

Message from the Mayor – December 2022

Hello everyone, and happy holidays! We hope that everyone had a wonderful year and is looking forward to what the next year will bring.

This year, the Municipality accomplished amazing things, including the installation of the new play structure at Centennial Park, the walkway along the waterfront, reviving the cenotaph, and the installation of the beautiful new pavilion! Thank you to all the Municipal staff that had a hand in these big projects.

With our new Council we hope to continue to accomplish great things here in Callander. Please welcome our new Council for 2022-2026.



Recently, Callander Lights Up Christmas took over our park and it was a wonderful event for all who attended! Thank you to the Events Committee for all the hard work and planning to help start off our holiday season with extra cheer.

This summer, we opened a request for developers to submit statements of interest in developing the Waterfront Place property, to also include the library, and received several great candidates. We have now reached out to several of the developers to start working towards a plan.

Council is welcoming input from the public on a couple of important documents in the coming weeks. A draft of the update to the Official Plan is available on our website for viewing and comments from community members. The Official Plan is the planning document that helps guide development in the Municipality over the next 20 years and provides tools to the Municipality to initiate economic development, sustainability, urban design, and more. We are also welcoming input on the budget process, which will be available on our website for viewing and comments shortly.

Staff have also recently been working hard on updating the Callander Business Directory. If you are a business owner in Callander, we encourage you to ensure your listing is included and up to date. We encourage residents to check the Business Directory to explore all the local business options available.

If you are interested in becoming a vendor at any of the upcoming events this year, the Events Committee would like to invite you to complete the Vendor Application available on the Parks

& Recreation page of our website. This will make sure they can reach out to you for future events to become a vendor.

Applications are available to anyone who might be interested in becoming a volunteer at one of Callander's several yearly events. Volunteering is a great way to truly experience and get to know your community, and the Events Committee is always looking for more hands to help out at events.



Though we've been lucky enough to have a warm fall, we hope it will soon be ice fishing season. As a reminder, please be safe and courteous to your fellow residents using the ice and the nearby Municipal properties when beginning the season on the ice. For more information on any regulations regarding ice shacks, please visit our Policies & By-Laws page on the website.

Please note that Municipal Offices will be closed from December 26th to 30th for the holidays. If you need any information while staff are away, our website is a great resource, at www.mycallander.ca. Happy holidays and happy new year from the Mayor, Council, and Staff!

Don't forget to check the website for all the latest updates and follow us on social media.

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