



Resort Village of Shields

Come Home to the Lake Life

Shield Fall Newsletter 2025

Mayor's Message

As we enjoy the beautiful fall weather, it's bittersweet to see blooming plants go during our fall cleanup. Let's hope for a mild winter ahead!

Elected officials and administrators from the Rural Municipality of Dundurn, the Town of Dundurn, the Resort Village of Shields, and the Resort Village of Thode gathered for a collaborative workshop aimed at enhancing intermunicipal cooperation and fostering a unified vision for the Dundurn region. We currently share important services like Fire, Water and Wastewater as well as operations staff and equipment with Thode and a cost sharing agreement with the RM of Dundurn for Roadways. There may be other services or infrastructure projects which make sense to share, and I look forward to Shields being part of the intermunicipal committee to guide ongoing opportunities for Shields and the region.

This summer, our community had a fantastic time with events like children's programs, pickleball lessons, exercise classes, golf tournaments, Family Day in the park, and the Oktoberfest celebration. A big thank you to our volunteers who made these events possible!

How come there are so many large pieces of Equipment throughout the village?

·The sewer project is progressing well, with main lines installed over the summer and on-lot installations happening this fall and into next year. Both lift stations will also be receiving upgrading over the coming months. We appreciate your patience during this time.

·Our village is growing! We have 2 new homes being built on Mawson Drive and 1 on Sunterra Drive as well as many renovations happening!

·The other project that we are working on is the roadway on Memorial Drive. Memorial Dr. is receiving a much-needed materials enhancement to prevent the frost boils that appear every year. This project is necessary in order to proceed with the S/B 90 road surfacing project that will be happening next year.

With all the growth and ongoing projects, our staff is working hard to keep everything running smoothly. A huge shout-out to the Administration and Operations teams for their dedication!

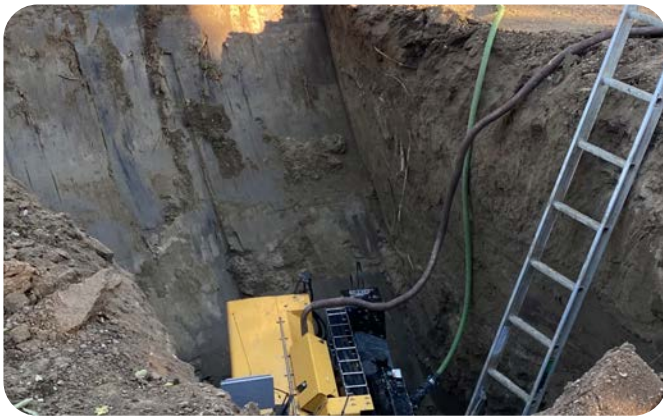
Enjoy what is left of fall and thank you everyone for your participation in making Shields such a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Angela Larson, Mayor
shieldsmayor@gmail.com

Project Update - Low Pressure Sewer System (LPSS)

- The main lines were completed early in September.
- The contractor has completed on-lot work including curb stop installation and tie-ins for Mawson Drive and have started on McMillan Crescent.
- The Administration office is contacting residents as the construction approaches their properties, to discuss connection options and confirm the preferred method of connection. All residents who do not meet the depth requirements and choose to have connection via directionally drilling will be asked to sign the depth consent.
- Onsite assessments are ongoing with the Engineer/Contractor and homeowner.
- When the Contractor is performing the on-lot installs on your street please ensure you are having your septic tanks pumped out regularly, as the contractors cannot complete their work with a full septic tank.
- Please move all vehicles parked on the road allowance as soon as possible, to avoid disrupting the construction workers.
- Thank you for your patience with the temporary road closures, the construction areas will remain closed even when the workers are not present.



Animal Control

The Animal Control Committee would like to remind all residents that dogs and other pets must be kept on a leash at all times while in the Resort Village of Shields.

To help keep our community clean and enjoyable for everyone, please make use of the dog waste bag stations located throughout the village. These stations are available for your convenience - especially if you find yourself without a bag while out walking your pet.

Additionally, we kindly ask that all pet owners register their pets with the Village Office by emailing admin@shields.ca.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Shields safe, clean, and welcoming for all. For more information, the Village's Animal Control Bylaws are available on our website.

Shields Golf Course Information



Linda Ellerington and Kam Barteski - Club Championship tournament winners

As the 2025 golf season comes to a close, the Golf Course Committee would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to all members, sponsors, and volunteers for your support and participation throughout the year. It has been a productive season at Shields, highlighted by strong community involvement, successful events, and important improvements to the course.

At the start of the season, the newly reconstructed 9th tee box opened to golfers, offering a more playable surface and featuring the removal of several

trees to enhance sightlines and overall playability. A new storage shed was also added to support course maintenance operations and improve equipment organization.

This season also saw the completion of two major cart path projects. The new hillside path on Hole 8 has significantly improved accessibility and safety, while the SB-90 surface on Hole 1 provides a smoother, more durable path for players. Both upgrades not only enhance the overall experience but also reduce long-term maintenance needs.

The annual Shields Scramble Golf Tournament was another resounding success. Despite a bit of rain, the event drew strong participation and enthusiastic support for the course. We are grateful to all sponsors, volunteers, and participants whose contributions helped make this community event possible and supported ongoing course improvements.

A special thank-you goes out to everyone who helped with year-end green tarping. This essential work protects the greens through the winter and ensures a smooth start to next season. Your dedication and effort are truly appreciated and have a lasting impact on the course.

Planning is already underway for 2026, with continued focus on course maintenance, safety, and

member and guest experience. With the support of our golfing community, we look forward to another great season of golf at Shields.

Thank you again for helping make 2025 a successful and memorable year. We can't wait to see everyone back on the fairways next Spring!



Team 'The Bridesmaids' - Shields Annual Golf Tournament winners held August 9th 2025

Cody-Lynn Morrell
Shields Golf Course Committee Chair

Horticulture and Greenspaces

The Greenspaces Committee will be investigating some grants this fall to help develop a forest management plan. Anyone who has an interest in helping keep our trees healthy is welcome to join us! Please contact Belinda at saskbelle@hotmail.com

Thank you once again to the Horticulture Committee for potting and tending to the many barrels of flowers around the village.

Huge thank you to Deb Detillieux for providing the flowers on the Golf Course and also for tending to them over the season.

We also thank Del Davies and his family for their ongoing contributions to the Del Davies Park.

Everyone's efforts in our green spaces are greatly appreciated.



Administration Notices

As we approach year-end, the Village Office would like to remind residents of a few important administrative items:

Property Taxes

Outstanding property taxes are subject to 1% interest per month. If taxes remain unpaid by December 31, 2025, an additional 10% penalty will be applied. To avoid these charges, please ensure your taxes are paid in full before the deadline.

Office Hours & Contact

The Village Administrator is in the office most weekdays from 8:15 AM to 3:45 PM. Scheduled open office hours are:

- Mondays: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- Wednesdays: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

If you have questions or need assistance outside of these hours, feel free to call and leave a voicemail or email: admin@shields.ca

Development Permits

A reminder to all residents: any development on your property requires a development permit. If you're unsure whether your project qualifies, please ask before starting—we're here to help guide you through the process.

Social Programing /Events

On behalf of the Social Programming Committee, we want to express our appreciation for the continued support and attendance of our events that we hold for our community.

Lots of fun was had by all on August 17th at the "Family Fun Day" at the park with over 100+ people in attendance. It was great to see all ages attend and have a great time. Oktoberfest was a great success bringing in 90 people that were fed and entertained all evening. We want to thank all the ladies that took time out of their busy schedules to help prepare the cabbage rolls & perogies. Nothing better than homemade food to fill those bellies. Thank you.



Shields
Family Fun
Day - held
August 17th

Oktoberfest
Event Held on
October 19th



Christmas is around the corner, and there is nothing better than bringing people together for crafting, baking, socializing, laughing and Christmas cheer. We are hosting a Holiday Wreath Workshop and a Bake Exchange. Posters will be out soon, so keep an eye out as you don't want to miss out. Mark your calendars and gather your kiddos to spend the afternoon with Santa on December 13th at our Annual Children's Christmas Party.

Hibernation is creeping up, so let's be proactive and work on maintaining our summer bodies. Drop in at the hall on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10AM for a workout! All welcome.

As always, we are happy to onboard new members to our committee anytime to join us in planning events for our community.

Cheryl Robson
Social Programming Committee Chair

Call for Volunteers



The Resort Village of Shields is looking for community volunteers to join various committees, including our Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) and others that support village operations and events.

Whether you're able to contribute a little time or take on a larger role, every bit of involvement makes a difference. Volunteer commitments can be as minimal or as involved as you'd like—there's a place for everyone!

Volunteering is one of the best ways to strengthen our community and contribute to the spirit of Shields. Your time and talents help make our village a better place for all.

If you're interested in getting involved or learning more, please contact the Village Office at admin@shields.ca.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to give back!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with tarping greens this year



Upcoming Holiday Events



Christmas Wreath Making Class -
December 7th - 1-4pm - Shields Hall



Children's Christmas Party -
December 13th 2025 - Shields Hall



Shields Baking Exchange - December
19th 2025 - 7:00pm - Shields Hall

EMO Committee

Shields Emergency Measures Organization is a very important and mandatory function that is required by each municipality. Its role is to have an emergency plan and resources that provide for the earliest possible coordinated response to protect and preserve public safety, health and property.

Shields has a number of long-standing volunteers that are retiring this year. The retiring Planning Committee would like to thank:

- Block Captains: Margaret Bauer, Chris Thurlow, Terri Pasitney, Lothar Josephs, Connie & Brian Cooke, and Ernie Strasser.
- Block Captain Co-ordinator: Tim Black, who stepped down earlier this year.

Planning Committee Member: Tracy Zarn, recognized for her five years of service and valuable training expertise.

We also want to give a very special thank- you to Debbie Heidt who volunteered as EMO Co-ordinator for more than 15 years. Debbie is looking forward to pass the reins to a new EMO Co-ordinator and will provide any assistance required going forward.



We are currently recruiting for:

- Seven Block Captains for Procter Drive, McCrimmon Crescent, South Mawson, Willow View Court, and Sunterra Drive.
- Block Captain Co-ordinator to support team coordination during emergencies.
- EMO Co-ordinator, who is chairman of the Planning Committee and responsible to ensure the emergency plan is in place and all aspects of the plan are co-ordinated during an event.

Please refer to Shields Website for the Shields Resident EMO Plan which provides direction to residents during an emergency and lists the Block Captains in each area of the Village.

Operations Notices

As winter approaches, please take note of the following seasonal reminders:

- **Snow Clearing:** To ensure efficient snow removal, residents are asked to keep roads clear. This includes removing vehicles and pulling in garbage and recycling bins promptly after collection.
- **Irrigation Water:** Irrigation systems have been shut off for the season.
- **Seasonal Properties:** Water meters have been removed from all seasonal properties for winterization.

Your cooperation helps maintain safe and effective municipal operations throughout the winter months.

Work has been completed on Memorial Drive. The project involved removing unstable topsoil beneath the road surface and replacing it with clay and gravel to create a solid base. This improvement will support the future application of SB90, enhancing road durability and performance.

Additionally, a contractor will be completing final road grading throughout the village before snowfall begins. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping roads accessible during this time.

A heartfelt thank-you goes out to our dedicated operations team for their hard work maintaining the village throughout the summer and fall:

- Fred and Glenn – full-time operations staff
- Ken, Brian, Morgan and Jackson – seasonal workers

Your efforts in keeping Shields safe, clean, and running smoothly are truly appreciated.

A special congratulations to Fred, who celebrated 10 years of service with the Village this year! Thank you for your continued commitment and care for our community.





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Garbage/ Recycle Calendar 2025 - 26



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Recycle Pick-up Date

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