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GRAND BEND MARINA & PORT FRANKS MARINA

Lambton Shores operates and maintains two marinas - one at Grand Bend and the other at Port Franks. Both marinas are key components to tourism, with over 120 seasonal and 37 transient sites and many amenities including washrooms, showers, picnic areas and even laundry services in Grand Bend. Seasonal staff ensure cleanliness and services to boaters.

Both marinas have been recipients of the Blue Flag since 2008.

A Harbours Committee was established in 2013 as a forum to provide advice and direction to the Municipal Council on issues affecting the municipal marinas and upstream harbour areas in Port Franks and Grand Bend. The Committee has developed a Draft Strategic Plan for Council to reference for future projects.

The Grand Bend Marina was featured as the cover for Lambton Shores in the Attractions Ontario Passport Magazine in 2008.

COMMUNITY STAFF SERVICES

The Community Services Staff at Lambton Shores work diligently to ensure our community is tidy and maintained. Year-round, staff:

- Maintain six community centres, including two arenas.
- Maintain 350km of roadways
- Place 30 thousand tonnes of granular annually, and add dust control measures for granular areas
- Maintain 43 hectares of parks and open spaces
- Complete roadside grass cutting twice per year
- Maintain trees including trimming, removal and planting
- Sweep streets
- Place floral baskets and seasonal decorations
- Support community clean-up efforts, events and festivals
- Provide snow-removal service for roads, sidewalks and parking lots

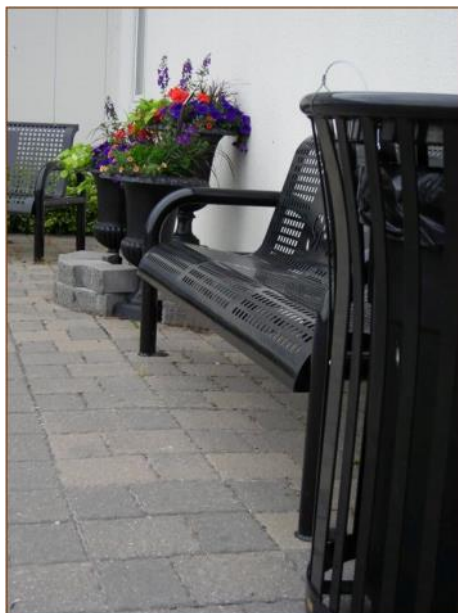




STREET FURNITURE/COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENTS

Lambton Shores Community Improvement Plans have had a significant impact on the beautification of downtown areas. The Plans have identified consistent street furniture designs including garbage and recycling receptacles. The purchase of street furniture has been incorporated into new construction such as the Grand Bend Main Street. Many community groups have invested dollars to purchase street furniture:

- Thedford Spirit Club has donated benches, planters, garbage containers and cigarette disposal units to enhance the downtown core and Village Green. The Spirit Club also designed and purchased banners for the light standards in Thedford and have enhanced this project by adding Christmas decorations and banners.
- Thedford Seniors have purchased benches for the cenotaph in Thedford.
- Thedford Garden Club has donated benches, picnic tables and concrete planters to Main Street and Village Green.
- Small World Nursery School purchased a new bench for the new playground at the Legacy Recreation Centre.
- Forest BIA partners with the Forest Community Foundation to purchase benches and garbage containers for the downtown area. The Forest BIA, with the support of an economic development grant, has purchased new Christmas decorations for all the heritage light standards in Forest and are planning to install bike racks.
- Communities in Bloom has partnered with the Forest Community Foundation to purchase a recycling unit and benches for the Forest Library garden renovations.
- Arkona Lions have purchased benches for Arkona
- Port Franks Garden Club has purchased a bench for the memorial garden in Port Franks.
- The Lambton Shores Nature Trails Committee purchased two new benches at the trailhead of the Lambton County Heritage Forest (LCHF) Trails at the Port Franks Community Centre
- Many groups, including CiB have also approached Council with funding requests for street furniture, thus incorporating this into the capital budget.
- Several memorial benches have been donated to Grand Bend by residents and visitors. These benches can be found throughout the downtown area and pier.





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BUTT FREE BEACH

The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation launched its *Butt Free Beach* public education campaign to see if cigarette butt litter can be reduced through education and by providing a way for smokers to responsibly dispose their butts.

The program is piloting in the summer of 2013 and has remained active ever since. The campaign includes interpretive signage, speech bubble signs, free, re-useable beach ash-trays, posters and radio ads. The signs and posters provide smart tags to the project website.

The project is funded by the Grand Bend Community Foundation and supported by the Municipality. Local businesses are also on board with the campaign.

The key messages the campaign hopes to get across are:

- Cigarette butts are the most commonly littered item on our beaches
- Cigarette butts are toxic
- Cigarette butts should never be buried in the sand at the beach
- Littered cigarette butts cause water pollution
- Cigarette butts as litter are harmful to society and the environment

Beach clean ups in September will help evaluate the success of the Butt Free Beach Program. Beach staff will also monitor the success/use of the free ashtrays.

Be a beach bum, not a beach butt!

TerraCycle will be collecting the butts to be recycled into a type of plastic that can be used for a variety of items. TerraCycle is an international upcycling company that takes difficult-to-recycle packaging and turns it into affordable, innovative products. They recently partnered with Imperial Tobacco Canada to recycle butts, inner foil, outer wrap, unused tobacco, ashes and other elements that comprise cigarette waste. For more information visit www.terracycle.ca.



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Community groups throughout Lambton Shores have partnered with the Municipality to tidy and improve our parks, public open spaces and recreational facilities.

- Arkona Lions and Lioness raised money to enhance the bridge and trail that connect Ann Street to Rock Glen. The Arkona Lions and Home Hardware partnered to fund the gardens and native tree planting at the Arkona Medical Centre.
- Arkona Recreation Committee and ball associations have assisted with the maintenance of the ball diamonds.
- The Kaeden Brown Foundation, Arkona Community Foundation, Arkona Lions and Arkona Lioness partnered with the Municipality to install a new splash pad behind the Community Centre in Arkona.
- Forest Optimists and Minor Ball have donated labour and thousands of dollars over the years towards the enhancements of Coultis and McRae Parks in Forest.
- The Forest Optimist Club and the Municipality partnered to bring a spray pad to Rotary Civic Square in Forest. This was made possible with a very successful fundraising campaign.
- Lake Smith Conservationists partnered with Lambton Shores for the construction of the Klondyke Pavilion at the Klondyke Sports Park.
- The Grand Bend Baseball Project and the Municipality teamed up to improve the Grand Bend Lions Park ball diamond.
- The Grand Bend Soccer Club assists with the general maintenance of the Klondyke Sports Park.



- The Optimist Club of Ausable Port Franks partnered with Lambton Shores for the construction of the Port Franks Skateboard Park and for a pavilion. The Municipality has also recently completed renovations at Optimist Hall as well as the resurfacing of the tennis courts at the community centre. The Optimists have also partnered with the Northville Fire Department to purchase benches for the Country Manor in Thedford and Bosanquet School for various projects and initiatives.
- Forest Tri-Sport event and committee has contributed thousands of dollars to the community over the years. The Forest Optimist Club, Forest Curling Club, Forest Legion, Forest Lawn Bowling and Forest Dragons Baseball Club all received money for improvement projects thanks to their roles in assisting with Tri-Sport. The committee also funded the sound buffering in the Shores Recreation Centre lobby.



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- Forest Garden Club sponsors an annual Home & Garden Show every spring. The group used their community grant to build and landscape a garden shed at the library. They received funds from the Forest Community Foundation for landscaping around the refurbished caboose, and they partnered with service clubs to repaint the caboose. In addition, they have purchased hanging baskets and window boxes for the garden shed at the library and new benches for the grounds.
- Forest Agricultural Society received a Municipal Community Grant for the continuation of their tree replacement plan for the Ash trees on the property.
- North Lambton Lodge used a Foundation Grant for gardens at the renovated facility.
- The Forest Legion partners with CIB annually for improvements around their building.
- Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) staff applied for a Species at Risk grant for several projects in the Port Franks area. The money was used to pay the wages for the ABCA staff, plant material, and labour. ABCA partnered with Lambton Shores CIB in this project. In 2010, a school project was developed and ABCA continues to sponsor a turtle monitoring program.
- Centre Ipperwash Community Association plants dune grass and Purple Sand Cherry. Lake Smith Conservationists awarded CICA as the 2010 Conservationists of the Year.
- In 2013, Jacobs (formerly CH2M), St Clair Regional Conservation Authority, the Municipality and the Lambton Shores Nature Trail Committee partnered to transform the decommissioned lagoons at the Forest Sewage Treatment Plant into a wildlife sanctuary. This project includes a lookout platform for bird watchers, native species plantings and an accessible trail.





- The Thedford Spirit Club purchased Christmas lights to create a spectacular winter scene at the Thedford Village Green. The Club has also purchased additional playground equipment, spring riders, for this park.
- Grand Bend Beach Enhancement Committee fundraised \$1.5 million towards the cost of the Beach Project. This project helps secure Lambton Shores position as a major tourist centre and a leader in beach management.
- The Grand Bend Community Coalition is a partnership of the Grand Bend Community Foundation and Service Clubs who have matched municipal dollars for several projects such as:
 - Optimist Skateboard Park and Basketball Court
 - Rotary Clean Water Now project and Rotary Nature Trail
 - Beach Elevator—some of the funding for the Beach House elevator was provided by the Grand Bend Community Foundation and the Rotary Club of Grand Bend
 - In 2012, Grand Bend Baseball Project revitalization of the Grand Bend Lions Park—This local community group has renewed the interest in youth baseball in Grand Bend and has assisted with municipal support in major enhancements to the ball park. The project included upgrade to the existing ball diamond, accessible sidewalks, a new playground and landscaping. It is hoped to one day replace the scoreboard as well.
 - Grand Bend Optimist Club revitalization of the Grand Bend Optimist Children's Park in partnership with the Grand Bend Area Horticultural Society. Design includes the addition of a pergola, planting areas, stonework and upgrades to the existing playground structure
 - Seasonal decorations were purchased in Grand Bend as a partnership between the Municipality, the Grand Bend Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and the Jingle Bell Group. This project grows each year with the additional of new decorations.



RECREATION AND LEISURE MASTER PLAN & RELATED PROJECTS

Each year community groups, community foundations and the Municipality partner to plan, fund and develop Recreation and Leisure projects that will continue to enhance the quality of life for all residents and visitors to our communities. The Recreation and Leisure Master Plan and the Beach Study Plan generally provide the direction for these various projects and those that are a direct municipal responsibility are accounted for in the 10 year capital plan. Many improvements are a direct municipal responsibility through the capital budget and include: Pavilion, Port Franks Tennis Court resurfacing, 2 beach volleyball courts in Grand Bend and the various playground upgrades. The plan is in the process of being updated with the finished results expected sometime in 2018.

Recent major enhancements that have been made possible by community partnerships and fundraising include Grand Bend Lions Park and Grand Bend Baseball project, Grand Bend Optimists Park and the Horticultural Society, and the Kaeden Brown Foundation/Arkona Splash Pad Project, Arkona Medical Centre Gardens-Lions Club and Home Hardware.

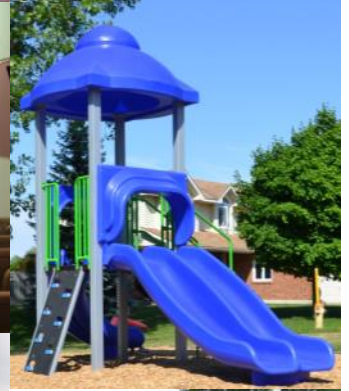
In some cases, the Municipality will provide support such as grant writing and flow through tax receipts as a the local organization undertakes a major fundraising drive. The Forest Curling Club raised \$400,000 for their phase one renovation in 2011 and the Forest Kineto Theatre has surpassed their community fundraising goal of \$100,000 for the digital projection equipment they needed to stay in business. With the additional dollars raised, the Kiwanis are installing a new theatre sign and completing the second floor "heritage room". The Forest Optimist Club worked hard to raise funds totalling \$90,000 for the Spray Pad that was installed at Rotary Civic Square in Forest.

In 2013, a pavilion was built at the Port Franks Community Centre, funded in part by the Ausable Port Franks Optimist Club.



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BUSINESS * INSTITUTIONAL

In 2006, three Lambton Shores communities participated in the “First Impressions” program. Business owners who participated in the program are taking special interest in tidiness and the condition of buildings and façades.

In 2009, Grand Bend participated in a “First Impressions” exchange with the Town of Wasaga Beach and there are many recommendations which have been implemented with the Main Street Enhancement project.

Council has approved a main street enhancement in Arkona which will include the addition of trees to the four corners.

Participation in community clean up activities and interest in the Communities in Bloom program was one of the outcomes of the First Impressions program. As a result, we have:

- Forest BIA weekly clean up.
- Riverbend Bar and Grill partnered with Lambton Shores CIB Committee to organize the Grand Bend Trash Bash.
- Façade improvements to several businesses in each of our urban centres.
- Forest BIA has developed a façade incentive program
- Creation of Community Improvement Plans for each Lambton Shores community. Port Franks and Ipperwash plans were updated in 2017.
- In 2013, the Forest BIA introduced the “Businesses In Bloom” contest to encourage local businesses to beautify the community by adding floral displays to the store fronts. The Grand Bend Chamber of Commerce introduced a similar program for the business community in Grand Bend. Communities in Bloom continues to encourage this program.
- Many local businesses throughout the Municipality participate in the Adopt-A-Pot program and take great pride in the program.



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The residents of Lambton Shores take great pride in the appearance and cleanliness of our community. In 2007, the Communities in Bloom Committee conducted its first annual "Lambton Shores Trash Bash". Volunteers from all of our communities and North Lambton Secondary School students pitched in to clean up roadsides, ditches, park areas and walkways.

Lambton Shores Trash Bash events are held annually in the spring around Earth Day and in early July before the busy tourist season starts.

- Lambton County Development Services partnered with the Forest volunteers by assisting with the cleanup and by providing refreshments to conclude the event.
- The North Lambton Secondary School Key Club participates yearly.
- Centre Ipperwash Community Association partnered with the St Clair Regional Conservation Authority to conduct a clean up of Ipperwash Beach in the fall.
- Ausable Port Franks Optimist members partnered with Lambton Shores CIB and the Port Franks Garden Club to organize the Port Franks Trash Bash.
- The Lambton Shores Nature Trails Committee cleaned up Outer Drive annually.
- Riverbend Bar and Grill partnered with CIB and conducted the Grand Bend Trash Bash.
- In 2013, the Forest Trash Bash event included an Earth Day Fair that provided residents with information on the different environmental initiatives available to them in Lambton Shores.



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Other community groups and service clubs also conduct clean-up programs at other times throughout the year. These include:

- Arkona Community Clean Up—Arkona Weed Warriors
- Centre Ipperwash Dumpster Day and Community Clean up
- Chicken Island Clean Up
- Forest Kiwanis Adopt a Highway Clean Up
- Garden Clubs and Horticultural Society Clean Up (Spring and Fall)
- Grand Bend Rotary Club Clean Up
- Windsor Park Beach Clean Up
- Grand Bend United Church Beach Clean Up—after every long weekend on the Grand Bend Beach
- Lambton Shores Nature Trails roadside and trail clean up



ADOPT-A-ROAD

Lambton Shores encourages the “Adopt a Road” program which families, businesses or community groups can adopt a road for which they are responsible for collecting trash tossed along the way.





SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

A goal for Lambton Shores Communities in Bloom is the enhancement of our school partnerships.

- North Lambton Secondary School has supported Trash Bash and students from the horticulture class have assisted with planting the Adopt a Pots. NLSS students have contributed to local community gardens and have planted native trees at the school.
- Local elementary schools are encouraged to participate in the Trash Bash events. North Lambton Secondary School Horticultural students assisted with the planting of the adopt-a-pots.
- Grade Three science curriculum—Growth and Changes in Plants. Catherine Minielly has presented to all grade three students in Lambton Shores elementary schools and at Hillside School in Kettle Point. The young students were introduced to species at risk. The lesson was developed in partnership with ABCA. Students planted a variety of seeds and were given a journal to record the growth and changes of their own plants.
- Students from Grand Bend Public School assisted municipal staff with planting dune grass at the Grand Bend Beach.
- Community Gardens were planted at Kinnwood Public School in Forest and Hillside School in Kettle and Stony Point in partnership with the Healthy Kids Community Challenge—Lambton Partners. Students plant the gardens in the spring and maintain them throughout the summer.





COMMUNITY GARDEN PROJECTS

- The Grand Bend Environment Committee established their first community garden in 2011 at the Community Health Centre in Grand Bend. After a moderately successful year at that location, they were asked to move the community garden to a new location. The group found an ideal location at the Klondyke Sports Park that will provide the group with ample space. The garden expanded from 8 plots to 16 plots in 2013. This garden continues to thrive each year.
- North Lambton Community Health Centre is an incorporated non profit organization that provides primary health care and health promotion programming to population groups facing access barriers. In the past, some flower gardens were replaced with vegetables at the Forest site and the Kettle Point site. Volunteers and program participants looked after the gardens. Produce was used by the CHC dietician in nutrition programs for youth, and young moms (Meet me in The Kitchen), and for a local "Community Kitchen".
- North Lambton CHC and One Tomato Project - In 2012 The One Tomato Project, in coordination with Sarnia Gives and the Sarnia Community Foundation, received funding to create four large community vegetable gardens in Lambton County. The funding covers: soil, mulch, some tools, plants, and even an energetic group of high-school-aged youth to help put it all together. The funding program is called "Change The World" and its intent is to encourage youth to volunteer in their communities. The builds are planned to occur in spring 2012. The North Lambton Community Health Centre is partnering with the One Tomato Project and North Lambton Lodge to develop vegetable gardens at the NLL site and plan to involve North Lambton Secondary School students.
- After the success of the "Minielly Project" in 2012, the Forest Community Garden has expanded to 8 plots at its new location at Coultis Park. All the plots have been adopted with 3 designated to supply fresh produce for off shore workers here for the summer.
- Through the generosity of a local farmer, the Forest Garden has been able to expand into the field that backs onto the Forest Legion. This large space has allowed gardeners to plant more food for themselves and their community.





- The Port Franks Community Garden has reached its full capacity but continues to be a hub of activity for the community. This garden will provide fresh produce for its gardeners as well as the local food bank.
- Kettle and Stony Point First Nations planted a 6-plot garden in conjunction with the Health Centre in 2013. The gardens were expanded with the financial assistance of the Healthy Kids Community Challenge—Lambton Partners in 2017. These “active” gardens not only provide a place for the community to grown their own fruits and vegetables, but also suggest activities for the children to do when all the work has been completed!
- Kinnwood School in Forest is also benefiting from the Healthy Kids Community Challenge, which will help them start up their community garden.
- The Lambton Shores Community Gardens were featured in the May 2013 edition of the Communities in Bloom Magazine.

