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Public Works Update

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A Message from Public Works Superintendent, Tom Young

Since joining the Town of Kearney in June 2025, it has been my pleasure to work closely with our residents and help maintain and improve the infrastructure that serves our community.

It's been a busy year for the Public Works Department! We've progressed several road resurfacing projects, prepared Echo Ridge Road, Clam Lake Road and Ostick Road for the rescheduled Double Surface Treatment in spring 2027 and begun upgrading several roads to support year-round access. We've also invested in equipment to improve the efficiency of our road maintenance operations.

With winter fast approaching, our team will soon be shifting gears to snow removal, sanding and other essential winter road maintenance activities to help keep Kearney's roads safe and accessible.

I encourage all residents to follow the Town of Kearney's website and social media channels throughout the winter for important road updates, safety reminders and notices from Public Works.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me directly with any questions or concerns regarding road maintenance or other Public Works projects. I look forward to continuing to work with our community!

Tom Young

Public Works Superintendent
Town of Kearney



CAPITAL PROJECTS:

Investing in Road Improvements and Infrastructure

Gray Jay Lane: Road improvement for Gray Jane Lane has progressed, with the road being resurfaced using high-quality 7/8-inch Granite “A” gravel to provide a durable, stable driving surface.

Highway 518 Shoulder Berm Removal: Scheduled for this fall between Main Street and Loon Lake Road, this work will improve drainage by directing water into roadside ditches, helping prevent erosion and road deterioration.

Echo Ridge Road, Clam Lake Road & Ostick Road: Double Surface Treatment projects have been postponed until spring 2027. In preparation, all three roads have received Granite “A” gravel and calcium chloride to reduce dust, improve compaction and stabilize road surfaces.

Island Lake Road Re-Graveling: Funded through the Building Canada Strong Fund, Island Lake Road has been re-graveled to improve driving conditions, road safety and long-term durability.

Road Improvements for Year-Round Access: Work continues to bring multiple roads up to municipal standards, improving road conditions, emergency vehicle access and year-round accessibility for residents and property owners.



Gray Jay Lane Progress

Did You Know?

Water is one of the greatest threats to road conditions. Proper drainage is essential to maintaining a road's integrity. When water cannot flow into roadside ditches, it travels along the shoulders, causing erosion and washouts. Similarly, when the road surface is uneven and prevents water from draining toward the edges, water accumulates and contributes to the formation of potholes.

Roadside ditches also play an important role in allowing water to drain from the road base. Without proper drainage, water can accumulate beneath the road surface and freeze during the winter months, causing frost heaving that can damage and distort the road surface.



Island Lake Road Gravel Application



Stockpiling Winter Sand

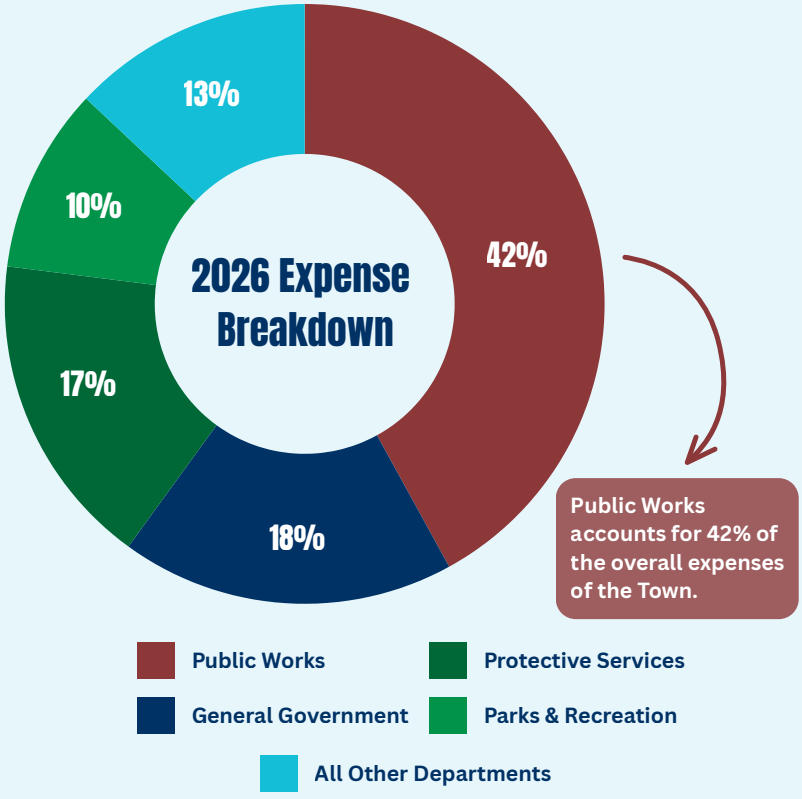
CAPITAL PURCHASES

- Tandem Plow Truck: Purchased as part of the Town's fleet replacement schedule to support efficient winter road maintenance and safer driving conditions.
- Used Loader: Purchased to improve efficiency when loading gravel and other materials into dump trucks for road maintenance projects.

KEY BUDGET ITEMS

Public Works Reserves estimated at December 31, 2026

- Building and Culverts $1,437,405
- Roads Equipment $248,676



Did You Know?

Under Ontario Regulation 104/97, municipalities are required to have all bridges and culverts with spans greater than 3 metres inspected by a licensed professional engineer every two years, in accordance with the Ontario Structure Inspection Manual (OSIM).

These inspections assess the condition of each structure, assigning a Bridge Condition Index (BCI) and rating components as Excellent, Good, Fair or Poor. The resulting OSIM report helps the Town prioritize bridge and culvert repairs, plan future replacements and identify preventative maintenance opportunities to extend the lifespan of these important infrastructure assets.



NAME THIS SPACE! CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT

The Town of Kearney is pleased to announce Judy Goyea as the winner of last month's Name This Space! Contest for the newly revitalized community space at 74 Main Street!

Judy's winning submission, "Ryan/Mayhew Parkette," honoured the site's history, paying tribute to Ryan's Hall and Art Mayhew's Store, which stood at this location between 1905 and 1945. Inspired by her submission, Town staff refined the name to "Mayhew Square," celebrating Kearney's heritage while giving the space a new identity. Congratulations, Judy, and thank you to everyone who shared their creative ideas!

Do you have old photographs, documents or stories about the establishments that once occupied Mayhew Square? We'd love to see them! Historical materials can be submitted online at:

➡️ www.townofkearney.ca/mayhew-square

or brought to the Town of Kearney Municipal Office at 8 Main Street. Together, we can preserve this special piece of Kearney's history for future generations!




Historic Main Street, Kearney, Ontario circa 1910s (exact date unknown).

LOOKING AHEAD

The Town remains committed to maintaining safe, reliable roads and essential services for Kearney residents. Through proactive maintenance, responsible planning and ongoing improvements, we continue to invest in our infrastructure to better serve our community now and into the future.

Careful Planning
Smarter decisions today for a stronger tomorrow.

Financial Responsibility
Balancing needs with long-term sustainability.

Community-Focused
Investing in the services that matter most.

Stronger Together
Working with residents to build a better Kearney.



Thank you!

Your feedback helps us maintain and improve our roads and municipal infrastructure. To discuss road maintenance or other Public Works services please contact:

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