- Support for home-based businesses;
- Growth of the telecommunications, research and technology sector;
- Maintenance of the community's high quality of life.

Township staff work with many organizations including, the Kawartha Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, and Peterborough & the Kawarthas Economic Development and Tourism, to market the region as a whole.



## Library Services – [mypubliclibrary.ca](http://mypubliclibrary.ca)

Selwyn Township's Public Library system includes three fully integrated library branches, one in each ward of the Township. A strong volunteer base of 170 people provides approximately 20,000 hours per year of volunteer time. Library Cards are free to all and may be used at any branch!

Library cards are free to all and may be used at any branch. With a library card, you can borrow books, DVDs, magazines, eBooks, audiobooks, and tablets from any location. The library also offers free use of computers with internet, e-mail, and word processing. Free Wi-Fi is available 24/7 and for a nominal fee, you can print, photocopy and fax.

A variety of children's programs run throughout the year including Baby, Toddler and Preschool storytime. Children's programs are also available during the summer, winter and March breaks, and most PA days. For current program information, visit the Selwyn Public Library website – [mypubliclibrary.ca](http://mypubliclibrary.ca).

Other library programs and services include monthly book clubs, movie nights, computer and tablet lessons, book sales, inter-library loans, local history and genealogy resources including Ancestry Library Edition, and online resources.

## New-To-You Stores - [selwyntownship.ca/new-to-you-stores](http://selwyntownship.ca/new-to-you-stores)

Our two new-to-you stores located in Bridgenorth and Ennismore raise funds through the sale of clothing and giftware items to support projects in our local community. Each store offers a unique selection and relies on the donation of quality items from the community.





**Bridgenorth Public Library**  
**836 Charles Street,**  
**Bridgenorth**

**705-292-5605**

**Ennismore Public Library**  
**551 Ennis Road, Ennismore**  
**705-292-8022**



**Lakefield Public Library**  
**8 Queen Street, Lakefield**  
**705-652-8878**



## Utilities - [selwynthownship.ca/utilities](https://selwynthownship.ca/utilities)

### Hydro

Hydro services are available throughout the Township through Hydro One – [hydroone.com](https://hydroone.com).

There are also areas within the Smith, Ennismore and Lakefield Wards that are fully serviced by Enbridge Consumers Gas – [enbridge.com](https://enbridge.com), which provides residential natural gas services.

### Water & Wastewater

Municipal water and wastewater services are available in the Lakefield Ward and the Woodland Acres Subdivision. Selwyn Township owns the infrastructure for both of these systems and has an agreement with Peterborough Utilities Services Inc. – [peterboroughutilities.ca](https://peterboroughutilities.ca) to maintain the day-to-day operations of these systems.

Private well and septic systems service the majority of the remainder of the Township.

### High-Speed Internet [selwynthownship.ca/high-speed-internet](https://selwynthownship.ca/high-speed-internet)

Selwyn Township realizes the importance of high-speed internet. With today's advancement in technology, high-speed internet access is a tool that has defined the way people live and communicate.

High-speed internet service is available throughout the majority of Selwyn Township. Providers include Bell Mobility – [bell.ca](https://bell.ca), Eastlink – [eastlink.ca](https://eastlink.ca), Nexicom – [nexicom.net](https://nexicom.net), Cogeco – [cogeco.ca](https://cogeco.ca) and Xplornet – [xplornet.com](https://xplornet.com).





## Emergency Services - [selwylntownship.ca/emergencyservices](http://selwylntownship.ca/emergencyservices)

### Fire Services

The Selwyn Fire Department consists of 5 Fire Halls, 86 volunteer firefighters, including 3 full-time staff members, 8 Pumper Trucks, 1 Tanker Pumper, 5 Rescue Units, 3 Rescue Boats, and two 60 Kilowatt mobile generators.

Personnel respond to an average of 1000 emergency calls a year over a large geographical area that is mostly rural. Strong fire prevention and education programs are in place to help protect life and property in the Township.

### Police Services

There are two Police Services in Selwyn Township, the Peterborough Police Service, which serves the Village of Lakefield; and the Peterborough County Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), which serves the remainder of the Township.

### Paramedics

Peterborough County/City Paramedics (PCCP) are committed to promoting the safety and well-being of its citizens. PCCP and paramedics serve as the front-line of our emergency health care system and play a critical role in the provision of emergency care and treatment of a patient's medical condition or injuries. Ambulance Service is provided by the Peterborough County/City EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Department.



## Festivals & Events - [selwyntownship.ca/festivals](https://selwyntownship.ca/festivals)

The Township supports and promotes many local attractions and events that enhance the quality of life for residents and tourists alike. Thousands of tourists visit the Township each year to enjoy the beautiful lakes, parks and recreation facilities, heritage and cultural sites and events, shopping, restaurants, festivals, entertainment and accommodation facilities. Activities include fishing, camping, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, boating, golfing, art galleries, nature trails and much more. Community spirit and enthusiasm are evident in the number of special events scheduled annually throughout the Township. These events are planned and operated largely by volunteers. Township supported events include:



### **PolarFest** [polarfest.ca](https://polarfest.ca)

PolarFest is an exciting family festival, offering something for everyone to enjoy! A weekend full of laughter, friendly competition and the enjoyment of winter. Choose from activities for the young and the young at heart, including:

- Opening Ceremony with a fireworks display
- Snowman Building Challenge
- Lakefield Trail Night Hike
- Candle Light Skate
- Ice Carvings
- Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides
- BEL Rotary Polar Plunge





## Ennismore Shamrock Festival and Tractor Pull

[ennismoreshamrockfestival.ca](http://ennismoreshamrockfestival.ca)

The Ennismore Shamrock Festival is a long-standing tradition in the heart of Ennismore that began in 1967 as a Centennial year celebration.

Join us for a day full of fun for the whole family! Enjoy ball hockey, soccer & rookie ball tournaments, bouncy castles, BBQ, petting zoo, face painting and more!

The excitement will continue on Sunday with the action-packed Truck & Tractor Pull!



## Lakefield Jazz, Art and Craft Festival

[lakefieldjazzfest.ca](http://lakefieldjazzfest.ca)

The Lakefield Jazz, Art and Craft Festival invites you, your friends and family to come to a breezy day of outdoor summer living beside Lakefield's scenic Otonabee River, to enjoy a wide variety of Jazz music, colourful works for sale by artisans and crafters, local food and beverage vendors!

**Check out the Township's Calendar of Events – [selwyntownship.ca/events](http://selwyntownship.ca/events) for the full listing of local events.**



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