

Moving Forward Together

March 2026 Township Update

Dear Islanders,

March is always one of the busiest months of the year for the township. While winter is still very much with us on Drummond Island, behind the scenes there is a lot of work happening as we prepare to close out one fiscal year and begin the next.

This month includes the Board of Review Appeal sessions, where residents can discuss and appeal their property assessments. It's an important part of the process that ensures fairness and transparency in how property values are determined. March also brings our Annual Budget Hearing, which will be held March 21st at 10:00 AM. This is where we review the township's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year and ensure we are planning responsibly for the services and projects our community depends on.

Because March is the final month of the township's fiscal year, a lot of our focus right now is on closing out current projects and preparing to launch new initiatives. I'm excited to say that as we step into the new fiscal year, we have already laid the groundwork for several efforts focused on strengthening our community and bringing people together.

One of the things I'm most excited about is the launch of our first Community Days, which will take place Saturday, May 2nd. The goal of this event is simple: bring island residents together to work on volunteer projects that help improve our community. We will be coordinating with several local organizations to identify opportunities where people can lend a hand. Volunteers will be able to sign up for projects that match their interests and abilities. I'd also like to thank the Drummond Island Homemakers, who have generously volunteered to prepare the food for the event. It's shaping up to be a great day of community involvement.

In the coming months, we will also be launching a Township Logo Contest. The goal is to create a consistent and recognizable identity for the township that can be used across official materials, signage, and communications. We want this to be a community-driven effort, and we're looking forward to seeing the creativity that comes from our residents.

Another exciting step forward is a grant application submitted to the Chippewa-Mackinac-Luce Conservation District to create a native plant and tree garden at the Veterans Memorial. The goal of this project is to enhance the memorial space while incorporating native plants that support the local ecosystem and reflect the natural beauty of our island. We will share more information once we hear whether the grant has been awarded.

Finally, the township board is moving forward with plans to convert the current ice rink area into four pickleball courts. I want to emphasize that this project will not eliminate the ice rink. The space will continue to serve as an ice rink during the winter months, while providing a recreational opportunity during the warmer seasons. Pickleball has become an incredibly popular activity across many communities, and we believe this will be a great addition that encourages more residents to get outside and stay active.

A major focus for the township this year is building community togetherness. Drummond Island has always been a place where neighbors support neighbors, and we want to create more opportunities for people to connect, volunteer, and take pride in the place we all call home.

Thank you to everyone who continues to stay involved, attend meetings, volunteer, and share ideas. Your engagement helps guide the work we do as a township board.

As always, I look forward to continuing to move forward together.

Krystal Truax

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