



WARD 6 NEWSLETTER
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COUNCILLOR RON ASHMORE

"Putting Ward 6 First"



Dear Ward 6 Residents,

Serving you is an honour and a privilege.

I am proud to represent you on Kawartha Lakes Council and will always put your needs first. You are my number one priority.

CITY-WIDE NEWS

The Omemee Service Centre is open for full service on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Customer Service

I am committed to improving Customer Service for constituents. In November, Council was presented with updated Customer Service Standards and Strategies. We are improving the major components of customer service to increase efficiency and effectiveness of service delivery by:

- Developing and documenting current levels of service,
- Promoting continuous improvement to Make It Better in all service areas,
- Streamlining by-laws, policies and processes, and
- Facilitating constituent access to case files; look for the new Customer Service Request Dashboard on the City website in the new year. <https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/news/council-receives-presentation-on-customer-service-enhancements.aspx>



Building Permits

The city has seen a strong rebound in 2021 since the beginning of the pandemic. As of the end of Q3 2021 our building permit values have increased from \$27M to \$160M in just one year. There is a strong demand for housing and commercial growth in Kawartha Lakes.

2022 Capital and Operating budget

Council is currently working on our 2022 budgets. I will be putting forward extensive lists and projects for Ward 6 that I want included in the budgets. I will update you with more details once we complete the process.

Dock Encroachment policy updated

The residents of Thurstonia and Cedar Glen have been heard and will not lose any of their dock spaces if they live in those communities. We are finalizing the revised policy to make sure all parties are included.

ORV Pilot Project

Council has passed a two-year pilot project to facilitate ORV trail connectivity in Kawartha Lakes, including in Lindsay and Omeme.

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In 2021, Council invested **\$814,903** in Ward 6 road improvements in three main categories:

1) Gravel Resurfacing (\$291,520) of Bristol Road, January Lane, Sherwin Road, Vince Jones Road, Birch Point Road, Colony Road, Fulton Road, How's Road and Scotch Line Road South.

2) Lifecycle Extension (\$269,383) was completed for Pitts Cove Road, Earl Kennedy Road, Snug Harbour/Pickerel Point corner, Hazel Street East, Clearview Drive, Cheese Factory Road and Kings Wharf Road.

3) Rural Resurfacing (\$254,000) was completed for Dunsford Road, Maxwell Street, Rolande Street, Thurston Street and Shamrock Road.

Various locations also received new culverts, roadside brushing and ditching.

In 2022, I will again make a list of major road improvements needed in Ward 6 and I will advocate on your behalf to get as many completed as possible.

New culvert installed on Cheese Factory Road, in November 2021.



Congratulations, Omemee!

The Village of Omemee was founded 200 years ago in 1821, marking 2021 as the community's bicentennial.

According to the Peterborough Examiner, Omemee got its name from the Mississauga word for "pigeon" and was first settled by Irish immigrants from County Fermanagh.



Omemee Mill Pond Bridge

The bridge is very close to completion and on budget. It will soon be open to pedestrian traffic and, once we get the go ahead, to vehicular traffic. Thank you to the local residents of Omemee for your patience during this time.

Ward 6 Development

I am working with many developers on projects in the Omemee, Downeyville and Dunsford areas. Most are currently in the "Pre-Consultation" stage before a development application is submitted, to address matters such as servicing, environmental protection, Official Plan policies, and consistency with provincial plans. These are exciting initiatives for our community.

Natural Gas Expansion

Enbridge Gas is planning a gas line that will start at Peace Road and run along Pigeon Lake Road. This will be a great option for residents in communities like Wispi Shore, Lakeview Estates, Rolling Hills Estates, Victoria Place and other residential and commercial properties outside Bobcaygeon.

Omemee Downtown Revitalization

Council has approved a budget contribution of \$1 million toward Omemee's downtown revitalization project. If, in March 2022, Ontario matches the City's contribution with \$3 million under the *Connecting Links Program*, we will be able to begin the \$4 million revitalization of Omemee's downtown in 2022.

Speed reductions

Due to public demand, to improve safety, Council has lowered speed limits to 60 km/hour along Pigeon Lake Road (at Perdue Road & Victoria Place).

MY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Kawartha Lakes Boards and Committees provide advice and recommendations to Council. Most committees include members of the public and members of Council. Some advisory committees are provincially legislated, while others are created by Council. Advisory committees or task forces may be created on a temporary basis with a specific end date.

I currently represent your interests on the following committees, task forces, and boards:

The Growth Management Strategy Task Force
The Community Policing Advisory Committee (OPP)
The Municipal Heritage Committee
The Waste Management Committee
The Municipal By Law Appeals Committee
The Property Standards Committee
The Omemee Downtown Revitalization Committee
The Kawartha Lakes Council Community Covid 19 Recovery Task Force
The Municipal Drainage Board



**NEED HELP WITH ANYTHING?
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***To all my Ward 6 residents a very Merry Christmas
and a Prosperous 2022!***

Yours truly,

Ron Ashmore