

Happy Spring North Kawartha! Mayor Carolyn here with another video update.

Peterborough County ended the Emergency Declaration due to the Ice Storm on April 23rd, but that doesn't mean that everything is back to normal. We are now in recovery mode with both Hydro One and Bell still working on repairs and connections. For those North Kawarthans that are returning this May Long Weekend please note that our Transfer Stations are accepting storm brush and debris (up to 6" in diameter) for free. Please do not place brush along township road allowances or in roadside ditches. Municipal staff are not able to collect roadside debris as they are busy with the on-going clean up and regular spring duties. The County also is continuing to accept storm debris for free at select depot locations until May 20th.

Speaking of cleaning up, our waste sites will be starting summer hours on May 26th and once again we will be having a special clean-up weekend June 14-15, 2025, where we will accept larger items like couches and mattresses etc. The Household Hazardous Waste Depot will also be starting that weekend. Please check www.northkawartha.ca and www.ptbocounty.ca for more information.

The arrival of spring to cottage country also means it's road work season. The County is doing some work on Balmer Road until the end of May while the Township is busy doing clean up and repairs on many of our roads. The bridge construction on Highway 28 continues with the one lane almost complete. The bridge project is scheduled to be completed by the end of this year. Another section of Highway 28 from Highway 7 to north of Leahy's Market is also under repair from now until the end of October. I know it's a pain folks but be prepared for delays and have some patience when travelling up this way this summer. These road improvements are important and unfortunately, they need to be completed during the warmer seasons.

Finally, I'd like to let you know about a couple of new items. We are updating several municipal signs with our new brand and logo. So, keep a look out for these. I also wanted to let everyone know about a new municipal customer service tool. It's called Report an Issue, and you can find it on our website. It is a citizen request portal that makes it easy for all residents to request a municipal service or report a concern. Just click on the link, fill out the form and submit. It's an efficient way to help us, help you!

Well, that's all for now North Kawartha. To get the latest updates on all things municipal, please subscribe to our Township newsletter. Until next time folks, take care and be well. Thank you.