



THE CORPORATION OF THE  
*Township Of Pelee*

**Pelee Island – Far Away, Right Here.**

County of Essex Council Delegation February 2024

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## Introduction to the Township of Pelee

- The Township of Pelee is a single tier, separated Municipality located in Lake Erie, is comprised of nine islands, and is home to 230 residents.
- Pelee has a rich history, and today is known for its natural beauty, wineries, protected natural areas, variety of endangered species, and over 42 kilometres of beaches.
- Pelee is Canada's southernmost municipality, making the island a truly unique destination.
- Pelee Islanders are self-reliant, proud and we persist despite the unique challenges of our isolated geography.

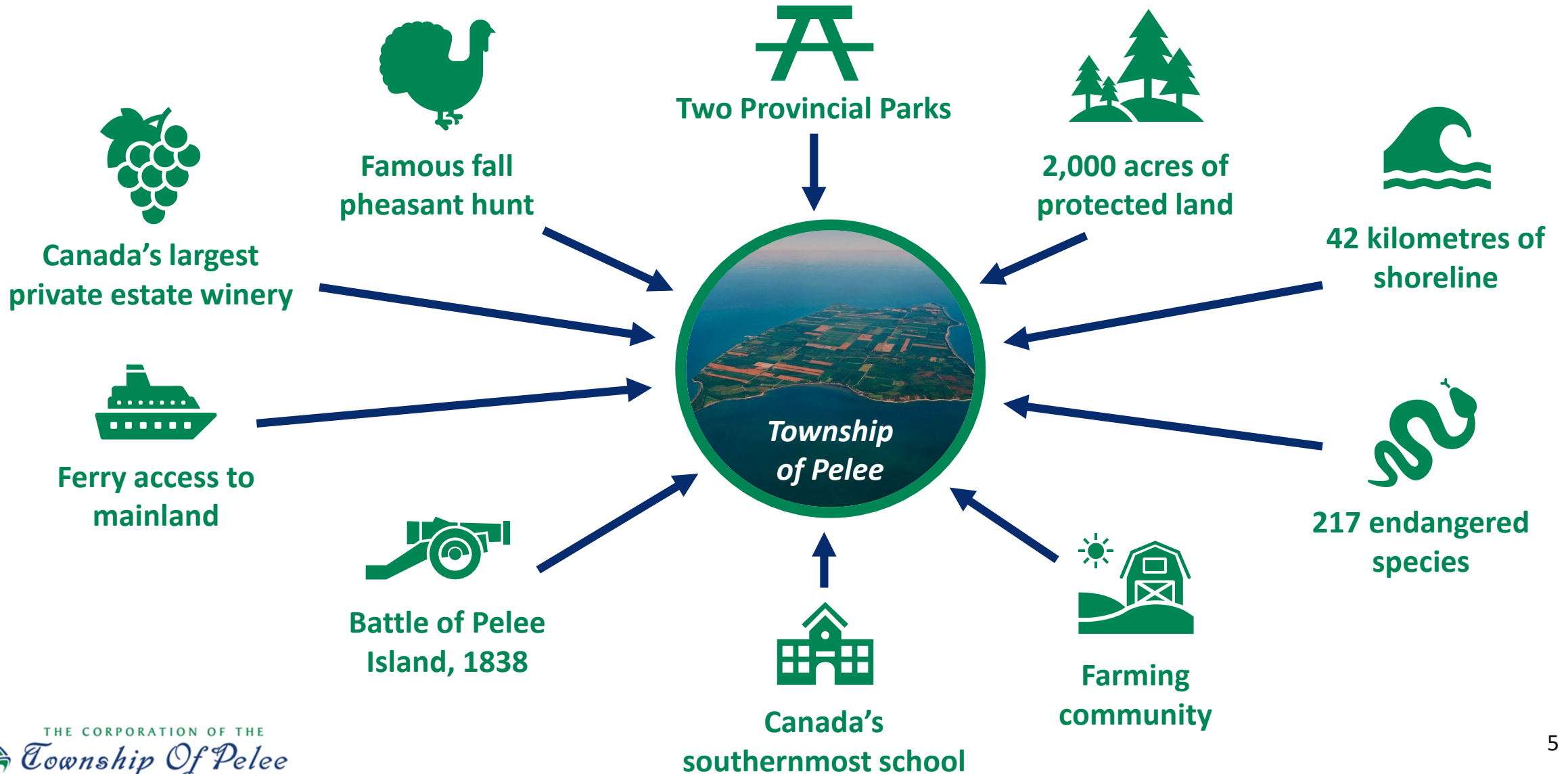


# Our Community in One Picture



230 Residents  
Roughly 800 seasonal Residents  
Roughly 350 Seasonal Residents are US  
74% agriculture  
20% Formally protected  
That leaves... 6%. We do MUCH with LITTLE.

# Pelee Island is a Unique Part of Ontario, that the Entire Province Enjoys



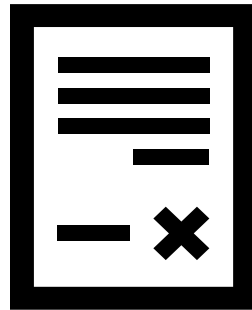
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## Municipal Solutions within the Township



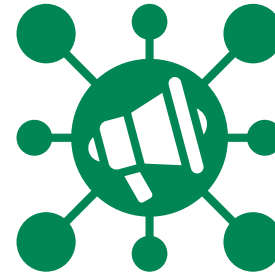
Roads, Environmental Services, Parks and Rec, Administration

## Shared Service Agreements



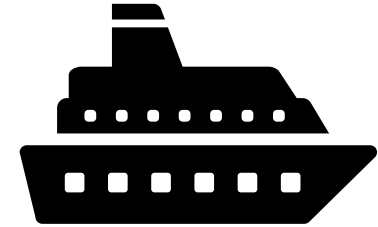
Drainage, By-Law and Building, EMS

## Contracted Services



Legal, Planning, Engineering, IT

## Province & Feds



Ferry/ Flights, Policing w/ Cost share, Health Care, Conservation

***Creative Service Delivery Solutions not only benefit the Township, but Essex County as well.***

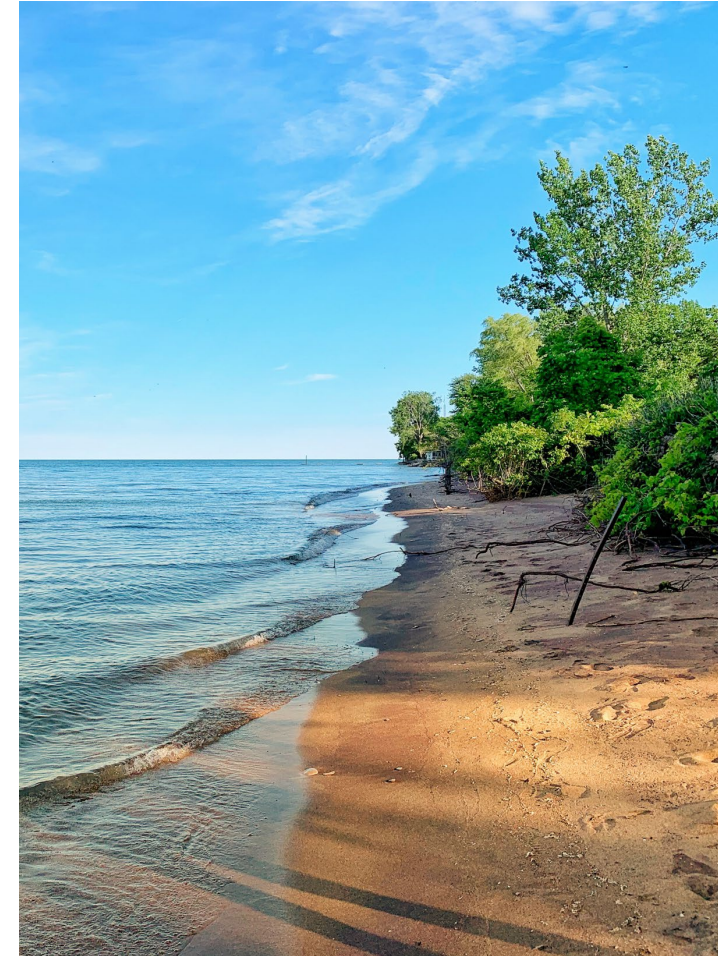
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## *The Challenge:*

- Municipal Tax Levy of under 2 million dollars annually
- An infrastructure funding gap of about 1.8 million annually
- Total Infrastructure back log of about 60 million.

## *The Reality:*

- Operational expenses require efficiencies.
- Revenue generating assets/opportunities must be properly exploited
- Major infrastructure must be funded largely by the provincial and federal governments
- The over-simplification of our reality is not helpful.



# The Township of Pelee Looks Forward to Working Together

- **Unique Geography:** Though the Township of Pelee is considered an “isolated community”. Its 1 hour and 30 minute separation from “mainland Ontario” can be actualized to 7 or 8 hours away from the mainland presents it with unique challenges and opportunities.
- **Limited Funding Ability:** At only 230 residents, our ability to “go it alone” on new projects is limited. For example, a \$100,000 project would cost \$435 per resident.
- **Opportunity for Connection:** Pelee wants to be included, and needs to be thought of - but for mutual benefit remains separate and distinct.
- **For all of Ontario to Enjoy:** Pelee welcomes all of Ontario to the Island

*We appreciate discussing these important issues with you today and look forward to advancing these important projects together.*

**Thank You!**







*The Township of Pelee looks forward to our continued discussions on our shared priorities.*

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