

COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

September 30, 2026

1. **C-2026-229**
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OCTOBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

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Hours:

Monday & Thursday:
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday:
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Sunday:
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TD Summer Reading Club Bookmark Contest Entries

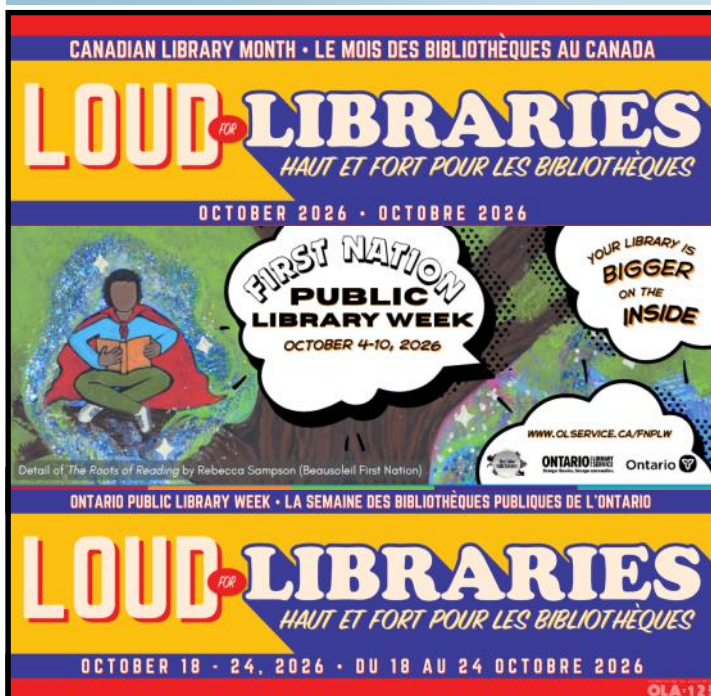
Bookmarks will be available for Canadian Library Month!



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New and exciting things are happening at the Wainfleet Township Public Library!



October is Canadian Library Month! During this month, libraries and library partners across Canada raise awareness of the valuable role libraries play in Canadians' lives. More than just a place to find books, libraries promote cultural awareness, engage in the community, provide educational programs, support freedom of expression and so much more.

In Ontario, the first week of October is First Nation Public Library Week. This year it takes place from October 4 to 10. First Nation Public Library Week was initiated in 2000 by Indigenous libraries. There are 46 public libraries on First Nation communities in Ontario. Check out the display in the library of our newest Indigenous titles.

The third week of October is Ontario Public Library Week. This year it takes place from October 18 to 24 and the theme is "Loud for Libraries."

One-on-One Computer Training



First hour FREE!
\$10 per hour thereafter

1-hour training sessions can be tailored to a program or topic of your choice.

Contact library staff for more information!

Visiting Library Service

Are you or someone you know unable to visit the Library due to health reasons and/or physical limitations? The Library offers a visiting Library service designed specifically for those who cannot come to the Library. For further information or to schedule deliveries to your home, please call the Library at 905-899-1277.



Wainfleet Township Public Library is part of Libraries in Niagara Cooperative (LiNC)

LiNC is a partnership of many Niagara public library systems to share resources and a catalogue system called Evergreen.

LiNC Public Libraries include: Lincoln Pelham, Fort Erie, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Thorold, Grimsby, Welland, Port Colborne, West Lincoln and Wainfleet.

If you have a Wainfleet Township Public Library Card you are automatically a LiNC cardholder. You can visit any LiNC library and borrow in person, or you can place holds and have items sent to Wainfleet for pick up. Items can be returned to any of the LiNC Libraries. Books and audiobooks can be borrowed for 3 weeks; magazines and DVDs can be borrowed for 1 week.

The Library catalogue allows you to search our Library or the entire LiNC catalogue. You can place holds, renew items, create reading lists and track your reading history.

To access the catalogue, go to www.wainfleetlibrary.ca and click on Search the Catalogue. To sign in, enter your library card number and your password is either the last 4 digits or last 7 digits of your phone number.

 Sign In

 CARD NUMBER

Library Card Number

 PASSWORD

Last 4 or 7 digits of phone #

☐ Stay signed in

Sign in

PROGRAMS

Bookmark Contest - October 1 - 31

Pick up a contest entry form and begin designing your Remembrance Day bookmark. Winning bookmarks will be available the first week of November and handed out at this year's Remembrance Day celebration. Entries must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. October 31.



Time for Tots and Craft - Thursday, October 8, 15 & 22 from 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Join us for stories, songs, activities and crafts for tots ages 4 months to 4 years and their caregivers. Spaces are limited, please register by Monday, October 5.



Drop-In Lego Club - Saturday, October 10, 17, 24 & 31 from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Join us from October to March on Saturdays for Lego Club! Bring your friends and family and build with our awesome Lego collection. This program will run on a drop-in basis (children must be supervised by their parents / caregivers).



Service Canada In Your Community - Thursday, October 15 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Service Canada will be in your community to help you apply for and answer questions you may have about the following programs and services: Canada Disability Benefit (CDB), Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP), Old Age Security (OAS), Employment Insurance (EI). Social Insurance Number and valid photo ID needed for some services. Visit Canada.ca for a complete list of required documents to bring with you.



Homeschool Craft - Friday, October 16 at 1:00 or 2:15 p.m. or Monday, October 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us for one of these crafting programs just for our homeschool families. Project details can be found in the registration form. Registration required and closes 2 days before the program.



Monster Square Paint Night - Monday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us and create a spooky monster painting. This program is for all ages, children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration required and closes 2 days before the program.



2-Day Book Sale - Tuesday, October 20 & Wednesday, October 21 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

We've recently gone through the library's collection and weeded out items that have not circulated to make room for new books! Pop in and find a book for your collection or fill a bag for \$5.

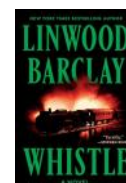
BOOK SALE



Thursday Afternoon Book Club - Thursday, October 22 at 2:00 p.m.

This month's book is *Whistle* by Linwood Barclay.

Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.



One Book One Niagara - Thursday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening with Kristen Ciccarelli as we celebrate this year's One Book, One Niagara selection, *A Dark Forgetting*. This event is taking place at West Niagara Secondary School, 5699 King Street, Lincoln. Book Club Discussion: 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Author Talk: 7:00 p.m. Book Signing: Following the event and Grimsby Books will be selling copies of *A Dark Forgetting*, giving attendees the opportunity to purchase a copy and have it signed by Kristen Ciccarelli. [Register here.](#)



Patron Appreciation Day - Friday, October 23 from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This year we're giving away Wainfleet Township Public Library decals. Pop in and pick one up!

Drop-in Fall Crafts (PA Day) - Monday, October 26 from 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Come to the library with your friends and family and make some crafts with us.

This program will run on a drop-in basis (children must be supervised by their parents / caregivers).

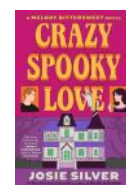


Trick-or-Treat @ Your Library - Saturday, October 31 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Pop in anytime on October 31st, show off your costume and pick up a treat from the library.

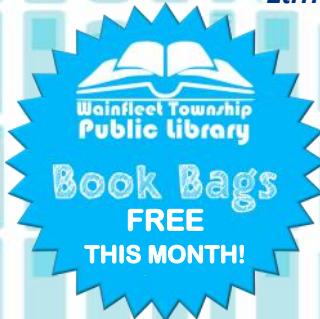
Monday Evening Book Club - Monday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m.

Please note our October Book Club meeting has been moved to the First Monday in November due to the election. This month's book is *Crazy Spooky Love* by Josie Silver. Each participant will be loaned a copy of the current book. Registration is required.



In celebration of Canadian Library Month we will be giving out a FREE Wainfleet Library bag at your first check out this October. Stop in and see us and pick up your free bag while supplies last.

Limit 1 per patron.



We are a FamilySearch affiliate library!

Access FamilySearch from any of the library's public computers or via WTPL wifi for a vast collection of records, resources and services designed to help you learn more about your family history. Build your family tree today!



Discover Your Family's HISTORY

ancestry
Library Edition

Available @ your local library branch

E-RESOURCES

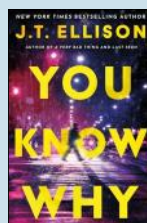
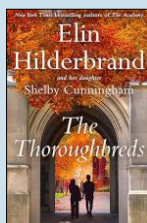
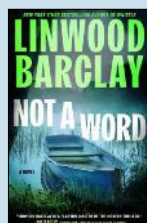
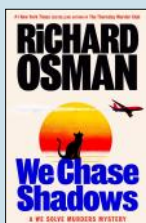
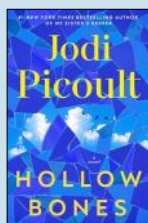
Find these e-resources on the front page of www.wainfleetlibrary.ca





NEW LIBRARY MATERIALS

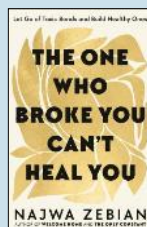
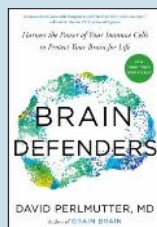
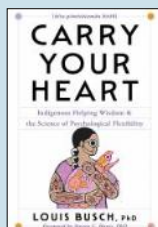
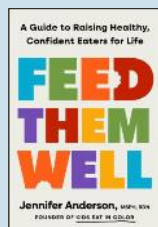
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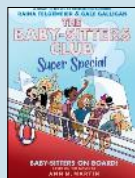
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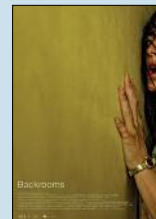
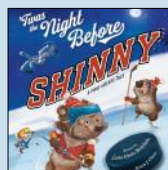
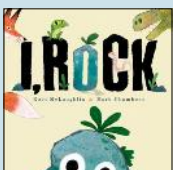
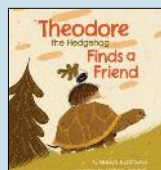
Adult Non-Fiction Books



Juvenile & YP Fiction Books



Juvenile Picture Books





MISSION STATEMENT

The Wainfleet Township Public Library cultivates a welcoming and vibrant environment that serves and enriches our community.

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Trustee

Library Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of February, April, May, June, September, October, November and December and are open to the public.

October 2026

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18	19 10:30 a.m. Homeschool Craft 6 p.m. Paint Night	20 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Book Sale	21 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Book Sale	22 10:30 a.m. Time for Tots and Craft 2 p.m. Afternoon Book Club 6 p.m. One Book One Niagara	23 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Patron Appreciation Day	24 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Lego Club
25	26 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Drop-in Fall Crafts	27	28	29	30 Bookmark Contest Ends Tomorrow	31  10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Trick-or-Treat 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Lego Club

Subject: You're Invited | Beyond the Games – Niagara's Sport Legacy in Action | Sat. Oct. 17'26

From: Vittoria Wikston <vwikston@sportniagara.ca>

Sent: September 24, 2026 3:28 PM

To: Amber Chrastina <AChrastina@wainfleet.ca>; achambers@lincoln.ca; bravazzolo@pelham.ca; ccampbell@niagarafalls.ca; kelia@niagarafalls.ca; dkelley@forterie.ca; Jacquie Thrower <jthrower@westlincoln.ca>; jhughes@stcatharines.ca; Whitty, Brianne <bwhitty@stcatharines.ca>; Gail Todd <Gail.Todd@portcolborne.ca>; rball-condron@grimsby.ca; Tessa Buonocore <tessa.buonocore@thorold.ca>; theresa.ettorre@welland.ca; Sonia Simoes <Sonia.simoes@notl.com>; Christie New <christie.new@notl.com>

Subject: You're Invited | Beyond the Games – Niagara's Sport Legacy in Action | Sat. Oct. 17'26



While we appreciate that the municipal elections are weeks away, we would appreciate if this invitation could still be kindly distributed to the Mayors and Council for their attendance consideration.

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Celebrating where we've been. Sharing where we are. Imagining where we're going.

Sport Niagara is pleased to invite you to **Beyond the Games – Niagara's Sport Legacy in Action**, a special gathering on **Saturday, October 17 at Canada Games Park commencing at 1:30pm.**

Four years after the Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games, the impact of those Games continues to be felt across our region. Beyond the Games will bring together partners, community leaders and members of Niagara's sport community to celebrate that legacy while turning our attention to what comes next.

We are especially pleased to welcome the **Honourable Brian Saunderson, Ontario's Minister of Sport**, who will join us to bring greetings and help mark this next chapter in Niagara's evolving sport story.

This will be an opportunity to reconnect, experience some of the exciting work happening in our community today, and share in Sport Niagara's vision for the continued growth of sport, inclusion and event hosting across the region.

We hope you'll join us as the legacy continues.

Please see the attached invitation for event details and RSVP information. We kindly ask that you [RSVP](#) by Friday, October 9, 2026.



We look forward to welcoming you on October 17.

Thank you,

Vittoria

Vittoria Wikston
Marketing/Comm's & Events

Cell | [905.321.5979](tel:905.321.5979)



A note about my working hours: I may send emails outside of traditional business hours. Please know there is no expectation for you to read or respond outside of the hours that work best for you.



The Legacy Continues • You're Invited

Beyond The Games



Niagara's Sport Legacy in Action

Celebrating 2022. Building Today. Imagining 2030.

Join Sport Niagara and our community partners for a special celebration of Niagara's evolving sport story — from the transformational legacy of the Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games to the momentum, opportunities and ambitions shaping the future of sport across our region.

Together, we'll celebrate what 2022 made possible, showcase the continued evolution of Niagara's sport infrastructure and growing event-hosting success, introduce the Niagara Adaptive Sports Hub, and look ahead to an exciting new vision for sport in Niagara.

Saturday, Oct. 17, 2026 • 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Canada Games Park

Outdoor Celebration Plaza & Fieldhouse #4
2021 Canada Games Way, Thorold, ON

* Food & refreshments will be served | Free Parking*

1:00 p.m. | Arrival & Networking

1:30 p.m. | Presentation

2:00 p.m. | Networking & Adaptive Sport

Try-It-Out Experiences

[RSVP Click Here](#) | Please RSVP by Friday, October 9, 2026



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September 25, 2026

CL 16-2026, September 24, 2026

PHSSC 7-2026, September 8, 2026

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Motion Respecting Asbestos Investigation – Former General Motors Site

Regional Council, at its meeting held on September 24, 2026, passed the following motion:

WHEREAS asbestos-containing materials were extensively used throughout the former General Motors manufacturing facility;

WHEREAS the site is subject to a Property Standards Order requiring remediation or demolition, creating the potential for asbestos fibres to become airborne if the site is disturbed;

WHEREAS the City of St. Catharines is responsible for issuing building demolition permits;

WHEREAS The Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) is the primary regulatory agency with the legal jurisdiction, technology and expertise to monitor and identify potential environmental hazards;

WHEREAS Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH) is in direct contact with MECP and will take appropriate action using established, evidence-based scientific methods and public health protocols should evidence of a health hazard be found;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (MLITSD) enforces the Occupational Health and Safety Act with respect to worker safety as well as regulatory requirements for asbestos and hazardous substances management while workers are onsite;

WHEREAS the property owner (BayShore Groups or 2390541 Ontario Inc.) and contractor are responsible for ensuring all applicable regulations and permit requirements are followed throughout the demolition;

WHEREAS residents have shared their concerns to NRPH about the possible health hazards from the site;

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 10 of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*, Niagara Region Public Health is responsible for conducting a human health risk assessment when contaminants are identified as having migrated off-site and may result in public exposure; and

WHEREAS, in such circumstances where contaminants are identified as having migrated off-site and may result in public exposure, Niagara Region Public Health coordinates with the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, as the lead agency, and takes appropriate action in accordance with established, evidence-based scientific methods and public health protocols.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **REQUEST** the Medical Officer of Health to continue working with MECP, Public Health Ontario (PHO), MLITSD and the City of St. Catharines to ensure that if a future health hazard is identified, Niagara Region Public Health (NRPH) can work quickly to reduce the impact to the surrounding neighbourhood and Environmental Health team at NRPH, MECP, the City of St. Catharines, and MLITSD will touch base at least every two weeks;
2. That Niagara Regional Council **REQUEST** the City of St. Catharines to take all reasonable steps within its authority to ensure NRPH is provided notice of demolition and remediation plans and **REQUEST** NRPH review and provide public health feedback prior to demolition or other site disturbances;
3. That Niagara Regional Council **REQUEST** NRPH work with the City of St. Catharines to provide public health FAQs for their external website that are up to date regarding any public health information related to site activities, environmental investigations, remediation efforts, and enforcement actions throughout the Property Standards compliance process; and
4. That copies of this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the City of St. Catharines and its Council, the other local area municipalities within Niagara Region, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, Todd McCarthy; the Ontario Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones; and the local Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament.

Yours truly,

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Ann-Marie Norio

Regional Clerk

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CLK-C 2026-073

cc: Dr. A. Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner, Public Health & Emergency Services
G. Kramer, Executive Assistant, Public Health & Emergency Services

Distribution List:

- City of St. Catharines Council
- Local Area Municipalities
- Ontario Minister of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
- Ontario Minister of Health
- Local Members of Parliament
- Local Members of Provincial Parliament

Sarah Ivins

From: danb_88@icloud.com
Sent: September 25, 2026 3:04 PM
To: Sarah Ivins
Subject: Hessels court parkland fee

September 25, 2026
Mayor and Members of Council,
Hessels Court – \$227,250 Parkland Dedication Fee

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

I am writing on behalf of Hessels Court, an approved 15-lot residential subdivision in the Township of Wainfleet, to respectfully request a significant reduction to the \$227,250 parkland dedication fee or, alternatively, a reasonable payment arrangement that does not require the full amount to be paid upfront.

My name is Dan Bunz, a representative for Hessels Court. Hesselscrt@gmail.com
[9053808348](tel:9053808348)

We understand and respect the Township's responsibility to provide appropriate parkland and recreational opportunities. Our concern is the requirement to pay the entire \$227,250 before the development can proceed.

For 15 lots, this represents approximately \$15,150 per lot as an upfront cost. This is a substantial financial burden at the beginning of a project, before the homes are constructed and before individual lots can generate revenue.

Hessels Court is an approved subdivision, and our objective is to move forward and build these 15 homes. We are asking Council to consider the impact that a large upfront payment has on the ability to proceed with the development.

The Province of Ontario has recognized that municipal development-related costs can be a barrier to housing construction. Through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, Ontario made changes to parkland dedication and other development-related charges to provide greater cost certainty and help housing development proceed more quickly. The Province stated that these measures were intended to help reduce the cost of developing housing.

Niagara Region has also recognized that development costs can affect housing supply and has undertaken initiatives to create incentives intended to increase housing supply and support faster delivery of new homes.

We respectfully ask the Township to consider that same objective with Hessels Court.

Our request is straightforward:

1. That Council consider a significant reduction to the \$227,250 parkland dedication fee; or
2. If a substantial reduction cannot be provided, that the Township allow the fee to be deferred or paid in stages rather than requiring the entire amount upfront.

A reasonable payment arrangement could involve payments as individual lots are developed, building permits are issued, or lots are sold, or another arrangement acceptable to the Township.

We are not asking the Township to eliminate its parkland responsibilities. We are asking for flexibility in either the amount required or the timing of payment so that this approved 15-lot subdivision can move forward.

We believe this would be a practical approach that supports both the Township's interests and the broader objective of getting new housing built in Wainfleet.

We would appreciate the opportunity to meet with Council and Township staff to discuss this request and work toward a reasonable solution.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Daniel Bunz, 905-380-8348

hesselscrt@gmail.com