

# DELTA PILOT.

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## Priebe Named Citizen of the Year at Delta Fair



Delta is full of people worth celebrating! They are our neighbours, people who care about others, adults who give more than they take for the betterment of the community. These caring leaders are found throughout the Delta area, and they set an example for others to follow. Their contributions, as informal volunteers, make life brighter for all residents.

Sponsored by the Delta Agricultural Society, this award is intended to recognize the numerous unpaid, voluntary contributions made behind the scenes which provide extraordinary help, care and leadership to groups in the community over a long period of time.



It is a true pleasure to recognize this year's Citizen of the Year. The 2025 recipient is well known for her countless contributions to the community and her motto "say yes, when a project is presented". Liz Priebe is an active member of the Delta Mill Society where she coordinates the rentals of the Old Town Hall and is a Past Chairperson of the Delta Community Enhancement Committee. She was involved in the development planning of the village's new Mill Stream Park, and she came up with the park's heart shaped photo sign that was installed and is now being enjoyed by many.

Liz oversees the ginormous book sale during the annual Maple Syrup Festival, the return of the Delta Fair Parade and the placement of decorations throughout the village during the Christmas season. She is the Facebook administrator for the Delta Matters Facebook page and on top of all her other projects, Liz has just celebrated her 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary working with the Rideau Lakes Library Board as our Delta librarian.



*Congratulations*

## Youth Award of Excellence Presented at Delta Fair



The Youth Volunteer Award of Excellence was created to recognize the outstanding achievements of Delta's youth. The personal commitment of time and effort made by our youth are valuable contributions to the quality of life within the community. The leaders of tomorrow are among the many youth volunteers of today!

This award is sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion, Delta Branch #207 and The Delta Agricultural Society.

This year's recipient is a young lady from Delta who is currently a grade 10 student at Rideau District High School. As a person who has strong volunteer work ethics, Lilly Read is always respectful, dependable and eager to help as needed. Some of the projects include working at Recreation Centre (DARS) barbeques, setting up and cleaning up at both Legion and United Church events, and helping her grandfather deliver library books. She has been described as a true pleasure to work with.



Photo (left to right): Cheryl Simpson presented the award to Lilly Read.

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## Delta Fair Stage Named in Honour of Evan Wills

For the past 65 years, Evan Wills has ensured that the voices, music, and festivities of the Delta Fair reached every corner of the grounds, enhancing the experience for countless attendees. His expertise, reliability, and commitment have been instrumental in creating the vibrant and joyful atmosphere that defines the Delta Fair. Whether it was ensuring a flawless performance on stage or addressing last-minute challenges with poise and professionalism, Evan's work has consistently exemplified excellence.

In recognition of Evan's unparalleled service and as a testament to his enduring legacy, the Delta Agricultural Society proudly announced that the main grandstand stage has been dedicated in his honour and renamed as the "R. E. Wills Sound Stage". Moving forward, the main stage will bear his name as a lasting tribute to his remarkable contributions and a reminder of the profound impact he has made on the fair and community.



Evan's first time as the sound provider was at the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition which was held from Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 1960.

Photo (left to right)

Mary Jane and Evan Wills received a small replica of the stage sign from Fair Secretary William Morris.

*Congratulations!*



# Delta Fair

195<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

*"Where Memories are Made and Traditions Live On"*

July 24<sup>th</sup> to July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## TOP PRIZE WINNERS

### **Class A1.1-Antique Tractor Pull (Built before 1960)**

- 3,500 lbs. under 6.3 mph: Steve Pattemore, Athens
- 4,500 lbs. under 6.3 mph: Nicholas McEwen, Napanee
- 4,500 lbs. over 6.3 mph: Mark Miller, Napanee
- 5,500 lbs. under 6.3 mph: Glen Cowan, Frankville
- 5,500 lbs. over 6.3 mph: Travis Pattemore, Athens
- 6,500 lbs. under 6.3 mph: Steve Pattemore, Athens
- 6,500 lbs. over 6.3 mph: Mac Howe, Lyn
- 7,500 lbs. distance only: Jake Vanberkel, Odessa
- 8,500 lbs. distance only; No Entry
- 9,500 lbs. distance only: Bob Dobma, Seeley's Bay
- 10,500 lbs. distance only: Travis Pattemore, Athens

### **Class A1.2- (1960 to New Build)**

- 6,500 lbs: David White, Lansdowne
- 7,500 lbs: David White, Lansdowne
- 8,500 lbs: Andy Van Grunsven, Odessa
- 9,500 lbs: Phil Ferguson, Athens
- 10,500 lbs. open class: Phil Ferguson, Athens

### **Class A2-Truck Pull**

- Under 6,500 lbs. / gas: Connor Kelford, Portland
- 7,500 lbs. / gas: Grant Bartholomew, Lyndhurst
- 8,500 lbs./gas: Grant Bartholomew, Lyndhurst
- 8,500 lbs. / Stock Diesel: Emmitt Irvine, Toledo
- 8,500 lbs. / Diesel Chipped: Jake Como, Merrickville
- Open Gas and Diesel: Alex Miller, Merrickville. (383.94')

### **Class A2.2-Children's Pedal Tractor Pull**

- Female (Under 4 yrs): Braelyn Doyle-Halladay, Jasper
- Female (5 & 6 yrs): Cecelia Chant, Ottawa
- Female (7 & 8 yrs): Arya Pattemore, Athens
- Female (9 & 10 yrs): Sawyer Perley, Perth-Andover, NB
- Male (Under 4 yrs): Tate Gamble, Lyndhurst
- Male (5 & 6 yrs): Colin Howard, Delta
- Male (7 & 8 yrs): Colt Simpson, Seeley's Bay
- Male (9 & 10 yrs): Caden Bulloch, Kingston

### **Class B-Lawn Mower Races**

- 12 to 15 H.P.: Grant Bartholomew, Lyndhurst
- 16 to 20 H.P.: Cole Sandercock, Trenton
- Open Class: Cole Sandercock, Trenton
- Youth: Kristoph Bartholomew, Delta

### **Class C- Lyn-Athen 4-HClub**

- All participants

### **Class D- Horse Draw**

- Light Class: Under 3400 lb.: Rob Uens, Tweed
- Heavy Class: Over 3400 lb.: Alex Tibault, Gatineau, PC
- Best Dressed Light Team: Jim Euns, Tweed
- Best Dressed Heavy Team: Ron Stuart, Shawville, PC

### **Class E-Goats**

- Alpine: Ed Cavanagh, Toledo
- La Mancha: Melissa McLaughlin, Seeley's Bay
- Nigerian Dwarf: Saddle Galvin-Hynes, Bethany
- Nubian: Gary Lapier, Mountain
- Oberhasli: Luella Cail, Pontypool
- Recorded Grade: Melissa McLaughlin, Seeley's Bay
- Toggenburg: Matthew Welch, Lyndhurst
- Saanen: TIE: Ed Cavanagh and Matthew Welch

### **Class G1-Western Horse Show**

Pee-wee: Odanna Stockli, Chrysler  
 Youth: Lauren Riley, Limoges  
 Senior: Isla Crozier, Smiths Falls  
 Overall: Isla Crozier, Smiths Falls

### **Class G2-Open Barrel Winners**

1D: Ainsley Knapp, Toledo  
 2D: Mikayla Kelly, Addison  
 3D: Shannon Greaves, North Augusta  
 4D: Isla Crozier, Smiths Falls

**Class H-Grains and Grasses:** Adam Curtis, Delta

**Class I-Eggs:** Amanda Welch, Lyndhurst

**Class J-Vegetables & Fruit:** Mensen Farms, Delta

**Class K-Maple Produce-Syrup:** Adam Curtis, Delta

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**Class M-Home Baking:** Kelly Brownson, Toledo

**Class N-Canned Goods:** Elisha Hardwick, Odessa

**Class P-Crafts:** Anne Nichols, Toledo

**Class Q-Photography:** Ami Roach, Portland

**Class R-Flowers and Plants:** Laurie Gonyou, Toledo

**Class S-Homecraft:** Paula Hibbert, Lyndhurst

**Class T-Antiques:** Anne Nichols, Toledo

### **Class U-Junior Work-U1**

- Ages 6 and Under: Miles Sheridan, Lombardy
- Ages 7 to 11 years: Emily McKeen, Delta
- Ages 12 to 16 years: Annabelle Bain, Odessa

**School Competition:** Athens Christian Academy, Athens

**Mini King:** Jackson Halladay, 5 Yrs, Smiths Falls

**Mini Queen:** Kaelynn Norton, 9 Yrs, Delta

**Ag. Service Diploma:** Ken Shirley, Smiths Falls

### **Fair Ambassador Program**

Ambassador: Miriam Lake, Elgin  
 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up: Austin Irvine, Smiths Falls



## Delta Fair Parade Results

A vote of thanks is extended to the Delta Community Enhancement Committee (CEC) for once again sponsoring the Delta Fair Parade.

Awards were presented to the following participants:

- ✓ Youngest Participant in the Parade  
Ezra Okum - 3 years old, Delta
- ✓ Most Senior Participant in the Parade  
Brenda Vincent - 82 years young, Delta.
- ✓ Most Original Float in the Parade  
Lower Beverley Lake Association, Delta.
- ✓ Largest Group Participating  
Smiths Falls Gordon Pipe Band, Smiths Falls.
- ✓ Spirit of the Fair  
South Crosby Public School, Elgin.
- ✓ Best Entry Representing the Theme  
Delta Mill Society, Delta.



## St. Paul's Anglican Community Committee



Members at the St. Paul's Anglican Community Centre, 77 King Street, Delta, will be holding their Fall Yard Sale on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. For those students who have moved out and discovered they need items for their dorm, this is the place to shop. Christmas decor will also be available, so pre-plan and shop now! Lots of great items for smart shoppers. 😊 The sale will be held - indoors and outdoors - rain or sleet or snow. At the time of this writing, rain would be most welcome!

This will be the last yard sale for 2025 so don't miss out. There are always new items being offered for sale. There will be a canteen available with fresh hot coffee and tea, muffins, homemade vegetarian or beef chili available. For additional information, contact Claire at (613) 928-2761.



## Feral Cat Project

Prior to 2024, the Delta Community was fortunate to have a volunteer group of residents that coordinated the spaying and neutering of 23 feral cats and kittens within the village. Unfortunately, this group has disbanded.

Following in their paw prints, the Lyndhurst Feral Cat Project has been receiving several kittens from the Delta area. While they work with caretakers to get the adults spayed and neutered, they need wet and dry cat food donations. If you would like to assist with food for this colony, the Bastard Coffee House at 51 King Street in Delta has generously agreed to be a drop off location during their regular business hours.

Any kind of cat food will do - any brand, any flavour - wet or dry. This will be a great help to the caretakers who are working to improve the lives of this group of kittens.

Thanking you in advance for any assistance in feeding these kittens!

# DELTA'S GOT SCARECROWS Contest

Go ahead and make your scarecrow scary or fun or just plain crazy !!! Scarecrows will be installed at the Russell Block greenspace, across from the Old Town Hall until September 28th. Open to all ages!



 September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
 between 10 and noon  
 Old Town Hall drop off

**3 Cash Prizes to be won!**  
A Delta and Area CEC sponsored event

**Decorate Delta for Harvest Festival**  
September 27, 2025



The Delta Community Enhancement Committee is sponsoring a '**Scarecrow Contest**' from September 20<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup>.

Open to all ages, the scarecrows can be dropped off at the Old Town Hall, 8 Lower Beverley Lake Park Road, Delta.

Members of the community will be able to vote for their favourite scarecrow. Three prizes will be awarded. Watch for additional details to become available.



## THANK YOU to Our Volunteers!

Hosting an event that is of the magnitude of the annual Delta Fair requires months of planning and preparation by many people. It is hard to believe that after all that time and effort, fair week comes and goes so quickly. The Delta Agricultural Society recently recognized four of their partner organizations in appreciation of their volunteer efforts in selling tickets at the fair gates.

Photo: Left to Right

Fair Director Steve Ball presented donations to Marie Sudds representing the Lower Beverley Lake Park Seasonal Campers' Recreation Committee, Connie McCullough from the Delta Community Enhancement Committee (CEC), Larry Winters from the Athens Lions Club, and Len Vincent from Harmony Masonic Lodge in Philippsville. A heartfelt vote of thanks is extended to all those who volunteered to sell tickets at the gates and the parking lot.





## Lower Beverley Lake Park

146 Lower Beverley Lake Park, Delta, ON K0G 1E0

Phone: 613-928-2881

Email: [info@beverleylakepark.com](mailto:info@beverleylakepark.com)

Website: [www.beverleylakepark.com](http://www.beverleylakepark.com)

Members of the community are welcome to attend any of the events listed below.  
Reservations for 2025 and 2026 can be made by calling 613-928-2881.

August 29	Karaoke	7:30 p.m.
August 30	Bob Bradford Memorial Horseshoe Tournament	9:00 a.m.
August 30	Kid's Bingo	11:00 a.m.
August 30	Entertainment: Eddy & The Stingrays	1:00 p.m.
August 30	Bingo	7:00 p.m.
August 31	Children's Activities: Halloween Theme	11:00 a.m.
September 5-6	Old Bastards' Motorcycle Rally	<a href="http://www.oldbastards.ca">www.oldbastards.ca</a>
September 27	Harvest Festival	<a href="http://www.deltamill.org">www.deltamill.org</a>
September 27	Poker Tournament	1:00 p.m.
October 13	Park Closed for the Season	

### Improving Accessibility at the Beach

As part of the Park Management Board's efforts to upgrade accessibility within the park, a new mat has been installed at the beach as an extension of the ramp. For visitors with reduced mobility using a wheelchair, walker or a cane, this mat will provide a secure and marked way to go beyond the limits of the ramp. It also has a longitudinal marking on it to ensure optimal visibility for visually impaired people.



### Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research



The 2025 Edition of the Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research will be held in Delta on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. Based at the Delta Fair Grounds, the event will begin with the registration desk opening at 8:00 a.m. Participants can make their scenic walk / run through the Village and Lower Beverley Lake Park.

For more information regarding the event or to receive pledge sheets, please contact Yvonne Olson at 613-340-9409.

The Terry Fox Foundation firmly believes in its obligation to be fully transparent in all matters relating to fiscal reporting. With only 3 cents of every dollar going towards administration and 10 cents going towards fund raising costs, the Foundation is an industry leader in fund raising accountability. To date, over \$550 million has been raised worldwide for research in Terry's name through the Annual Terry Fox Run.



## Vintage Riders' Rally (Aka the OBS' Picnic)

The Annual Vintage Riders' Rally will be held in Lower Beverley Lake Park on September 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. The weekend is dedicated to vintage motorcycles, riders, and enjoying the roads of the Frontenac Axis.

Dance in the pavilion from 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. to the sounds of the "Power Blues Trio".

Saturday's events include a 'Show and Shine' from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with vendors being onsite throughout the day. "Texas Tuxedo" will be playing onsite for the enjoyment of all between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

There are no formal events scheduled for Sunday.

## Farmer's Breakfast



Come and enjoy a morning of fellowship and a delicious breakfast at the Harmony Lodge Hall in Phillippsville on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. The menu includes bacon, sausage, eggs, hash browns, baked beans, pancakes, toast, juice, coffee, and tea for \$15.00 per person. There is only one sitting at 8:00 a.m. so be sure to come early and get your seat!



Breakfast dates include September 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup>. For additional information, contact Len Vincent by calling 613-928-2671 or via email to [vlvincent@sympatico.ca](mailto:vlvincent@sympatico.ca).



## Monday Morning Coffee

Be sure to stop by the United Church Hall on Monday morning between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for some coffee, treats, and fellowship.

There is no charge, but a free will donation is welcomed.

## Hear the Anvil Ring!

The Delta Mill Society will once again be hosting the annual **Ontario Artist Blacksmith Association Hammer-in** on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Blacksmith Shop. The Old Stone Mill will also be open for visitors.

Delta's **Harvest Festival** will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> activities being held throughout the village including the Old Stone Mill, the Old Town Hall and the Blacksmith Shop.



*Instilling a Passion for Our Heritage"*

Box 172, Delta, ON K0E 1G0  
Telephone: 613-928-2584

The 2025 summer season has been very successful thanks due in large part to the summer staff; Corinne, Gillian, Lilly and Charlotte who welcomed visitors from far and wide to the Old Stone Mill and the Village of Delta. In addition to her administrative duties, Rebecca, the Office and Collections Manager, was also very busy with several projects.

Volunteers also prepared for the Rideau Lakes Doors Open weekend during which a quilt display was held in the Old Stone Mill and a Maker's Market in the Old Town Hall. Regular milling and blacksmithing demonstrations continued as well.

As in past years, each of the summer students learned how to operate the millstones under the direction of Miller Chris Wooding. This is a unique hands-on heritage experience that is provided annually to the students.



Director Joan Delaney walked beside the fair float entered by the Mill Society.



Volunteer Penny Sawyer waved to the crowd from the float.

The 'award winning' float was organized by Director Joan Delaney while Director Katherine Killins outfitted the students in period (1810) costume and crafted the beautiful bunting used on the float.

In mid-July, a new exhibit was opened on the third floor of the mill which feature enhanced and colourized historic photos of the Old Stone Mill that date back to 1870. This new photo exhibit also includes photos from the mill's restoration period. If you have not yet viewed the display, take time to stop by during Delta's Harvest Festival.

There were several events and activities held at the Old Town Hall this season. A vote of thanks is extended to Director Liz Priebe (Delta's 2025 Citizen of the Year) for coordinating the use and reservations again this year.



Preparations are in the planning stages for the Harvest Festival on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to visit the Society's website and Facebook page for up-to-date information.

## Lower Beverley Campers Support Maple View Lodge Project



Thanks to the volunteer efforts of the Seasonal Campers' Recreation Committee at Lower Beverley Lake Park, a \$6,000 donation was made to the Maple View Lodge expansion project.

In appreciation of their contribution, a residential room area will be named after the park. The construction of this 192 bed, long term care facility in Athens has a construction value of \$80 million.



Photo Above (front left to right)

Doug Struthers accepted the \$6,000 donation from Jenn Steacy and Tony Lovegrove while other camper volunteers and members of the Maple View Fundraising Committee look on. Funds were raised over a two-year period from the in-park 50/50 raffles.

Layout of the Maple View Landings project.



### Chicken Barbeque

October 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Delta Legion Hall, 32 William Street, Delta.

Menu includes ½ chicken, baked potato, vegetables, salads, and dinner roll. Tickets are \$22.00 per meal.

Meals MUST be pre-ordered before October 12<sup>th</sup> by calling or texting Pat at 613-928-2712.

This event is sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 207, Delta.

## Delta Fair Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Delta Agricultural Society will be held on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office.

New members are welcome!

Be part of planning the 2026 Maple Syrup Festival and Fair.



Delta Fair Board of Directors  
Circa 1890



## Delta Branch of The Rideau Lakes Public Library

18 King Street, Delta, ON K0G 1E0

### Delta Branch Hours

Phone: 613-928-2991

Website: [www.rideaulakeslibrary.ca](http://www.rideaulakeslibrary.ca)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/rideaulakespubliclibrary](https://www.facebook.com/rideaulakespubliclibrary)



Tuesday 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
Thursday 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Delta is the location of the Rideau Lakes History Centre which features local histories, genealogies, archival materials and a microfilm reader. The History Centre is open during Library Branch hours on most Thursday afternoons between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Appointments may be made by emailing [rideaulakeshistory@gmail.com](mailto:rideaulakeshistory@gmail.com).



## Delta Legion Hall Is the Place to Be!



There is something available for every member of the family!

- ✓ **EUCHRE** held every Friday evening starting at 7:00 p.m.
- ✓ **SUPER EUCHRE** held monthly on the second Saturday at 12:00 p.m.



## Looking to dispose of unwanted metal materials?

The Delta United Church is collecting scrap metal, copper, and lead acid batteries as a fund-raising project. Metal materials may be placed inside the container at the farm of Pat Phillips, 718 Daytown Road, Delta while spent batteries and wire may be placed beside the container. This recycle bin is NOT intended for regular garbage.

Additional information is available by calling 613-928-2712.



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**BUY** only listed products. When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery look for a safety certification mark such as UL, ETL, or CSA. This means it meets important safety standards.



**STOP** using your device right away if the battery smells weird, gets too hot, makes popping noises, changes in shape or color. If it is safe, move the device away from anything that can catch fire. Call **9-1-1**.



**CHARGE** devices safely. Always use the cables that came with the product to charge. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer. Buy new chargers from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.



**RECYCLE** batteries responsibly. Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could start a fire.



**CHARGE** your device on a hard surface. Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged.



**RECYCLE** your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location. Visit [call2recycle.org](http://call2recycle.org) to find a recycling spot near you.

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Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that's rechargeable uses this kind of battery.

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- ✓ e-vehicles
- ✓ e-scooters
- ✓ Golf carts
- ✓ Power tools
- ✓ Laptops
- ✓ Smart watches
- ✓ Tablets
- ✓ Phones
- ✓ Headphones
- ✓ Vapes
- ✓ Drones
- ✓ Toys
- ✓ Cordless vacuums

# 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DELTA HARVEST FESTIVAL

*A Village Wide Celebration*



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
DELTA FAIRGROUNDS, 110 Mill Creek Drive, Delta



✚ **ON-SITE CRAFT VENDORS** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Indoor and Outdoor Spaces Available



✚ **CAR SHOW** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
\$10.00 per vehicle registration  
Door Prizes Awarded

✚ **ENTERTAINMENT** 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Jeff Code and the Silver Wings Band



✚ **50/50 RAFFLE**

Contact the Fair Office  
for additional information

613-928-2800 / [info@deltafair.com](mailto:info@deltafair.com)



Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>

Bradford Pavilion  
Lower Beverley Lake Park

1:00 p.m.

Come and Join in the Fun!



**Notes from Paula and Sue  
Ward One Councilors, Township of Rideau Lakes**



Councillor Paula Banks  
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*The Last Word*



Councillor Sue Dunfield  
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Cell: 613-802-1415

We are sad to see summer leave, but what a wonderful summer we had! The weather, events, vacations and great times spent with family and friends made 2025 a summer to remember.



We hope Delta treated you to some special memories too...with the maple syrup factory being demolished, a best yet Delta Fair, fun visits with Doors Open, rousing games of pickleball and horseshoes at the Recreation Centre, amazing sunsets due to the smoke from northern forest fires and our new Delta Heart constructed by the volunteers of your Community Enhancement Committee.

Autumn will bring new experiences, well worth enjoying, from the small halls events to preparing for the oncoming Christmas season.

Paula and Sue are here for you and welcome your comments and support.

All the best ...



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## ❖ A BALANCED BUDGET

Council passed the 2025 Operating and Capital budget at a 5.78% tax rate increase. The Ontario Municipal Act requires municipal Councils to annually adopt a balanced budget. Historically, the Township has used borrowing to achieve this; however, 2025 is the first year since 2018 that Council has approved a balanced budget without the use of borrowing for operations and in-year capital purchases. Assisting in the new revenues was the net assessment growth of \$34,653,488 or 1.38%.

## ❖ BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The following are some of the key projects included in the 2025 budget: the demolition of the former Delta Maple Syrup Factory, the Ward 3 By-election, delivering \$177,615 in community grants, continuation of the septic inspection program, micro-surfacing of Big Rideau Lakes Road, 50% cost share of the Townline bridge with Elizabethtown-Kitley, financing to build Fire Station 2 and the Portland Hall and Library, the purchase of equipment such as a plow and sander, grader, fire pumper, fire boat as well as 37 kms of single surfacing for numerous township roads.

## ❖ DELTA FLOODING

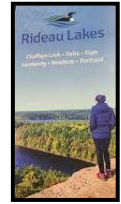
The Village of Delta has experienced ongoing flooding which has occurred 22 times in 37 years between 1980 and 2017. The Township has been tirelessly advocating to resolve this matter through correspondence and meetings with the province.

In 2024, the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Township partnered with the Cataraqui Region Conservation Authority and contributed \$20K to a Delta Flood Mitigation Study conducted by Jewell Engineering. The final study document cited three mitigation options that could achieve meaningful improvements to the control of flooding in Delta with the fastest and most cost-efficient measure being the lowering of the Winter Stoplog Setting of the dam that is owned and operated by the Ministry. The study has been sent to Minister Mike Harris asking the Minister to implement the recommendations.



## ❖ HERITAGE ROAD MAPS

The updated 2025 maps are now available at the Rideau Lakes Public Libraries and the Municipal Office in Chantry. Contact Marie White for copies at 613-928-2251, extension 288 or via email at [mwhite@rideaulakes.ca](mailto:mwhite@rideaulakes.ca). The searchable PDF version is online at [rideaulakes.ca/roadmap](http://rideaulakes.ca/roadmap).



## ❖ VACANT COUNCIL SEAT AND BY-ELECTION

Councillor Joan Delaney resigned from her position as Councillor for the Ward of South Crosby on March 4, 2025. A by-election was held on June 26, 2025.

Council and Staff wish to thank Joan for her years of service on Council and wish her the best in her future endeavors.



Following the municipal by-election on June 26, 2025, Rideau Lakes Council welcomed Dustin Bulloch as the newly elected Councillor for Ward 3. Bulloch won with 283 votes. Bulloch, a longtime community volunteer and current Parks Canada employee, has served on the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee and brings valuable government experience to the role. He was sworn in at the Council meeting on Monday, July 7.

## ❖ DELTA MAPLE SYRUP FACTORY DEMOLITION

Council awarded the demolition of the Delta Maple Syrup Factory to Fast Eddie's Auto Recycling in the amount of \$102,259.00. The contract included all labour, materials, and equipment necessary to demolish and remove the former structure and provide a soil cap. The contractor was also responsible for the abatement of all designated substances prior to the demolition of the building. Cambium inspected the site after removal of the designated substances at a cost of \$2,000 to the Township.





### **Beverley Senior Citizens' Club #460**

- Meeting on September 24<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup> for a pot-luck luncheon at noon in the United Church Hall.

### **Delta Agricultural Society**

- Meeting on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office.
- Car Show and Craft Fair on September 27<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Fair Grounds.
- Annual Meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Fair Office.

### **Delta Athletic and Recreation Society**

- Meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> and October 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.
- Horseshoe games every Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.
- Cornhole games every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Centre.
- Pickleball games every Monday at 1:00 p.m. and every Tuesday & Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

### **Delta Food Bank**

- Open on the second Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. in St. Paul's Community Centre.

### **Delta Mill Society**

- Ontario Artist Blacksmith Association Hammer-in on September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Blacksmith Shop.
- Fall Festival Activities on September 27<sup>th</sup>, watch Facebook and the website for further details.

### **Delta United Church**

- Sunday Worship Service at 9:30 a.m.
- Monday morning coffee and treats from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Church Hall.
- Church Council meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

### **Delta United Church Women**

- Meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

### **Good Food Box**

- Fresh fruit and vegetables are available at wholesale prices for all community members. Contact Liz at 613-928-2902 for information.

### **Harmony Lodge**

- Farmer's Breakfast on September 23<sup>rd</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the Harmony Lodge Hall.

### **Lower Beverley Lake Park**

- See the *Calendar of Park Events* for September on Page 6.

### **Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #207**

- Meeting on September 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.
- Super Euchre on September 13<sup>th</sup> and October 11<sup>th</sup> at noon; doors open at 11:00 a.m.
- Euchre games played every Friday night at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall; doors open at 6:00 p.m.
- Chicken barbeque on October 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Legion.

### **Royal Canadian Legion Auxiliary, Branch #207**

- Meeting on September 18<sup>th</sup> and October 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Legion Hall.



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