New exhibit: Trailblazing at the Waterloo Region Museum

What has it meant to be a woman in Canada throughout our 150-year history? This national travelling exhibit, created and toured by the Waterloo Region Museum, explores how women have transformed Canadian politics, work, and everyday life.

Trailblazing highlights the experiences of women – mothers, sisters, daughters, partners, and friends – from all walks of Canadian life.

There is no typical experience of a woman in this country. The nation is culturally and ethnically diverse, and shaped by geographic conditions.

Since Confederation in 1867, women have challenged the laws and policies that restricted their lives, demanding equality and better conditions for themselves and for future generations.

Come learn about women’s lives from the past and how they have shaped Canadian lives today. Discover the work that still needs to be done to achieve equality for women in Canada.

2018 budget: Tell us what Regional services you value

The Region is looking for feedback from residents on service levels in the 2018 budget. Community members can share their ideas by attending a public meeting or online through www.engageregionofwaterloo.ca.

Starting October 3, residents can visit the budget feedback area on the Region’s community engagement site to tell us which Regional services they value for the upcoming budget. Regional Council wants to know if the Region’s service levels are meeting community needs.

Feedback from online discussions and public meetings will help inform future investment in Regional services. Citizens are welcome to attend public input meetings scheduled for November 22 and December 5, 2017 at 6 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Have questions about Regional services and how the budget works? Go to www.regionofwaterloo.ca/2018budget to watch a short video about how we invest in the future.
Now is a great time to plan your winter getaway!

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Yield to motorists in all lanes of the roundabout because they have the right-of-way.

www.GoRoundabout.ca

Working together: Southern Ontario Airport Network

By 2043 southern Ontario will be home to 15.5 million people. Demand for air travel is expected to reach 110 million trips annually.

Experts estimate that Toronto Pearson Airport will have 70 million passengers a year by the year 2030. To address this growth, the Southern Ontario Airport Network (SOAN) was launched earlier this year. The Region of Waterloo International Airport (YKF) is one of 11 airports working together to share information and support the growing demand. SOAN provides a setting to share information, address issues and understand opportunities.

YKF is in a great position to play a larger role in the airport network. As the tenth largest urban area in Canada, our population is expected to reach 835,000 by 2041. Today, the airport captures only five per cent of the 2.5 million trips made by people living in Waterloo Region each year. More flights would allow guests currently using Toronto to fly from home.

Visit www.soairportnetwork.com for more information about the Southern Ontario Airport Network.

Phase One of the Region of Waterloo International Airport 20-Year Airport Master Plan is now underway.
Sleep and your new baby sessions: reserve your spot today!

Are you the parent of a baby under three months? Do you know someone who is? The Sleep and Your New Baby sessions at Ontario Early Years Centres across the region is something you won’t want to miss!

In the early days with a newborn, sleep is something that is constantly on the minds of parents; both for their baby and themselves. Parents will leave this one and half hour session knowing how they can help their baby sleep and what they can do when their baby is fussy or crying.

Parents who have attended the session said they learned something new and would recommend it to others.

Families can register online (http://www.earlyyearsinfo.ca/sleep-sessions.html) or call 519-575-4400 for more information.

Right Call Right Care

Have you ever found yourself wondering if you should call 911 but you weren’t sure if it was necessary? The “Right Call Right Care” campaign was developed to help people explore other healthcare options that are available. These options could result in quicker and more appropriate care for the patient while allowing paramedics to be available for life-threatening emergencies such as chest pain and shortness of breath.

Although calling 911 would seem to be the quickest way to get care, ambulance transport does not guarantee a faster response at the hospital. Patients are assessed regardless of how they arrive and are seen according to their condition. With this in mind, residents of Waterloo Region are encouraged to consider other and sometimes more appropriate care for their needs including calling your primary care provider, calling Telehealth Ontario, going to a walk-in clinic, visiting a pharmacy and exploring self-care at home. Taking time to explore other options prior to calling 911 will allow our paramedics to be available when needed most. If you are experiencing chest pain, shortness of breath or symptoms of stroke, 911 is always the right call.

www.regionofwaterloo.ca/RightCall

Public Access Defibrillator Program

Be the link, Actions save lives

Early Recognition
Early Access
Early CPR
Early Defibrillation
Continued Care

For more information about the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Short Term Loaner Program or to find out how you can place a Permanent AED in your facility, contact us:

Tel: 519–575–4400 ext. 8711
PADprogram@regionofwaterloo.ca
www.regionofwaterloo.ca/PAD
New Directions coming in 2018

GRT is building a better, faster transit network centred on ION light rail.

Key initiatives in GRT’s New Directions plan:
- Seamless connections to ION
- New express routes running on key corridors
- More frequent service on busy routes
- More direct routes supporting a grid network
- Fast and convenient electronic fare payment
- More comfortable rides, stops and stations

Bus route changes ahead

ION light rail service will start next year, and it will mean a whole new transit experience for GRT riders.

When light rail service starts, many GRT bus routes will change. Some routes will shift to connect directly to ION stations, while other routes will run more directly and more often between important destinations. We’re also proposing some new routes and service to new areas.

Most routes in the central transit corridor, southwest Kitchener and north Waterloo will see changes.

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We want your feedback!

To see how your route may change in 2018, visit www.grt.ca/newdirections. You’ll find a link where you can comment on the proposed changes.

All proposed changes are subject to Regional Council approval.
Getting ready for light rail transit

Stay safe around ION light rail transit:

- **Overhead wires are live. Look up, stay clear and stay safe.**
- **Obey new signage. Tracks are for trains. Do not stop or park on the LRT tracks.**
- **Stay alert. Safety begins with you!**

**ION testing**

**Did you know?**

Before launching ION, the light rail transit (LRT) system and the trains must be thoroughly tested.

The first area where ION trains will be tested is on the LRT tracks between Conestoga Mall and the Erb/Caroline intersection; this is called the ION test track.

While the trains are in their testing phase, they will not run on a schedule and will be moving slowly at times. As testing progresses, the speed of the trains will increase until they begin to test at operational speeds. Eventually, ION trains will travel on sections outside of the test track area.

ION trains run on electricity and may not always be heard against typical street noise. Motorists, pedestrians and cyclists should treat ION trains with the same caution as any other vehicle. Always cross at designated crossings and stay alert.

For more information about ION, and to download an ION safety brochure, please visit: [www.GRT.ca/ION](http://www.GRT.ca/ION).

**ION service**

Once all testing is complete and the ION LRT system is fully functional, passenger service will begin in 2018.

Find more safety tips online at: [www.GRT.ca/ION](http://www.GRT.ca/ION)
See you at the library

New to the Region of Waterloo Library (RWL) this season is the Tails with Tales eight-week program. Register now for your 15 minutes to read, pet and cuddle with a dog! This pilot program is in partnership with the KW Humane Society.

Other fall features include: family game nights, a family pumpkin carving contest and reading sessions with local hockey teams.

Popular programming like early literacy programs, monthly book clubs, movies for kids and adults as well as adult tech programs fill up fast so register now!

Life-long readers of all ages are invited to access information, explore passions and experience creative programming at the RWL.

Not a member yet? Membership is free, easy and has its privileges.

Members can place holds on current and upcoming items like bestsellers, request an item through interlibrary loan, access online services and traditional print material in 10 branches and four pop-up library locations. Register to participate in free programs and events too.

Become a member today! Learn more at www.rwlibrary.ca.

The RWL services Wilmot, North Dumfries, Wellesley and Woolwich townships. In addition, members can access joint borrowing between the City libraries: Kitchener Public Library (www.kpl.org), Waterloo Public Library (www.wpl.ca) and Idea Exchange (www.ideaexchange.org).

Do you need a space for rehearsals, performances, meetings, launches, special events or an exhibit?

Do you have a space that could be used creatively?

SpaceFinder Waterloo Region is a FREE matchmaking tool for renters (artists, creative types, event planners, etc.) looking for creative space, and venues looking to promote their spaces.

Visit https://waterlooregion.spacefinder.org for more information and/or to find or list a space.
YouthForce wraps up second year in community housing neighbourhoods

YouthForce has wrapped up another successful year helping teens and young adults become champions in their community housing neighbourhoods.

The summer employment program gives youth aged 14 to 25 the opportunity to work in their neighbourhoods while building skills for their future careers.

“It was so well-received in its first year that we grew the program this year,” said Mina Fayez-Bahgat, Manager in Housing Services. “We were able to do clean ups and unit inspections for other affordable housing providers, not just Region-owned housing.”

“This program was also key to our partners’ receiving $500,000 in private grants to open and expand their community centres,” he said.

YouthForce is part of a Regional strategy to help break the cycle of poverty and create healthy and vibrant neighbourhoods.

Having youth complete unit inspections also led to savings for the Region last year. “With these resources, we were able to do nearly a year’s worth of work in seven weeks,” said Fayez-Bahgat.

Region partners with Rogers to offer discounted internet to low-income homes

Over 12,000 people living in community housing owned by the Region of Waterloo can now get high-speed internet for $9.99 a month.

The Region and Rogers partnered to launch Connected for Success, a program that will give everyone living in Waterloo Region Housing the discounted rate.

Last year, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission declared high speed internet essential to a person’s quality of life.

You are invited to the Sunnyside Wellness Centre open house!

You are invited to the Sunnyside Wellness Centre open house! October 19 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. 247 Franklin Street North, Kitchener, Ontario

- Get 25% off your annual fitness membership
- Meet our team of health care professionals and learn more about our services:
  - Personal fitness coaching
  - Hydrotherapy
  - Massage therapy
  - Physiotherapy (including government funded)
  - Foot care
  - Professionally supervised exercise for older adults
- Enter to win a one month membership, massage or foot care

For more information call 519-896-0805 or visit www.regionofwaterloo.ca/sunnysidewellnesscentre

Thanks to our sponsors!

Big thanks go out to all of the participants and sponsors who helped raise over $21,000 at this year’s Sunnyside Foundation Golf Tournament! All proceeds will go towards enhancing programs and services for older adults.

Special thanks to:
- ProResp
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519-748-1914
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519-742-7752
Visit our 1816 farmstead and living history museum.

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89 Grand Avenue South, Cambridge, Ontario
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MUSEUMS

On exhibit now to January 7, 2018

Come learn about women’s lives from the past and how they have shaped Canadian lives today. Discover the work that still needs to be done to achieve equality for women in Canada.

On exhibit now to December 24

Fire and Steel
Folk Artist-in-Residence 2017
Blacksmith – Douglas Morlock

On exhibit now to December 10

PAINT THE GRAND
Exhibit and Silent Auction

Online bidding starts September 30!

Sunday Family Fun Day
Harvest Time
October 8, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day Fall Harvest
October 9, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Museum open to 5 p.m.

Intermediate Blacksmithing Workshop
October 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Journey of a Lifetime exhibit
October 15 to 20

Sunday Family Fun Day - Retro Day
October 15, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Halloween Party
October 28, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Sunday Family Fun Day - Scary Boo Fun
October 29, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Entefest (Harvest Festival)
October 6 to 8, 11 to 15

Seniors’ Day
October 26
Free Admission for those 55 years of age and older.

Brews and Beverages
October 14 to 15

Goldsmithing for Blacksmith Class
October 21 to 22, $225

Make a Beaded Strawberry Workshop, by Naomi Smith,
a First Nations Artisan and Educator
October 28, 12:30 to 4 p.m., $85

Historic Open Hearth Cooking
October 28, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., $90

Talk - The Devil is in the Details:
A Survey of Scottish Witch Hunts,
by Joanna Rickert-Hall
October 19, 7 p.m.

Musician-in-Residence Concert
Ghouls and Gals
October 26, 7 to 9 p.m.

Talk - Our Victorian Christmas,
by Karen Richardson
November 16, 7 p.m.

Concert - Ceilidh On!
by Bob MacLean, John Harris
and Gwen Potter
November 23, 7 to 9 p.m., $10

Wreath Making Workshop
November 26, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.
Call to register, $35

Museum Highlights
Visit our website for more information

Regular business hours/admission applies unless noted. All prices subject to HST. Events with listed prices require advanced registration.

TTY: 519-575-4048  www.regionofwaterloo.ca/museums

This project is funded in part by the Government of Canada
Department of Canadian Heritage / Museums Assistance Program
The Region was recognized for its ongoing efforts to create a long-term management plan for its biosolids. WEAO praised the Region’s work educating the public on the project and involving them in the decision-making process as key reasons for receiving the award.

Work will continue into next spring on developing the Biosolids Strategy. Planning and Works Chair Tom Galloway receives the award on behalf of the Region alongside Water Services Director Nancy Kodousek. Visit www.regionofwaterloo.ca/biosolids for more information and upcoming opportunities to provide your input.

Residents jump on board with new waste services

New waste services launched March 6. In the past six months, our residents have taken a large GREEN jump forward.

In May, we collected 2,131 tonnes of green bin material compared to 776 tonnes in May 2016. This was the highest monthly amount ever in the history of the green bin.

By month five, more green bin material had been collected than ALL of the previous years! At the end of six months, green bin amounts have increased 124 per cent compared to last year. Blue box use also increased by 13 per cent.

Any concern about waste changes seems to have been replaced with, “I have a hard time filling even one garbage bag every two weeks!” We are making major strides in recycling with the green bin and blue box and the environment is the biggest winner. “Recycling is something each one of us can do to help the environment,” said Nyle Ludolph, Father of the blue box, when the first ever program was launched here in 1983.

Thank you to our residents for leading these changes. It has only been six months and another new waste culture has begun.

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Changes in recycling habits for the first six months of new waste services

- 124% increase in green bin
- 13% increase in blue box
- 11% increase in green box
- 22% decrease in waste

Winter salt impacts water

Whether you call it salt, ice melter, or de-icer, even if it’s labeled “environmentally-friendly”, there’s a good chance it contains chloride. Chloride in salt and other de-icers impacts water.

This winter before spreading salt – or any de-icing product – make sure to clear the snow first. Only use a little salt or de-icer on icy areas and give it time to work. Learn more at www.curbthesalt.ca.

Planning and Works Chair Tom Galloway receives the award on behalf of the Region alongside Water Services Director Nancy Kodousek.

Salt impacts our water. CURB THE SALT

We all have a role to play.
Valet Car Wash wins Water Efficiency Excellence Award

The Region of Waterloo would like to congratulate Valet Car Wash for winning the latest annual Water Efficiency Excellence Award. Valet Car Wash has a location on Victoria Street in Kitchener and another on Eagle Street in Cambridge.

At the Kitchener location, a water recovery system was installed, while water softeners were replaced at the Cambridge location.

With over 120,000 vehicles being washed each year between the sites, both projects led to significant water savings. Valet now saves over 27,000 litres of water each day thanks to these changes. That is enough water to supply the needs of 45 households every day.

“Wealth Car Wash was proactive in looking into their water use and contacting me about ways to be more conservative and lower their bills,” said Region technologist Wayne Brabazon. “The Region helped them with over $10,000 in funding for the water they’ll save long-term on both projects.”

The Region’s Water Efficient Technology (WET) program provides information, funding and technical support to help local businesses and institutions reduce their water use.

For more information, please call 519-575-4400, ext. 3558 or visit www.regionofwaterloo.ca/conservation.

Have you done your home water audit yet?

The WET Challenge program was launched by the Region of Waterloo in 2015 with the goal of helping residents reduce their daily personal water consumption to 165 litres. From water softeners to toilets, there are so many ways we use water in our homes. The audit program was designed to help people reduce their water use and conserve our community’s water resources.

Participants are provided with a full report on all water fixtures in their home and shown where opportunities to reduce water use might exist. A number of online resources are also provided.

A review of the program showed that those who completed audits in 2015 were saving an average of 86 litres per person per day.

“With the changes our family has made along with your recommendations, we have reduced our water consumption dramatically.”

– D.H., Cambridge

Kitchener wastewater upgrades continue

For the last several years, work has been going on at the Kitchener wastewater treatment plant to reduce odours, improve the quality of water going back into the river and make the plant more efficient and reliable. This is important work that takes time and will continue for the next few years, but we’re already seeing improvement in the quality of water going back into the Grand River.

With this ongoing construction project, we are doing our best to be good neighbours by ensuring the work ends by 5 p.m. each day and weekend work is limited.

There have been permanent changes to reduce odours, including the removal of the lagoons. The Region will continue to consult with neighbours and address any issues as they arise throughout the project. The end result will be a clean, efficient plant that is a good asset for the community.

Environews - Fall 2017
Waste changes: the launch, surprises and suggestions

The launch

Unprecedented participation rate 90%

Residents were on board from the very first week. We didn’t just adjust, we adopted waste reduction.

Green bins were flying out the door, and there was an immediate spike in green bin recycling.

Waste staff were out in many neighbourhoods for the first month. They were there to help residents, but what happened was remarkable. Residents cheered us on with positive encouragement and recycling tips!

The surprises

Resident love their bins being stacked!

A wind storm in week two revealed how packing the blue box can reduce litter:

Crush containers and pack them tight into the Containers Only blue box;
Secure loose paper in a grocery bag and tie all plastic bags into one bag and put these bags into the Papers Only blue box.

There may be a few hours between trucks: Trucks stay to the right when collecting and may loop onto the next street before coming back to do the other side of your street.

A second shift was added to our Materials Sorting Centre to handle the increase in blue box materials!

Curbside by 7 a.m:
Many things, such as construction, can change collection times on your street. Avoid missed collection and have all items at the curb by 7 a.m.

A hit!
Watch for the 2018 Waste Calendar next January.

Suggestions and solutions

With such extensive changes, we’ve also heard of some challenges:

Blue box sorting is important.
Recyclers require well sorted materials, i.e. paper cannot be mixed in with containers.

Use a liner! Liners help stop food from sticking to the bin. Stuck food is hard to empty.

New green binners weathered the hot summer like champs! Tips shared: add extra newspaper to absorb liquids and prevent odours; freeze meat until collection day; empty and rinse green bin often.

More recycling and less garbage. We’ve got this! After all, we are home of the Blue Box!
Waste: Get involved

What do turkey bones, Jack-o-lanterns and paper plates have in common? They can all go into the green bin!

Tour the Waterloo Waste site

Saturday, October 21

Bring the whole family on a free one hour bus tour. See the recycling centre, landfill, climb into the trucks and meet the falconer. Starts at our garage, 1516 Glasgow Street, Kitchener. Call 519-575-4400 to book.

Yard waste collection 2017

For fall loose leaf collection

Call your city for details:

City of Cambridge 519-621-0740
City of Kitchener 519-741-2345
City of Waterloo 519-886-2310

Education Centre bookings

The Environmental Education Program and tour of the Materials Recycling Centre and Landfill is accepting bookings for 2017/2018 school year, with a focus on grades 3, 5, 7, 9-11.

Call 519-575-4400 for more information.

Recycling flyers in other languages are available on our website, www.regionofwaterloo.ca/waste under Publications.

Water system upgrades for west Cambridge

The Region of Waterloo is improving the way we get water to your neighbourhood in west Cambridge. Now is a great opportunity to make changes to the water system as we plan the community’s future. The water distribution system has many parts working together to deliver water to your taps. The Region owns and operates groundwater wells, treatment plants, reservoirs, pumping stations and transmission mains, and the City of Cambridge is responsible for delivering water to residents. Each part is very important in ensuring you have clean, safe water when you need it.

The work in west Cambridge will answer a number of questions related to the Region’s parts of the system, such as:

- How can we optimize the water supply from the existing Blair Road wells?
- Where will a new water tower go to provide enough storage in the future?
- What improvements are needed to the current infrastructure?
- Where will new transmission watermains be needed in the future?

At the end of the project, west Cambridge residents can look forward to an efficient water distribution system that meets their needs for years to come.

Contact Nicole Sapeta at nsapeta@regionofwaterloo.ca for more information.

Groundwater festival: sponsors needed!

The Waterloo Wellington Children’s Groundwater Festival needs sponsors in order to keep providing fun-filled water education to Grade 2 – 5 students each spring. The annual festival has educated over 90,000 local students in its 22-year existence.

Each year, nearly 5,000 students attend the event at Doon Heritage Village to learn about water conservation, protection, treatment and other topics through over 50 hands-on activity centres. Each of these centres require materials and trained volunteers to convey the message. All of the students need to be bussed to the site and fed, one example of the many costs involved in putting on such an ambitious and important event.

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Anyone who would like more information about the festival, how to get involved or how to sponsor it, can contact Susan Reid at 519-748-1914 or visit www.wwcaf.com.

Holiday collection changes

No collection December 25 or January 1. New days for those two weeks.

Christmas tree collection

January 2 to 6 and 8 to 12, 2018 on your collection days.

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