

2025

YEAR IN REVIEW

Established 1994

Serving our community today and planning for a stronger tomorrow.



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Did You Know

The Township delivers 7 programs with over 27 services?



Governance and Civic Engagement

Council, Community Engagement and Decision Making



Corporate Services

Human Resources, Financial Management, Information Technology, Clerks



Community Services

Community Recreation - Facilities, Parks & Open Spaces, Cemeteries



Environmental Services

Water Treatment & Distribution, Wastewater Collection & Treatment, Waste Management



Development

Land Use Planning, Building Permits, Economic Development



Public Safety

By-law Enforcement, Building Inspections, Fire Services, Emergency Management, Animal Control



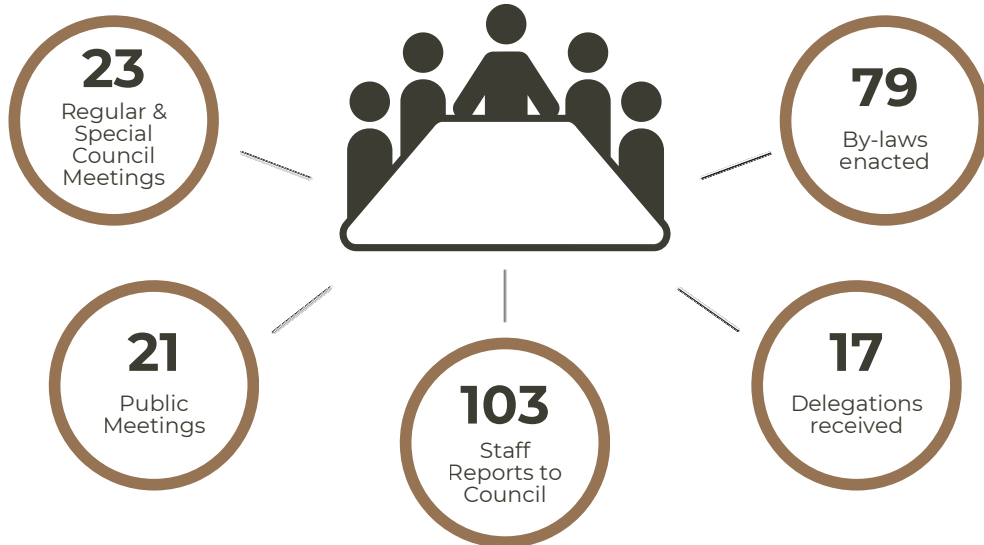
Transportation

Road Construction & Maintenance, Sidewalks, Street Lighting, Winter Maintenance, Bridges & Culverts, Fleet Management

COUNCIL

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Members of Council meet at regularly scheduled Council Meetings throughout the year, along with Special Council Meetings as required. All Council Meetings are open to the public.

Agendas for each meeting are set in advance and may be viewed by the public on the Thursday prior to the meeting.

Council made the following municipal contributions to outside organizations.



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| Keene 200 th Celebration | \$ 5,000.00 |
| OSM Food Cupboard | \$ 5,000.00 |
| Keene Lions Club - Cordwood Bonspiel | \$ 200.00 |
| Peterborough County Plowman's Association | \$ 200.00 |
| TAS Girls Rugby Tour | \$ 100.00 |

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

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Marriage Licenses

Issued

6



Marriage Ceremonies

Performed

3



Lottery Licenses

Issued

6



FOI Requests

Processed

3

In 2025, a new accessible front counter was installed at the Municipal Office to better serve residents and visitors. The upgrade improves access for people with mobility challenges and supports the municipality's commitment to accessibility.



Stay Connected



Newsletters

Two newsletters were mailed with property tax billing to residents.



Website

The municipal website was a key source for information, services, and community updates.

Social media remained an important communication tool, allowing the municipality to share real-time updates.



- 2.3 K followers
- 589.3 K Views
- 4 K Interactions



- 281 followers
- 12.5 K Views
- 354 Interactions



FINANCE

2025

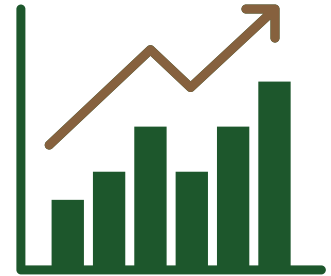
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Township Tax Rate Increase

The township portion of the 2025 residential property tax bill increased by 5.29%.

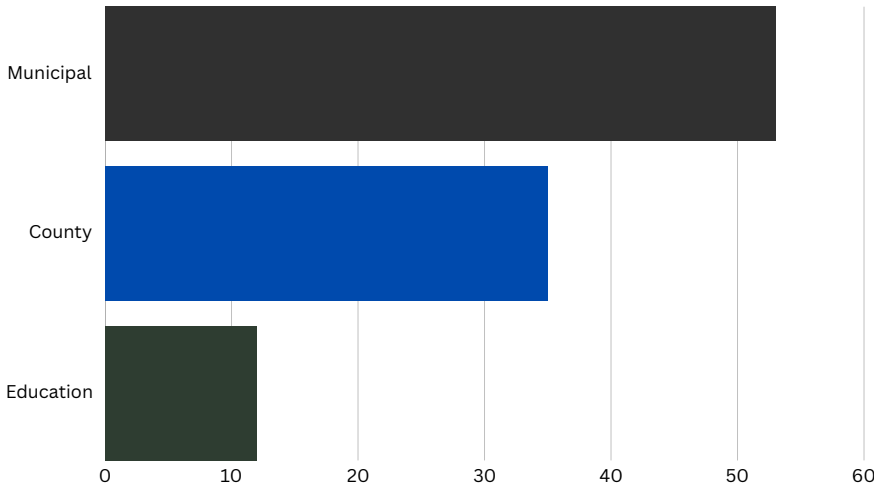
Council approved and adopted the 2025 Budget on December 9, 2023. For the average homeowner, this tax rate increase represents an additional \$24.38 per installment.*

* Based on an average assessed value of \$292,380. This figure does not include changes to the Peterborough County tax rate, the education tax rate, or MPAC assessment adjustments.



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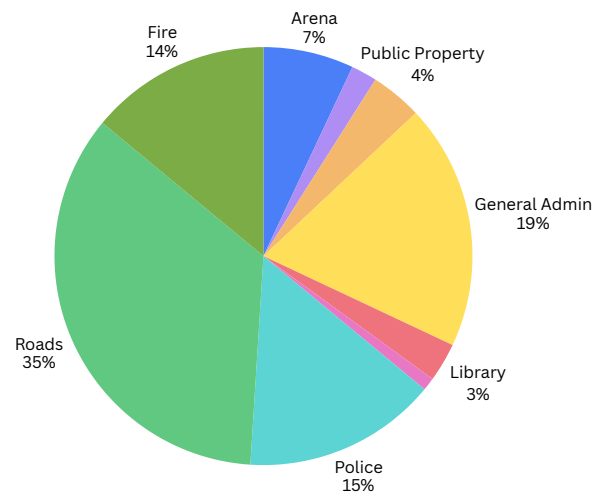
Tax Rate Increase



Share of Tax Levy

Share of Tax Levy by Department

Please note that the following categories are not included in the chart: Animal Control (0%), Waste (-1%), Water (0%), Sewer (0%), and Cemeteries (0%).



BUILDING SERVICES

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Cloudpermit 



Building Permits Issued
143



Inspections Conducted
1088



Building Permit Fees Collected
\$303,068



10

ISSUED



Orders to Comply

3

ISSUED



Septic Permits Issued
34



Inspections Conducted
56



Building Permit Fees Collected
\$34,480

PLANNING

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23

Zoning By-Law
Amendment
Applications
Received



30

Pre-consultations
held



3

Official Plan
Amendments
Completed



9

Minor Variance
Applications
Received



25

Consent
Applications
Received

BY-LAW



Number of
Cases Opened

19



Number of
Cases Closed

11



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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This year, our department remained focused on training, safety, and community engagement, strengthening our skills while continuing to serve and protect our community.

Key highlights include:



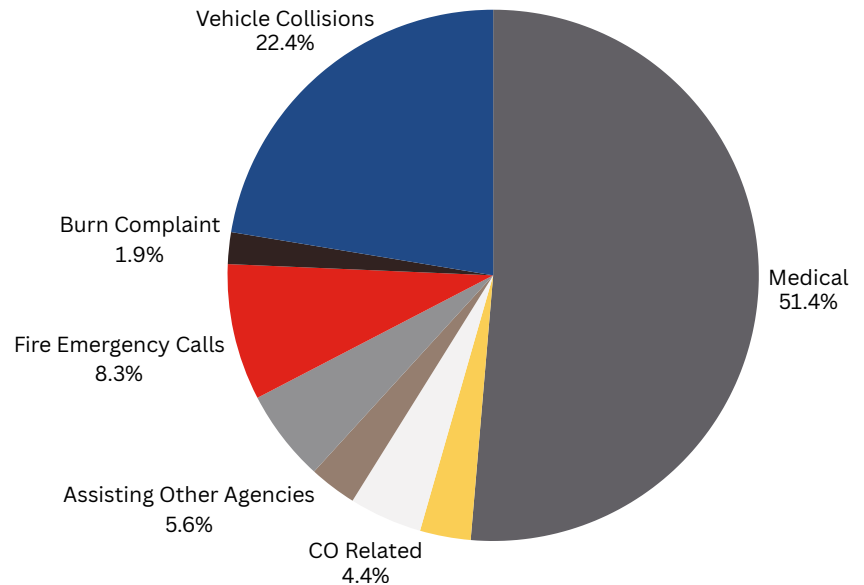
Calls for Service
443



Total Firefighters
81



Burn Permits Issued
209



Firefighters Advanced Training



Stop the Bleed



Fire Service Fleet Signing Authority - Z Endorsement



Advanced Auto Extrication



Advanced Drone Certification

In-House Professional Development

Training Topics Include:

- Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)
- Medical Certification & In-House Medical Review
- Incident Command System (ICS) Overview
- Hall Maintenance
- Seasonal Equipment Maintenance
- Ice Water Rescue (Theory & Practical)
- Port-A-Tank use & Pumper Operations
- TankerShuttle Accreditation
- Dry Hydrant Inspection & Testing
- Auto Extrication Techniques
- Marine & Boat Operations
- Equipment Inventory Management
- Practical Drills & Scenario-Based Training
- Ice Water Rescue (Theory & Practical)
- Driver Training
- UTV Training



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Firefighter Certifications

- NFPA 1001 - Firefighter I & II
- NFPA 1072 - HAZMAT Awareness & Operations
- NFPA 1035 - Fire & Line Safety Educator Level 1

Recruits achieve NFPA 1001 – Firefighter I & II through Saturday training from January to June, excluding long weekends. For NFPA 1072, they complete online Awareness-level coursework and two full weekend training sessions. NFPA 1035 – Fire and Life Safety Educator Level I includes both classroom and practical components.

2025 Achievements and **NEW** Additions

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|  Accreditations achieved |  Emergency Management Program compliance |
|  New Matrice 30T Drone delivered |  Received Cancer Reduction Grant |

Community Engagement & Public Education

- **Swim to Survive** - Teaching grade 3 students water safety
- **March Break Kids Camp** (Keene United Church) - Station Tour and education session
- **Summer Fire Prevention Visit** at Shady Acres Kid's Sports Camp - Fire station tours for preschoolers
- **Canada Day Parade** - Participation in Keene 200th celebration
- **Squirrel Creek Outdoor Education Visit** - Truck tour at summer camp for Karis Disability Services members
- **Jesse's Journey** - Swimmers crossing Rice Lake in South Monaghan to support Muscular Dystrophy
- **The Keene Pumpkin Festival** - Community Participation



FIRE DEPARTMENT

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This year, our fire department was busy keeping the community safe:

Fire Prevention Month: We visited local school classrooms and hosted a library session to teach children and families about fire safety.

Fire Prevention Week: Firefighters went door-to-door performing smoke and carbon monoxide alarm checks in homes.

12 Days of Holiday Fire & CO Safety: Daily tips were shared via radio and social media to help everyone enjoy a safe holiday season.

Our goal is simple: educate, protect, and prevent. Thank you for helping us make fire safety a priority!



PUBLIC WORKS

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289 KM

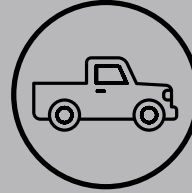
of
Roads
Maintained

(179 km gravel,
101 km surfaced treated,
9 km of asphalt)



2.0 KM

of
Sidewalks
Maintained



12

Licensed
Vehicles



5 pieces

of
Operating
Equipment

(Grader, Loader,
Backhoe, etc.)

ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

The Villiers Line microsurfacing project, covering 6.2 km, was successfully completed in 2025.

PUBLIC WORKS

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Equipment Maintenance



4

Tandem Plows



1

Half Tons



6

Fire Trucks



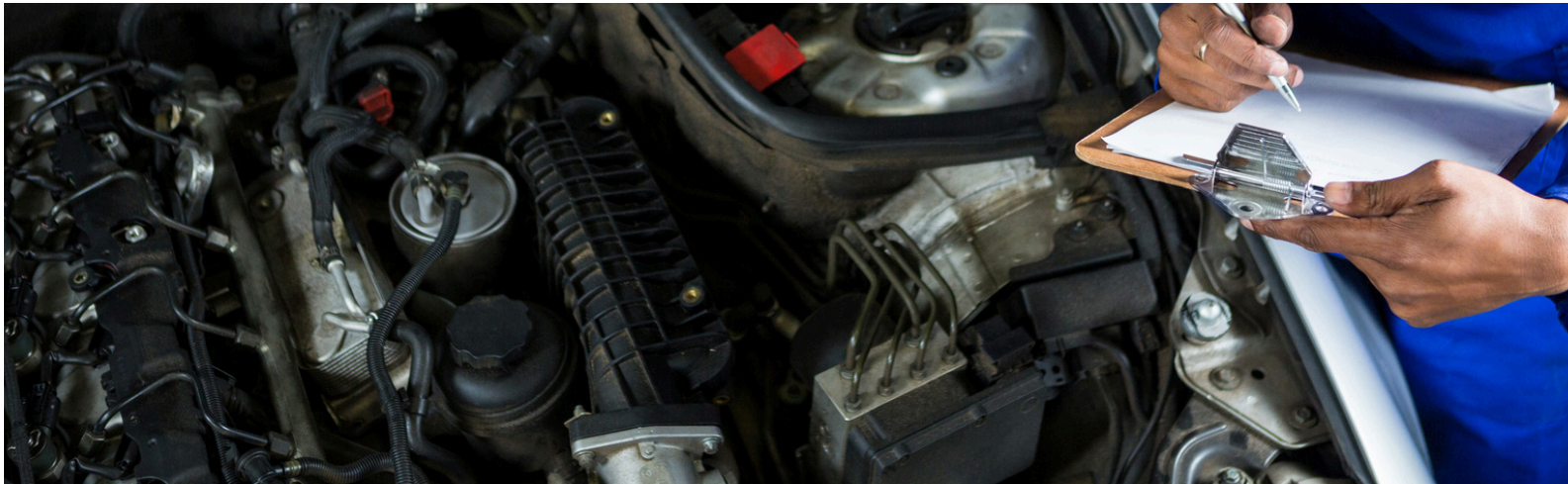
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Calcium Truck



78

Day to Day
Maintenance



Road Maintenance

- Regravelling of 40 lane km of gravel roads
- Regular grading of gravel roads, including calcium chloride application for dust control
- Replacement of outdated road signage
- Tree removal & roadside brushing along 125 lane km
- Cutting, chipping of hazardous, dead and ice-storm damaged trees across 152 lane km
- Cold patching on surface-treated roads, as required
- Ditching improvements covering 8.2 lane km
- Replacement of 15 cross culverts
- Seasonal road sweeping operations
- Ongoing winter road maintenance



WASTE

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Curbside Collection



1011.21

Tonnes of
Waste Material



Waste Transfer Station Collection



239.05

Tonnes of
Waste Material



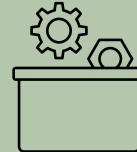
90.41

Tonnes of
Waste Material



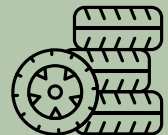
304

Tonnes of
Brush



144

Tonnes of
Scrap Metal



3.72

Tonnes of
Tires

PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITIES

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Otonabee Memorial Community Centre

Rentals **68** Hours **397**



OMCC - Recreation

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Public Skating | Ice Rentals | Curling | Pickleball |
| 4 hrs Per week | 1764 Hours | 338 Hours | 112 Hours |



Stewart Hall

Rentals **45** Hours **241**



Baseball Diamond Rentals

| | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Keene | McIntyre Park | Squirrel Creek |
| 120.5 Hours | 184 Hours | 117 Hours |



Maintenance activities performed

Properties **33**



Playground Inspections

Hours **74** Playgrounds **6**

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Several notable projects were completed at the Otonabee Memorial Community Centre (OMCC) in 2025, including finalizing the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, replacing the park's wooden fence with armour stone, refurbishing the entrance sign, installing a new trophy case, and unveiling the Dave Nelson Wall of Honour.



Township of Otonabee-South Monaghan

Dave Nelson Wall of Honour



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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Remembrance Day

A Remembrance Day service was held on November 11 at the Keene Cenotaph, offering a meaningful way to remember our Veterans and Soldiers.

Santa Claus Parade

The annual Keene Lions Santa Claus Parade was held on Saturday, December 13. The theme was '200 Years of Christmas in Keene.'



Canada Day

Keene proudly marked its 200th anniversary on Canada Day with a celebration full of excitement complete with a parade, followed by festivities at OSM Fire Station 1.

Pumpkin Fest

The 18th annual Keene Pumpkin Fest was held on Saturday, October 18. A full day of family fun, with pumpkins, vendors, contests, live music, delicious food, and so much more!

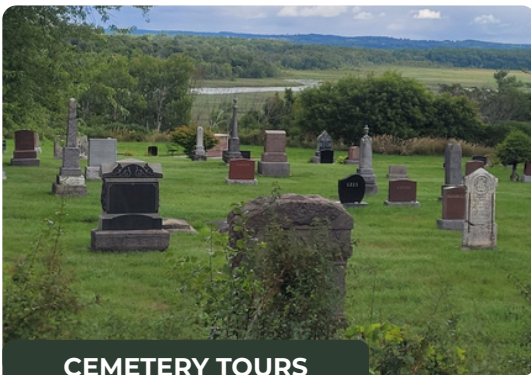


KEENE 200

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2025 marked the 200th anniversary of Keene. We extend our sincere thanks to the Keene 200 Committee for planning and delivering a full year of meaningful commemorative events.



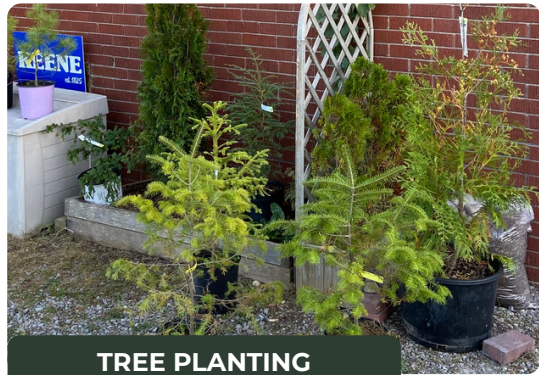
CEMETERY TOURS



WALKING TOURS



QUILT DISPLAY



TREE PLANTING



MAYOR'S LEVEE

