

Recreation Library

Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands

Rural Recreation Association: Spring Summit

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About Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands

- Rural eastern Ontario community
- 9300 permanent residents
- 5,858 households
- 330 km of roads
- \$80,000 dispersed in community grants
- \$1.8 billion in assessment base
- 613 square km of fire coverage
- \$11 million annual operating expenditures



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Strategic Vision

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The Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands is and will continue to be a friendly and historic rural community surrounded in natural beauty where the economy, nature and our people flourish together		
Sustaining the Natural Environment	Community Development	Creating a more Sustainable Economy
The natural environment – the rivers, lakes, streams, islands and natural landscapes – has been identified as one of the most important contributing factors to the amazing quality of life experienced by Leeds and the Thousand Islands residents. It is critical that the natural environment be protected for the enjoyment of future generations, but also is accessible for all to experience.	People choose to live in Leeds and the Thousand Islands because of the connection they feel with their community. Making improvements to the community, both from a physical, and social and sustainable perspective, will ensure Leeds and the Thousand Islands remains a community where people choose to live.	From a Township perspective, Economic Sustainability is about the creation of a business friendly environment that allows businesses to thrive and for investment opportunities to exist. For Leeds and the Thousand Islands, this includes small business development, tourism and being ready when an investment opportunity comes to the Township.
		

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Community Development in TLTI

- Recreation and leisure programming
- Community events
- Culture and heritage
- Parks development
- Youth engagement
- Age friendly community planning
- Volunteer recruitment and retention
- Community grants
- Building and fostering partnerships
- Special projects



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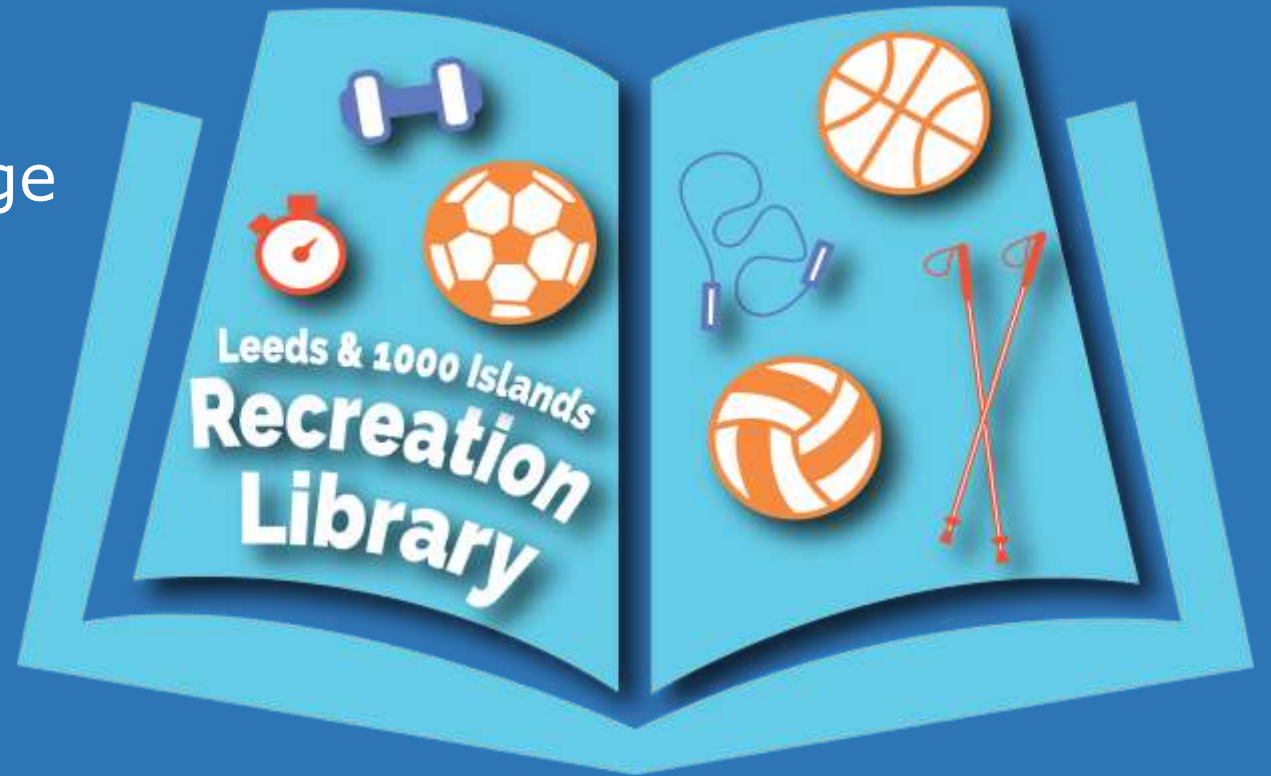
- Improve affordable access to recreation and leisure opportunities
- Promote physical literacy
- Encourage outdoor play and reconnects people with nature
- Supports use of library and their facilities

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Process

- Partnership building
 - LTIPL, Algonquin College
- Funding support
 - RBC, Ont Gov't
- Community assessment
 - Survey, anecdotal
- Risk mitigation
 - Waiver, maintenance



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Process

- Purchasing
 - Multi source
- Cataloguing
 - Enter into library system
- Creating info cards
 - Research, attention to detail
- Promotion
 - Media, flyers
- Launch
 - Open house

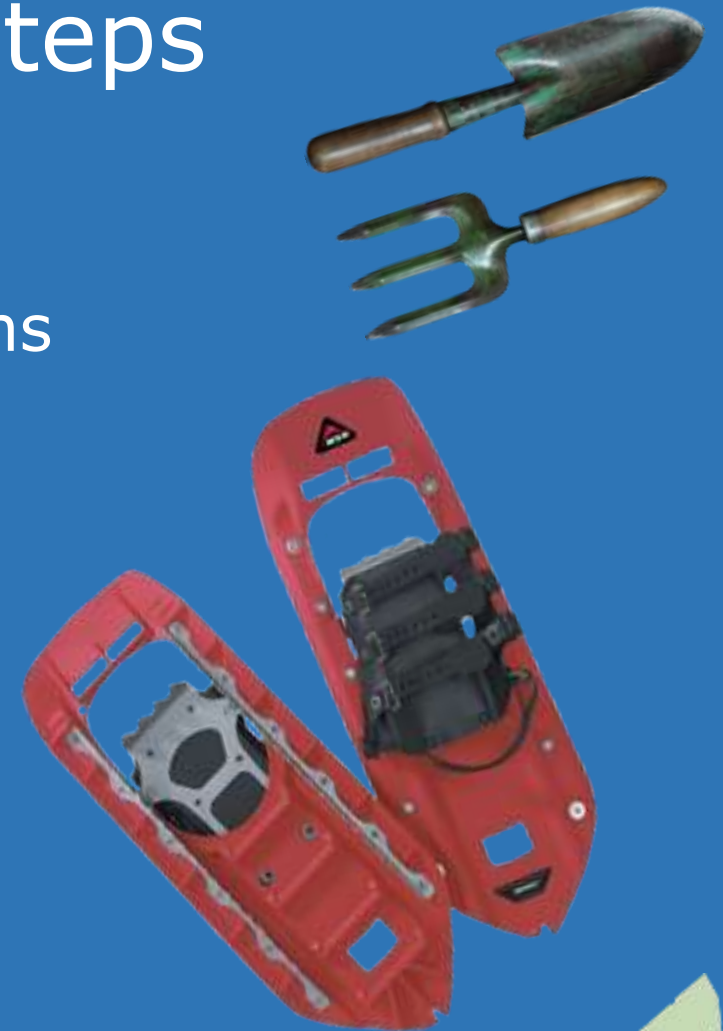


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Success and Next Steps

- More than 600 loans in the first two months
- New equipment purchased by request/on demand
- New and strengthened partnerships



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Questions?
Thank You

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