



**Learn about our RECREATION PROGRAMS**  
Join one of our programs for Adults, Seniors, Youth, or Children to stay fit, get creative, and meet new friends.

### Find your fun with Severn Recreation

We are growing our recreation programming with new opportunities for adults, seniors, and youth to stay active, connected, and engaged. This season's lineup includes Yoga, Pilates, Learn to Play Pickleball, Free Weights, Beginner Watercolour, Upcycling, and more, with registration available through Severn's online recreation portal. Visit [severn.ca/recreation](http://severn.ca/recreation) and create your UniverusRec account to register online.

### Spaces available for our Day Camps

Severn's 2026 Summer Day Camp season will offer full-week summer programming for children ages 4 to 11, with camps running Monday to Friday from June 29 to August 28 in Coldwater and Washago. Camp options include Adventurers in Washago, Little Explorers in Coldwater for ages 4 to 6, and Trailblazers in Coldwater for ages 7 to 11. This program is funded in part by the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Visit [severn.ca/daycamps](http://severn.ca/daycamps) for program information and registration details.



### Help shape the future of a new park in Port Severn

Township of Severn is creating a concept design for a new passive park on Port Severn Road. This is an exciting opportunity to imagine a welcoming waterfront space where residents and visitors can relax, gather, enjoy nature, and connect with the unique character of Port Severn. The park design will be guided by community feedback, environmental review, accessibility, local heritage, and the natural beauty of the Little Lake shoreline. Learn more and take the survey at [severn.ca/haveyoursay](http://severn.ca/haveyoursay).

### Get prepared

During an emergency, every second counts. Some severe weather events (like tornadoes or wildfires) may require you to evacuate your home at a moment's notice, while others (like snowstorms and extended power outages) could leave you stuck at home for days on end, potentially even without power or running water.

Make sure you have:

- crank-operated radio
- extra batteries
- first aid kit
- non-perishable foods
- potable water

Learn more at [getprepared.ca](http://getprepared.ca).

### Power outage safety

Power outages can happen at anytime and can last minutes, hours, or days. Stay safe by following these tips:

- there may be downed or live power lines in your area - stay at least 10 metres away at all times
- call 1-800-434-1235 or visit [hydroone.com](http://hydroone.com) to report an outage or a downed line
- keep refrigerator doors closed to help preserve food
- **never** use charcoal or gas barbeques, camping stoves, or generators indoors or in an enclosed space such as a garage (this can cause carbon monoxide poisoning or start a fire)

### The next Municipal Election will take place on October 26, 2026



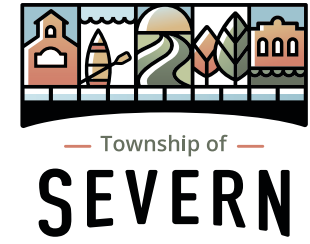
If you're thinking of running for Severn Council or School Board Trustee, Severn's Candidate Nomination Package has everything prospective candidates need, including eligibility requirements, nomination details, and important dates. Nominations opened May 1 and will close August 21, 2026. Attend the July 15 joint Candidate Information Session to help you prepare for a run for Council. Voting will be available both online and in person, giving residents flexible ways to participate. Be sure to check the voters list, confirm your ward, and learn more about candidates, voting dates, and locations at [severn.ca/elections](http://severn.ca/elections).



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# Severn Bulletin

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### Due dates

Interim property taxes are due in two installments on **August 8** and **October 8**.

### Payment options

#### Pre-authorized payments

Pre-authorized payment plans allow you to set up automatic withdrawals from your bank account every month or on due dates. Sign up for pre-authorized payments at [severn.ca/taxes](http://severn.ca/taxes).

#### Cheque

Pay by cheque (to Township of Severn) by mail (PO Box 159, Orillia Ontario L3V 6J3) or drop box (1024 Hurlwood Lane, Severn).

#### Banking

Pay through online or telephone banking, or in person at a financial institution. Please use the 19-digit roll number found on your tax bill (numbers only, no hyphens or spaces) and select Severn Township or Township of Severn as the payee.

### Register for eServices

Once registered, you will be able to easily view, pay, and manage bill payments online anytime and anywhere.

You can also request a service, report a concern, and help improve your community.

You will find detailed instructions on how to register for your eServices account on the back of your property tax bill. Register at [eservices.severn.ca](http://eservices.severn.ca).

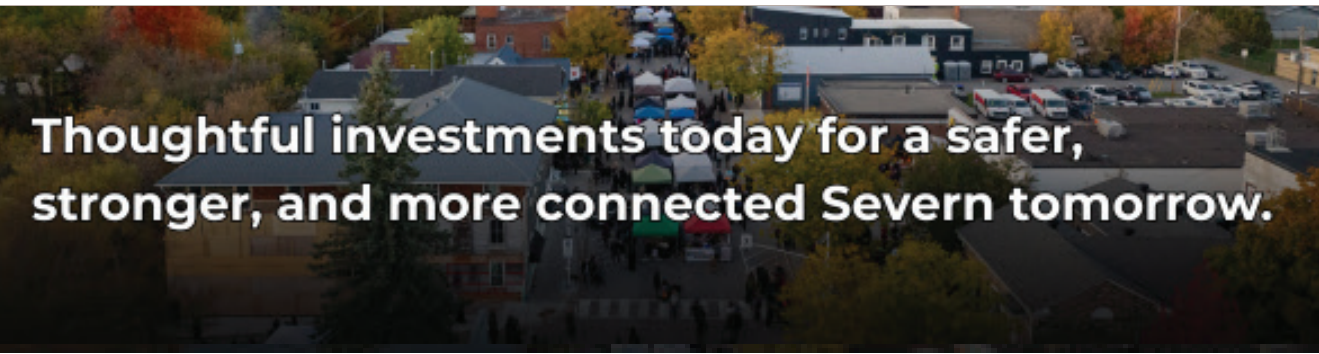
### Need help?

Please reach out to our Customer Care Team directly at 705-325-2315 or email [customercare@severn.ca](mailto:customercare@severn.ca) for one-on-one support.



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**Thoughtful investments today for a safer, stronger, and more connected Severn tomorrow.**

In November 2025, Council approved the 2026 Budget, focused on maintaining and enhancing service levels, supporting community safety and wellbeing, and responsibly managing municipal assets.

The 2026 Budget includes \$2.83 million for road renewal, with improvements planned for Bayou Road, New Brailey Line, Narrows Road, South Sparrow Lake Road, and Uththoff Line. Design work will also move forward for future improvements on Burnside Line and Division Road, Goldstein Road, Hamilton Street, and Menoke Beach Road.

Community parks and recreation spaces are also getting a boost, with planned improvements including a new disc golf course at Washago Centennial Park, new benches at Ian Chrichton Park, upgraded pathways in Marchmont and Ardtrea Parks, and baseball diamond

improvements at Coldwater Fairgrounds and Timberline Creek Park. Planning for a passive park in Port Severn is also underway, with public input opportunities expected in summer 2026.

To support emergency response, Severn Fire and Emergency Services will invest in a new fire pumper and additional protective equipment to help keep firefighters safe and ready to respond when needed.

The budget also includes more than \$550,000 for safe drinking water and water and wastewater infrastructure, along with \$365,000 to modernize municipal services through digital solutions.

Learn more about the 2026 Budget, and view the capital budget sheets at [severn.ca/budget](https://severn.ca/budget).

### Did you know?

Township of Severn keeps 46 cents of every property tax dollar collected. The rest goes to the County of Simcoe, education and policing. Our annual budget helps us deliver services and infrastructure that people use every day. It also ensures we provide value for money and that your tax dollars are spent wisely.

### Be a hero for your community

Ready to make a difference? Join the Township of Severn as a Volunteer Firefighter and experience the pride, friendship, and personal growth that comes with serving those in need. The deadline to apply is August 28. Learn more about becoming a Volunteer Firefighter at [severn.ca/recruitment](https://severn.ca/recruitment).

### Fire Danger Rating

Always check the fire danger rating before starting a fire. We've placed signs throughout the community to show the current fire rating. Burning is not permitted during a fire ban. These signs are located at:

- Fire Station 1 at 3216 South Sparrow Lake Road
- Fire Station 2 at 3958 Burnside Line
- Coldwater Dock (Upper Big Chute Road and River Street)
- Fire Station 4 at 2060 North River Drive
- Irish Line and Ellis Road

Purchase your residential fire permit online at [severn.ca/firepermits](https://severn.ca/firepermits).

### Community grant applications open August 1

Severn is committed to supporting various community organizations and other groups in the municipality, as they provide important programs, activities, services, and events for residents. By providing grants, Council can enable community organizations to fundraise, leverage other funding, and support important volunteer contributions.

Applicants can apply for a grant of \$1,500 or less, or a grant of \$1,501 or more using one of two grant application forms. Grant applications are accepted annually from August 1 to September 30 and are considered as part of the Township's budget process.

Review our Community Grant Policy at [severn.ca/grants](https://severn.ca/grants).

### Protecting your home, your health, and your local water

Inspections are now underway as part of our annual Septic Inspection Program. A healthy septic system does more than serve your property. It helps protect your home, supports household health, and reduces the risk of contamination in local water sources. Inspections are designed to support homeowners through early problem detection and clear information.

#### What to expect

Properties in the mandatory and discretionary inspection program areas are inspected once every five years.

If your property is scheduled for inspection in the current year, you'll receive a letter with program details and information. In 2026, MacLean Lake, Little Lake, and Gloucester Pool will receive an inspection. The process is non-intrusive, respectful of private property, and handled professionally.

View the Frequently Asked Questions at [severn.ca/septicprogram](https://severn.ca/septicprogram).

### Severn Connects returns this July 8 and 9

Residents are invited to attend Severn Connects on July 8 at the Coldwater Fairgrounds from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on July 9 at Timberline Creek Park from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. These two family-friendly outdoor events will bring municipal services, programs, and resources together in one convenient location. Residents can meet Township staff, ask questions, learn about programs and initiatives, and access information about municipal services closer to home. These events will also feature kids' activities, refreshments, free swag, and a chance to win a gift basket. Learn more at [severn.ca/severnconnects](https://severn.ca/severnconnects).



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### Prosper Severn: Business Retention + Expansion Program

Prosper Severn is giving local businesses a chance to share their challenges and opportunities through interviews and an online survey. Feedback from the BR+E Program will help guide future economic development planning in Severn. Get involved at [severn.ca/bre](https://severn.ca/bre).

### Celebrating a business milestone?

Mayor and Council will attend your event and offer a certificate of congratulations to businesses in our community that are celebrating notable milestones such as a grand opening or significant anniversary. Submit your request and learn more about supports for your business at [severn.ca/business](https://severn.ca/business).