

# The Township of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield



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# History

- Smith and Ennismore merged as one in the 1998 Provincial amalgamations.
- Village of Lakefield was included in 2001 to create Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield.
- Providing their own heritage and traditions, each ward has contributed to the wonderful quality of life found in the Township.



# Members of Council



The Council is comprised of the Reeve, Deputy Reeve, and three Councillors who represent the wards of Smith, Ennismore, and Lakefield.

The Reeve and Deputy Reeve also serve on the upper tier County of Peterborough Council.

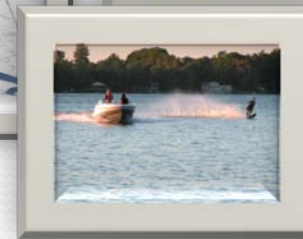
# Community Profile



- Population of about 17,500.
- Largest geographic Township in the County.
- Close to one third of all the households' in the County.
- Makes up approximately 34% of the workforce in the County.
- Bounded by many waterways of the Kawartha Lakes Region including the historic Trent Waterway canal system.
- Broad economic base including technology, information services, healthcare, education, retail, finance, and agriculture, making it one of the County's most stable economies.
- A mostly rural community with three distinct urban centres: Lakefield, Ennismore and Bridgenorth.

# Family Friendly

- Housing is plentiful and affordable.
- Schools and medical facilities are outstanding.
- A low crime rate, clean air and water.
- A natural landscape offering a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities.
- Two community centres with many sporting activities available.
- Heritage and cultural sites are plentiful.
- A wide variety of restaurants, boutiques, galleries, hotels and resorts to choose from.
- Festivals include the Shamrock Festival & Tractor Pull, the Lakefield Jazz, Craft & Art Festival & PolarFest to name a few.



# High Speed Internet

Rural Connections is a Provincially funded program which has provided High Speed Data access to our rural areas.

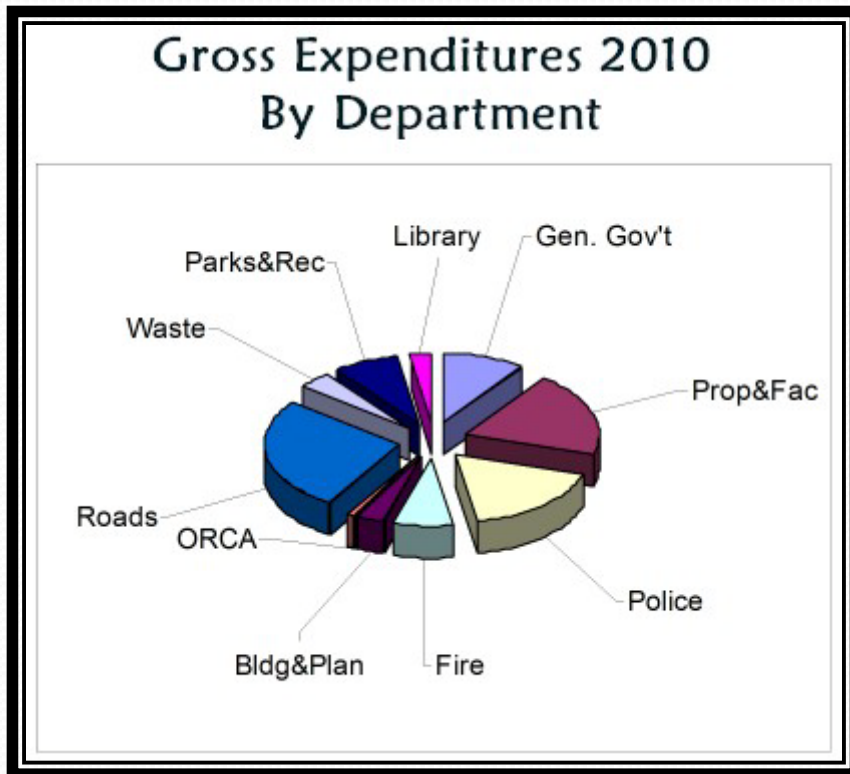
The municipality worked with Bell Aliant to complete this \$3 million project.

## **Project Facts:**

- 45.7 km of additional fibre cable installed to service 3955 households and businesses.
- Minimum download speed of 1.5 megabits per second.
- Where the DSL line is available, there is 99.9 % probability that a resident can obtain high speed service.



# Financial Highlights



- Traditionally has the lowest tax rate in the County.
- Township taxes account for less than 25% of the total property tax bill.
- Majority of taxes go to the County and Education Boards.
- Offer many services attractive to residents and potential investors.
- 170 Library system volunteers contribute over 19,000 volunteer hours annually.

# The Beauty of Smith-Ennismore-Lakefield

