

# 2025 Municipal Report Card



Tay Valley Township

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# Key Facts

- 5,925 year-round residents (2021), a 4.6% increase since 2016 (5,665)
- 11,850 residents in the summer (2021)
- 528.67 km<sup>2</sup> area
- 11.2 persons per km<sup>2</sup>
- 32 named lakes
- 10 named rivers
- 2,511 permanent households
- 4,113 total number of households (includes seasonal)
- \$228,000 median assessed value
- One public and one private elementary school
- Two long-term care homes
- \$671,354 average construction project (2025)
- \$73,177,626 million in development (2025)



Heritage Property - McLaren Powder Shed



Maberly Fall River Park Photo: Kevin Tullet



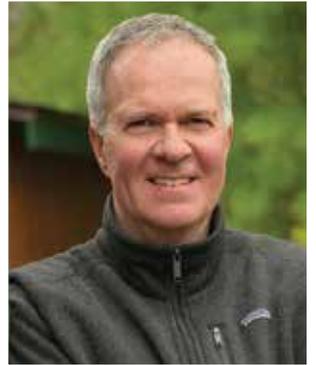
2022-2026 Council Members  
Back Row (L-R): Wayne Baker, Keith Kerr, Angela Pierman,  
Marilyn Thomas, Korrine Jordan, Greg Hallam  
Front Row (L-R): Rob Rainer, Fred Dobbie

# Reeve's Message

Tay Valley Township is situated about an hour from the western boundary of Ottawa, and an hour from the northern boundary of Kingston, while only a few hours away from Canada's biggest metropolis, Toronto. While we have not yet experienced the level of development as some of our rural or small town municipal neighbours in Lanark County, the Township is inherently attractive as a place for people to relocate, "a welcome change of pace" which can indeed be found.

That is what my wife and I discovered a little over 10 years ago when we relocated from the south of Ottawa to land near the Tay River and Christie Lake – one of 32 named lakes in this beautiful community. There is nothing we enjoy more than exploring the backroads and hinterlands of Tay Valley, and beyond in Lanark and Frontenac counties, savouring the rolling hills, rich forests, abundant waterways, gorgeous stone buildings, charismatic log houses, historic properties, and farms that go back many generations. How fortunate we are to live in a place like this, not just Tay Valley but the greater eastern Ontario region – surely one of the loveliest corners in all of Canada.

As Reeve since November 2022, I've been proud of how Council and staff have embraced and supported development, but not development at any cost. Together we have been striving to help ensure that growth in the Township's population – which will likely accelerate in the next one to two or more decades – does not come to the detriment of the qualities that make rural living so special. We haven't always "gotten it right", and at times we have been hampered by misguided provincial legislation. However, on the whole, Council and staff have done good work to see development proceed while maintaining environmental quality and landscape aesthetics, as much as possible.



*Reeve, Rob Rainer*

I'm also proud that Council, in 2025, unanimously voted to reject the use of so-called "Strong Mayor Powers", as provided by the Province to over 200 municipalities in Ontario to date. The Township still has these powers, but as Reeve I have not made use of them – and will not in the remainder of my term. These powers are inherently anti-democratic, and also open the door wider for highly divisive and even corrupt action. They ought to be rescinded, and hopefully will be in time.

This year's Municipal Report Card once again presents statistics and highlights from the year that recently ended, while also briefly mentioning some notable challenges in the year ahead. The Report Card reflects on the Township's conscientious, hard-working staff including our senior management group (Amanda Mabo, CAO/Clerk; Ashley Liznick, Treasurer; Noelle Reeve, Planner; Sean Ervin, Public Works Manager, and the rest of the team in the Community Services, Corporate, Finance, Building & Planning, and Public Works departments. The Township is fortunate to have the staff we have, and is grateful for their service.

I wish also to express gratitude to my fellow members of Council for their dedicated, diligent service in 2025: Deputy Reeve Fred Dobbie and councillors Wayne Baker, Greg Hallam, Korrine Jordan, Keith Kerr, Angela Pierman, and Marilyn Thomas. Although we disagreed often during the year regarding certain issues and decision points, even being deadlocked 4-4 at times, we did so with respect toward one another. There was no shortage of levity within Council Chambers, and we always ended our meetings with a good spirit in the air. Thank you, Fred, Wayne, Greg, Korrine, Keith, Angela, and Marilyn!

# Building and Planning



## Accomplishments and Highlights in 2025

- Implemented a Local Improvement Charge (LIC) By-Law to deliver the Better Homes Lanark Program, funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Community Efficiency Financing (CEF) program, that assists homeowners with funding to retrofit their homes to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy costs
- Commented on the Lanark County Official Plan update regarding Aggregates
- Submitted comments on a number of changes by the Province to legislation - Protecting Ontario and Unleashing the Economy Act, Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, Bill 60, Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025, Proposed Boundaries for the Regional Consolidation of Ontario's Conservation Authorities
- Held first Climate Adaptation Plan public engagement session and presented at the National Geographic and Heritage Legacies sponsored Climate Adaptation Workshop for the Rideau Canal



*New Electric Vehicle*



= full-time staff



= part-time staff



= casual staff

## Severances

Year	Total Applications	New Lots	Lot Addition	Title Correction	Right-of-way/ Easement
2020	24	17	2	2	3
2021	36	21	9	--	6
2022	29	23	6	--	--
2023	28	14	7	1	6
2024	28	18	4	3	3
2025	22	7	1	1	3

## Zoning

Year	Total Applications	Limited Residential Services	Rural	Residential	Industrial/ Commercial	Other
2020	24	12	2	7	2	--
2021	19	14	--	2	2	--
2022	16	7	--	1	5	3
2023	13	5	1	1	2	2
2024	14	7	0	2	1	4
2025	12	9	0	0	0	3

## Minor Variances

Year	Total Applications	Deck/Porch	Building Setbacks	Lot Size	Other
2020	12	1	8	3	--
2021	24	1	11	7	5
2022	29	--	19	5	5
2023	14	1	10	0	3
2024	13	1	9	1	2
2025	14	3	9	0	2



## Building Permits

Year	Single Family Dwelling	Cottage	Total Housing	Commercial	Total Applications
2020	19	5	24	4	111
2021	60	12	72	4	176
2022	33	2	35	3	145
2023	26	3	29	2	140
2024	12	2	14	1	104
2025	26	6	32	0	111

## Public Complaints

Year	Zoning By-Law	Building Without Permit	Total
2020	12	3	15
2021	18	3	21
2022	22	10	32
2023	11	13	24
2024	13	3	16
2025	4	6	10

## Site Plan Control and Development Agreements

Year	Total Agreements	Waterbody	Environmental Impact Assessment	Commercial
2020	29	20	9	--
2021	55	41	13	1
2022	54	44	7	3
2023*	17	13	3	2
2024	27	24	0	3
2025	36	33	2	1

\*Province removed the requirements for site plan control agreements for a period of time in 2023



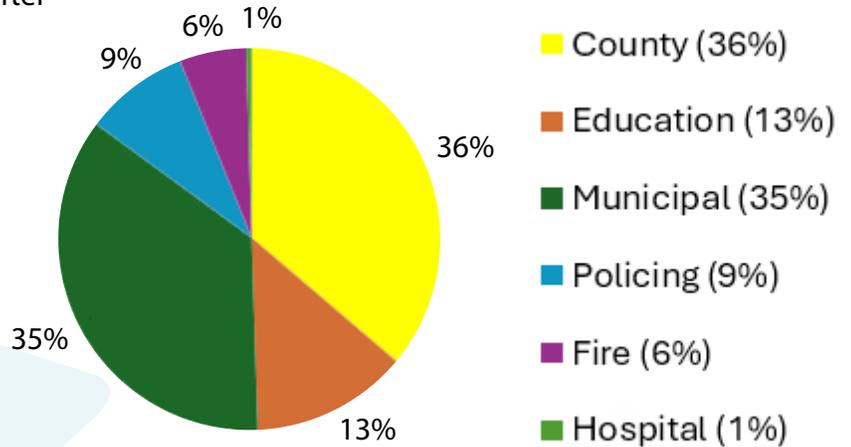
# Finance



## Accomplishments and Highlights in 2025

- Transitioned to a Strong Mayor Budget Timeline
- Purchased new financial system software to replace the current software that was purchased over 25 years ago after amalgamation

### Distribution of Residential Tax Dollars



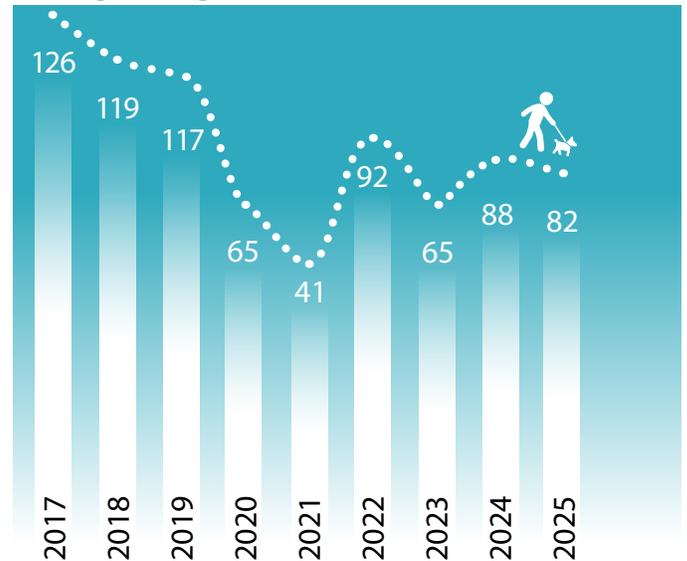
### Pre-Authorized Payment Plan for Taxes

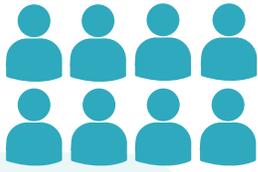


### eBilling Data

Year	Total	Mailed	Electronic
2025 Final	5413	4766	647
2025 Interim	5400	4811	589
2024 Final	5393	4854	539
2024 Interim	5377	4916	461
2023 Final	5387	4977	410
2023 Interim	5380	5032	348
2022 Final	5369	5053	316
2022 Interim	5358	5070	288
2021 Final	5357	5112	245
2021 Interim	5276	5097	179
2020 Final	5352	5289	63

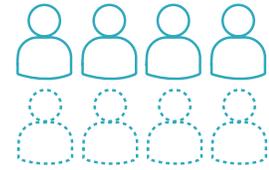
### Dog Tags:





# Public Works

## Accomplishments and Highlights in 2025



- Diverted 409 tonnes of Blue Box recyclable material from landfill
- Installed perimeter fencing at the Glen Tay Waste Site
- Stopped Up and Closed Mutton's Road
- Updated the Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan per O. Reg 25/23.
- Resurfacing (Pavement Preservation) of Armstrong Line: \$160,000, Crozier Road: \$211,000, Ritchie Side Road: \$56,000, Bygrove Lane: \$52,000, Orchard Crescent: \$64,000 and Posner Lane: \$30,000 projects funded by the Roads Construction Reserve and OCIF (Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund) Formula Based Funding
- Pre-Construction engineering of Old Brooke and Brooke Valley Roads: \$27,500
- Completed engineered design for the Bowes Side Road Bridge, and replaced the Anderson Side Road Bridge and Doran Road Culvert Guidrails
- Placed maintenance gravel on the 11th Line South Sherbrooke, Bathurst 5th Concession, Elliot Road, Gambles Side Road, Kelford Road North, Kelford Road South, Long Lake Road, McVeigh Road and Star Hill Road
- Gathered traffic count information for all of the roads the Township owns and maintains to use in future road and bridge capital planning decisions
- Replaced a ¾ ton truck, Chief Building Official SUV with an electric SUV, water tank
- Purchased a sweeper attachment for the backhoe and a drum for the boom mower

## Operated and Maintained

- 78 km of hard surfaced roads
- 185 km of gravel roads
- 20 km of seasonal roads
- 15 bridges
- 9 structural culverts
- 1 waste site
- 2 waste transfer stations



*Jeff Kirkham, Heavy Equipment Operator – 5 year service award*

Type of Service Request	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Grading/Pothole Request	40	39	64	39	42	39
Civic Address/Entrance Permit Application – Completed	26	74	37	28	21	16
Civic Address Application (private roads only) - Completed	7	10	4	7	5	2
Other Requests	24	30	29	37	28	29
Tree Removal Requests	12	16	14	20	16	18
Snow Plowing/Snow Removal Requests	6	2	10	3	11	11
Sanding/Salt Requests	8	3	9	13	5	4
Frozen Culvert Requests	3	2	7	7	7	5
Garbage/Waste Complaint or Request (Roadside Littering)	6	8	5	5	4	3
Brushing Requests	3	9	5	1	6	4
Drainage/Ditching Request (including washouts)	9	13	4	11	6	13
Dust Control Requests	1	4	3	4	1	1
Speeding Complaints	0	0	3	4	3	1
Cleared Deceased Animals from Road	0	4	2	4	2	5
Beaver Issues	1	4	1	2	0	3
Road Hazard Requests (including sinkhole, but other than animals and trees)	4	1	2	2	2	0
Streetlight Outage Requests	1	0	0	0	0	2
Parking By-Law Complaints	0	1	0	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>157</b>



# CAO and Clerk's Office



## Accomplishments and Highlights in 2025

- Updated the Civic Addressing Policy, Road Naming Policy, Election Use of Municipal Resources Policy, and the Election Municipal Employee Involvement Policy
- Introduced Administrative Monetary Penalties for violations of the Civic Address and Road Naming policies
- Investigated livestreaming for Council and Committee of the Whole meetings
- Implemented the Strong Mayor Power legislation
- Recruited a Chief Building Official, Building and Planning Assistant, Election Assistant, Finance Administrative Assistant and a Sports and Recreation Coordinator
- Reviewed and updated the Long-Term Disability Benefits for staff
- Undertook the 5-year review of the Multi-Year Accessibility Plan
- Updated the Tanker and Aerial Support Services Agreement between the Drummond/North Elmsley Fire Rescue and Perth Fire Services and the Fire Protection Agreement for Automatic Aid with Smiths Falls
- Annual support of the OPP Angel Tree



Angel Tree 2025

## Accomplishments

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
By-Laws	67	61	66	45	65	57	52	59	73
Council Meetings Held	14	14	25	17	26	18	24	24	22
Committee of the Whole Meetings Held	12	12	14	20	13	12	15	10	24
Staff Reports to Council	100	85	97	119	141	118	95	109	105
Resolutions Passed	279	291	257	253	333	292	327	294	265
Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Requests	9	7	3	9	4	12	1	14	2
Refreshment Vehicle Licenses	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1

# Community Services



## Accomplishments and Highlights in 2025

- Received over \$219,428 in grants to improve Township parks and recreation facilities, retain a Sports and Recreation Coordinator and continue community programming and activities including Memory Café, FoodFit, Arts and Crafts Workshops, Tai Chi, Yoga, Pickleball, Tennis, Bird Watching, Footcare Clinic, and a number of workshops – mindfulness, floral arrangements, wreath making, bees and pollinators, CPR
- Continue to run the long-standing programs for soccer, hockey, karate and the choir
- Expanded the Yoga program, now also being offered at Burgess Hall
- Held second Yuk Yuk's Comedy Show
- Expanded the Tay Valley Diner's Club to monthly meals
- Held third Community Holiday Meal at Maberly Hall
- Had Township booth at the Maberly Fair
- Held grand opening of the Forest Trail Park
- The McLaren Powder Shed was recognized as a Heritage Property
- Installed an accessible parking lot at the Maberly Community Park and Maberly Hall. These projects were 100% funded by Enabling Accessibility Grant
- Installed accessible pathways at the Maberly Community Park and mulch around the swing sets and playground. This project was 100% funded by the Inclusive Communities Grant
- Installed flat screen TV at Maberly Hall that can be used for presentations, training and videos



# Key Challenges for the Upcoming Year

- Constantly changing Provincial legislation and regulations
- Downloading from the Province
- More complicated reporting to the Province
- Infrastructure funding for roads and bridges



*Back Row: Ted Mallory, casual Waste Site Attendant; Todd Cameron, part-time Waste Site Attendant; Brian Bell, Heavy Equipment Operator; David Munro, part-time Waste Site Attendant; Jesse Varcoe, Heavy Equipment Operator; Paul Thompson, casual Truck Driver/Operator; Jeff White, Heavy Equipment Operator; Dean Spence, casual Waste Site Attendant; Donald McInnes, Heavy Equipment Operator; Joe Ennis, Lead Hand; Sean Ervin, Public Works Manager; Jeff Kirkham, Heavy Equipment Operator; Greg Saunders, Fire Chief; Aaron Watt, Deputy Clerk; Brad Swayne, Corporate Administrative Assistant; Troy Merriman, Chief Building Official; Maggie McDougall, Community Services Coordinator; Ashley Buchanan, Finance Administrative Assistant*

*Middle Row: Laurie Hall, Deputy Treasurer; Amanda Mabo, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk; Barrie Elmslie, casual Waste Site Attendant; Avery McLean, Student; Christy Melvin, Sports and Recreation Coordinator; Ashley Liznick, Treasurer; Noelle Reeve, Planner*

*Front Row: Dayna Clark, Executive Assistant/Alternate Community Emergency Management Coordinator; Allison Playfiar, Planning Administrative Assistant; Genevieve Neelin, casual Election Assistant; Samantha Howard, Building and Planning Administrative Assistant*



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