



MUNICIPALITY OF THE MONTH



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The Municipality of Killarney

Where is it?

The Municipality of Killarney is located on the northern shore of Georgian Bay. The municipal boundaries of Killarney encompass the geographic townships of Rutherford and George Island, Hansen, Goschen, Sale, Attlee, Kilpatrick, Travers, Struthers, Allen and Bigwood in the District of Sudbury, Killarney and part of Carlyle in Manitoulin District and the northern part of Henvey in the District of Parry Sound. In addition to the community of Killarney itself, the communities of Hartley Bay and Bigwood, and the ghost towns of French River and Key Harbour, are also located within the municipal boundaries. The eastern end of the La Cloche Mountain Range is also located within the municipality of Killarney.



What are the biggest attractions?

Killarney is commonly associated with Killarney Provincial Park, which is a large wilderness park located to the east of the village. The park offers paddling, camping and some of the most famous hiking trails in Ontario, traversing the white quartzite rock.



Killarney Provincial Park

Visitors to Killarney Village traditionally enjoy fish and chips at the Herbert Fisheries stand. The original stand has been demolished, to be replaced by a new fish processing facility and restaurant on the community's wharf, which will be owned by the municipality and rented to Herbert Fisheries.

What makes the municipality unique?

Killarney Village is known as the "gateway to the North Channel" and provides a safe harbour for boaters on Georgian Bay. The area is rich in history and natural heritage. For those interested in local history, there are two ghost towns located within the Municipality of Killarney as well as several lighthouses, which the municipality has petitioned the federal government to declare as Heritage Lighthouses. Portions of the French and Key Rivers also flow through the municipality, providing opportunities for ecotourism.

What are the most common issues faced by the Committee of Adjustment/Planning Board?

The Municipality of Killarney has a Committee of Adjustment that hears applications for minor variance. The Committee is comprised of all five members of Council. Variances in Killarney are not very common, over the past five years variances considered included increased gross floor area for a sleep cabin, increased height for an accessory structure, and reduced exterior side yard. Throughout the Sudbury East Planning Area, increased gross floor area for a sleep cabin and increased height for an accessory structure are the most common variances requested. Consents are considered by the Sudbury East Planning Board, which is comprised of two Council members from each area municipality (French River, Killarney, Markstay-Warren and St.-Charles) as well as two members which are provincially appointed to represent the unincorporated townships of the Sudbury East Planning Area for a total of ten members.



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