

Municipal Office

475-5229
conmee@conmee.com
Hours:
Monday – Friday
9 am – 4 pm

Conmee Landfill

Summer Hours
(May 15 – Oct. 14)
Wed: 3 pm – 7 pm
Sat: 9 am – 3 pm

Winter Hours
(Oct. 15 – May 14)
Wed: 1 pm – 5 pm
Sat: 9 am – 3 pm

Public Works

475-5337

Emergency Numbers

Non-Emergency OPP
1-888-310-1122
Emergency (fire,
medical, OPP): 911

Hydro Outages

1-800-434-1235

MTO Highway Concerns

Emcon
1-888-636-8704

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

June has to be one of the most challenging months of the year. It is the gateway to summer and warmer weather, but it is also a very busy time for many families. As a parent and an educator, there were moments when I wondered how I would ever make it through the month.

Many people had vacations planned, graduations to attend, and celebrations to enjoy. There were also the emotions that come with the last days of school—excitement, nervousness, and a little sadness as another school year comes to an end.

As many of you know, besides serving as your Mayor, I am also an educator at Kakabeka Falls Public School—a special place filled with dedicated teachers and staff, supportive parents, and incredible students.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer. With school now out, please remember that our little humans will be out and about. Whether they are riding bikes, walking with friends, or playing outside, let's all do our part to keep them safe.

Congratulations to all of our students as they move on to the next grade, and a special congratulations to our Grade 8 graduates as they begin their journey into high school. We are proud of you and wish you all the best.

You may have noticed the new electronic sign at the front of the Municipal Office. This sign will allow us to advertise upcoming events, share important information, and notify residents about matters that may affect them, such as fire bans, road closures, and other municipal updates.

Upcoming Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2026 — 6:00 pm

Location: Conmee Community Centre

Virtual attendance is available.

Visit www.conmee.com for further information.

Township Landfill Hours Alert

The Landfill is closed WEDNESDAY, JULY 1ST for Canada Day, and will be open, SATURDAY, JULY 4TH, 9 am to 3 pm.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

The office has also been busy training our new intern, hired through funding from the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation (NOHFC). We are also pleased to welcome two summer students through grant funding—one working in Recreation and the other with Public Works. Welcome to all of you; we look forward to having you on our team this summer.

As summer starts, our Fire Department has already responded to several fires. One call involved providing mutual aid to the Ministry of Natural Resources, while two fires occurred within our municipality. Thankfully, all of these incidents were brought under control before any homes or structures were damaged.

Wildfire remains a significant concern for our community. We are surrounded by forests and natural areas, making fire prevention and awareness extremely important. Please be cautious when burning and follow all fire regulations and restrictions.

As we approach July 1st, our Fire Department faces significant challenges due to new provincial certification requirements. All fire departments, whether volunteer or paid, are now required to have certified personnel in specific roles. We have been working very hard to ensure our firefighters receive the necessary training and certifications.

Unfortunately, as a small rural municipality, we face unique challenges. We simply do not have enough volunteers, and the cost of sending firefighters away for lengthy training courses is difficult for a municipality of our size to absorb. We are grateful to our neighbours in Oliver Paipoonge for helping provide training opportunities, as courses are offered only a limited number of times each year.

One of our biggest concerns is that provincial regulations require certified officers, such as an Incident Commander and Safety Officer, to be present at structural fires. Currently, our Fire Chief is the only fully certified individual available for these roles. Like many volunteer firefighters, our Chief also works a full-time job and cannot always be immediately available.

As a result, there may be some limitations to the services we can provide until additional volunteers become certified or until more support is available from the provincial government and the Office of the Fire Marshal. We know we are not alone—many small rural municipalities across Ontario are facing similar concerns.

I wanted our residents to be aware of this situation. For Conmee emergency services, while a timely response will always be attempted, limited service may be available. If you have ever considered volunteering with the Fire Department, now is an excellent time to step forward. Additional volunteers are needed, and your support could make a significant difference in our community. If you are interested, please contact the Fire Chief.

Treasure Days will return July 18 and 19. Residents are encouraged to place items they no longer need at the end of their driveway for others to take and enjoy. At the end of the day on July 19, please remember to remove any remaining items. Information will be posted on the Residents' Page, and everyone is welcome to start a discussion thread to share what they have available.

I would also like to thank residents for their patience during the recent landfill closures. The landfill had to be closed on short notice due to a fire in the pit, and the smoke conditions made it unsafe for both staff and residents.

Please do not dispose of any materials that could potentially start fires. I would also like to remind everyone that shingles are not accepted at the landfill. Any prohibited materials that are improperly disposed of may need to be retrieved by those responsible. The Ministry of the Environment takes these restrictions very seriously, and if these issues continue, we may need to explore additional measures.

As always, if you have questions, concerns, or need assistance, the Municipal Office is open and available to help, and I am always available if needed. I hope everyone has a wonderful July, a safe and enjoyable summer, and the opportunity to spend time with family and friends. Whether you are travelling, relaxing at camp, or enjoying everything our community has to offer, have a great summer and stay safe.

— ***Mayor Sheila Maxwell***

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS

Held: May 12, May 26, and June 9, 2026

CLERK'S UPDATE

Administration has been actively supporting a range of operational and strategic initiatives. Work is ongoing to improve municipal technology, including upgrades to network connectivity and a review of security camera systems at the Public Works facility. Staff also addressed earlier service disruptions to the Township's website and email systems, which have since been resolved. Recruitment efforts have progressed, including interviews for the Deputy Clerk-Treasurer position and summer student hiring. The Township continues to engage with partners such as the Ministry of Transportation regarding highway safety concerns, including intersection safety, traffic volumes, and emergency access.

TREASURER'S UPDATE

The Township is moving forward with improvements to financial systems and record-keeping. Work is underway to implement a new cemetery management software system, which will enhance mapping capabilities and streamline records management. Staff continue to explore funding opportunities, including grant applications to support fire department equipment needs. Financial administration remains steady, with ongoing oversight of disbursements and audit-related considerations.

PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE

Public Works staff have been focused on seasonal maintenance and infrastructure improvements. Spring grading and road maintenance have been ongoing due to wet conditions, along with repairs to minor infrastructure issues such as sinkholes. Guardrail installation has been completed at several locations to improve road safety, and additional areas are being reviewed. Staff have also been managing landfill operations, fire number replacements, and equipment maintenance to ensure service continuity.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE

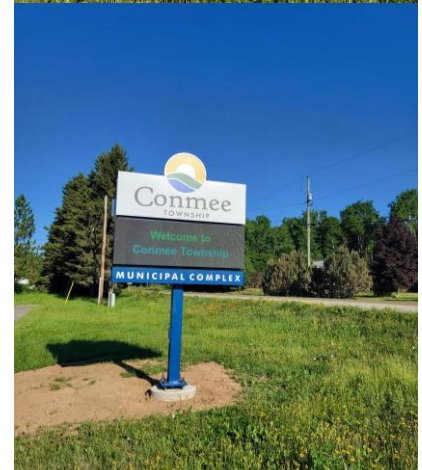
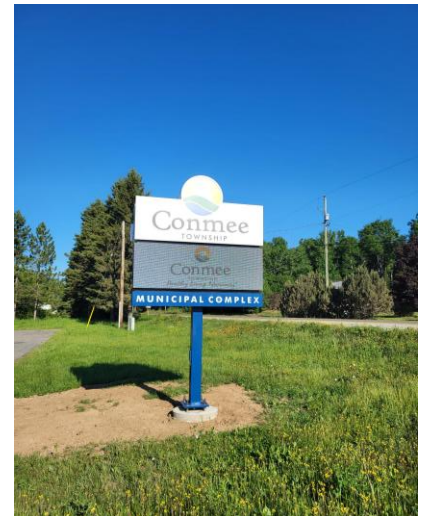
The Fire Department continues to prioritize training and preparedness, including ongoing certification requirements for volunteer firefighters. Recruitment remains a focus, with efforts to maintain and strengthen membership. Council also discussed potential equipment upgrades, including options for improving communications systems, with further information being gathered. Training initiatives and operational readiness remain key priorities as the department continues to respond to local needs.



2026 COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

July	14
August	11
September	8 & 22
October	13

Meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Agendas and minutes are posted at www.conmee.com — the office can print copies on request.



Say hello to our new sign!

MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2026

The Municipal and School Board Election will take place on **Monday, October 26, 2026.**

Thinking About Running?

Have you ever thought about serving your community? Nominations are now open for the positions of Mayor and Councillor.

To run, you must be at least 18 years old, a Canadian citizen, and live in Conmee (or own or rent property here). Nomination forms are available at the Municipal Office, and staff are happy to help answer any questions.

Important: Nominations close on **Friday, August 21, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.**



BOARD MEMBER VACANCY

The **Kay Bee Seniors Non-Profit Housing Corporation** in Kakabeka Falls is seeking a community-minded volunteer to join its Board of Directors. The Board operates a 40-unit affordable housing complex for residents over 60, guiding governance and long-term sustainability while supporting a safe, welcoming, independent living environment.

No specialized training is required. Applicants must be Canadian citizens, able to attend in-person monthly meetings, with strong communication and teamwork skills. Knowledge of business accounting, non-profit housing, or building maintenance is an asset.

Contact the Property Manager, Kay Bee Seniors Village Apartments: **807-473-0313** • kbseniors@tbaytel.net

ARE YOU ON THE VOTERS' LIST?

The Township uses the voters list provided by Elections Ontario. It's important to make sure your information is up to date before the election.

Visit: <https://www.elections.on.ca/en.html>
Then click "Register to Vote" or "Check the Voters' List"

Take a minute to confirm your:

- Name
- Address (especially if you've moved recently!)
- School support designation

Keeping your information current will help ensure a smooth voting process in October.

WANT TO ADVERTISE?

Advertise your business, event, or happy ad in the next issue! Contact the Municipal Office for upcoming deadlines.

Full Page **\$20.00**

Half Page **\$10.00**

Quarter Page **\$5.00**

For Sale Ad (card size) **\$2.50**

COMMUNITY EVENTS & NOTICES

KAKABEKA FALLS LEGION — JULY EVENTS

Saturday, July 4	Veterans Drop In	9:00 am
Saturday, July 4	Dance – Quest	7:00 pm
Thursday, July 9	Strawberry Social	6:30 pm
Sunday, July 12	Breakfast	8:30 – 11:00 am
Saturday, July 25	Dance – Quest	7:00 pm

To book an event, please call Alice at (807) 577-0418.

RURAL 60 PLUS — SUMMER AT THE CENTRE



YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO HAVE FUN!

“You Are Never Too Old To Have Fun!”

Summer hours (July & August) are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 am – 3 pm.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Craft Room 10–3	Craft Room 10–3	Craft Room 10–3	
	Weaving 10–3	Beginners Carving 10–3	Weaving 10–3	
	Knitting 10–3	Quilting 10–3	Knitting 10–3	
		Cribbage 1–3		

Please note: the Centre is closed Wednesday, July 1 for Canada Day. Monday chair yoga, Games Day and Friendship Café pause for July and August and resume in the fall. **5 Pineview Road, Kakabeka Falls • (807) 475-5779 • Email: rural60@tbaytel.net • Website: www.rural60plus.ca**

AT THE LIBRARY — SUMMER 2026

Murillo Branch

4569 Oliver Road
Murillo, ON P0T 2G0
(807) 935-2729

oliverpaipoongelibrary@gmail.com
open Monday and Wednesday



Rosslyn Branch

3405 Rosslyn Road
Rosslyn, ON P7K 0P7
(807) 939-2312

oliverpaipoongelibrary@gmail.com
open Tuesday and Thursday

SUMMER 2026

“CRAFTERNOONS” at the Library for the kids!

This summer each week will feature a theme!

Murillo branch Mon/Wed and Rosslyn Tues/Thurs

July 6 - 9 – Celebrating our **Canadian heritage** – please visit the new
“Canadian authors” section of the library at the Murillo Branch

Craft - Back by Popular demand – beading crafts

July 13 - 16 – “**Camp out**” at either library –

Craft - Pop bottle Fireflies

July 20 -23 Luau Party – put on your grass skirt or favourite Hawaiian T shirt
and visit either library – for a staycation Hawaiian style

Craft – Diamond art

July 27 – July 30 Beware the **MONSTERS** – who is your favourite?

Craft – Yarn Monster

CLOSED August 3 – Civic Holiday

August 4 – 6 Superhero week

Craft – Superhero Bookmarks

August 10 - 13 Getting Ready for **the Fair** (Murillo Fair that is)

Craft – featured crafts to enter in the fair

August 17- 20 Retro Days – wear your favourite clothes from the 70’s

Craft – pet rocks, sand art

August 24 – 27 – Saying “so long” to the summer

Craft – Looms

Week of August 31 – hello to September and Back to School September 3

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Rossllyn Branch

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Rossllyn, ON P7K 0P7
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open Tuesday and Thursday

SUMMER 2026 Event Schedule

At Rossllyn Community Centre
3405 Rossllyn Road

CRIBBAGE

Tuesdays 1 PM
Rossllyn Community Centre
3405 Rossllyn Road



Beginners welcome

Come and join the fun and friendship

EXERCISE CLASSES

11:30
Free for all ages and abilities
Tuesdays – Bands
Thursdays - Weights



SUMMER PICNIC

July 14 10:30 AM
Bring your favourite teddy bear and
enjoy
STORY TIME



ROSSLYN BRANCH of the LIBRARY

SURVEY QUESTION FOR JULY

Next time you stop in, please tell
staff what your favourite part of
visiting the library is

Or give us a call at
807-939-2729 Mon or Wed
or
807-939-2312 Tues or Thurs
??????????

AROUND THE WATERSHED — CONSERVATION AUTHORITY NEWS

News and events from the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority (LRCA) — July 2026.

Mark your calendars! The LRCA is planning to officially unveil upgrades to Mills Block Conservation Area at a special event on Thursday, July 9, 2026. Keep your eyes on our website and social media for more information. Upgrades to the Conservation Area include a new parking lot, washroom, a brand-new boardwalk trail and loop trail (both AODA-compliant), and all new signs and wayfinding. More details to follow! Upgrades were made possible in part thanks to the CEDC, NOHFC, and Doan Grant Thornton.

Registration for our Watershed Explorers Programs are up and running on our webstore. Space is limited and pre-registration is required. A non-refundable, \$5.00 registration fee is required to book your spot. We have topics such as birding, traditional foods and medicine, mushrooms, photography, and a special night sky/astrophotography workshop planned! Visit www.lakeheadca.com/events to pre-register! Funding for these programs is generously provided by the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation.

Coming up on Saturday, July 25 is Silver Harbour Day from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Silver Harbour Conservation Area, in partnership with the Municipality of Shuniah. Staff are busy planning the event, which is sure to be an awesome day! Also returning this August is the third annual Little Trout Bay Fishing Derby in partnership with the Municipality of Neebing. The event is being held on Saturday, August 22. More details and registration information is coming soon!

Help Us Keep Our Region Phrag-Free! Keep an eye out for invasive Phragmites growing along road ditches, shorelines, wetlands, or even on your own property. Early detection is one of the best ways to stop this invasive plant from spreading. If you spot Phragmites, report it through iNaturalist or contact the Lakehead Region Conservation Authority at stewardship@lakeheadca.com. Together, we can achieve our goal of #PhragFreeBy2033!

Think You've Spotted a Cyanobacteria (Blue-Green Algae) Bloom? If you suspect a blue-green algae bloom, avoid contact with the water and keep people and pets away until it has been assessed. Help protect your community by reporting suspected blooms to Ontario's Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) through the online reporting tool or by calling the Spills Action Centre toll-free at 1-800-268-6060. Reporting suspected blooms allows environmental officers to investigate and collect samples if necessary.

The 2026 Explore Card Parking Pass is a great way to show your support for the LRCA! Explore Card Parking Passes permit day-use/parking at our ten Conservation Areas for one calendar year. Visit as often as you like. Enjoy one calendar year of recreation activities, such as boating, fishing, hiking and more at our seasonal and year-round Conservation Areas for the low price of \$40.00 +HST. It's convenient for frequent users, and a great gift idea! All Explore Card revenue goes directly towards the upkeep and maintenance of our Conservation Areas.

Get out and Explore!



Before You Burn...

Contact your local fire department about **local by-laws and restrictions** on open air burning.

Open air burning can include **bonfires, firepits** and **outdoor fireplaces**.

ontario.ca/firemarshal

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

NEXT FOOD BANK

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Registration 9:00 – 11:00 am • Drive-Thru Pick-up

Conmee Municipal Complex
19 Holland Rd, Kakabeka Falls P0T 1W0
807-285-0836

Drop-Off Locations

Oliver Paipoonge: Murillo & Rosslyn Libraries (open hours)

Nolalu: Hoppers Variety

Gillies: Whitefish School (Sept to June)

O'Connor: O'Connor Municipal Office

Needing: Needing Municipal Building

Note: the Food Bank gratefully accepts recyclable bags.

With Gratitude

- *A big thank you to Odena Foods — for ongoing support and for hosting our Fill the Cruiser event*
- *A big thank you to Metropolitan Moose in Kakabeka — for donating coffee for our volunteers at Fill the Cruiser*
- *A big thank you to Kam River Fighting Walleye hockey team — for their ongoing support*

RURAL CUPBOARD FOOD BANK

Neighbours Helping Neighbours

Conmee Municipal Complex
19 Holland Rd, Kakabeka Falls P0T1W0
807-285-0836

We sincerely thank all those that continue to support the food bank.

Your donations enable the food bank to remain open.

Next Food Bank

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

Registration 9 am to 11 am

Drive-Thru Pick-up

2026 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

held May 13, 2026

Board Positions are as follows:

Chair	Marian Makkinga
Vice Chair	Penny Kramer
Secretary	Lucy Kloosterhuis
Treasurer	Kimm White
Public Relations	Penny Kramer
Conmee Liaison	Chris Kresack
LRMC Liaison	Lucy Kloosterhuis
Director at Large	Mark Halabecki
Director at Large	Lorna Krieg
Fundraising Chair	Lorna Krieg

Fundraising Committee: Lorna, Marian and Kimm.



JULY 2026



NorWest Community Health Centres
Centres de santé communautaire NorWest



4785 ON-11 Unit B,
Kakabeka Falls,
ON POT 1W0



(807) 473-5528

PROGRAM INFO

Call KB Clinic Reception at (807) 473-5528 for further program information.

Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group

Meet at KB Park at 9:45am

Chair Yoga In Person & Virtual

Hosted at O'Connor, Kam, at 10am.

Good Food Box Program

Monthly access to a box of affordable fruit and vegetables. For more information visit www.goodfoodboxtb.org or call 473-5528 for more info

Friendship Cafe @ Rural 60+ Centre.

Come socialize and meet new people, make friends and lifelong connections. Program will resume in September

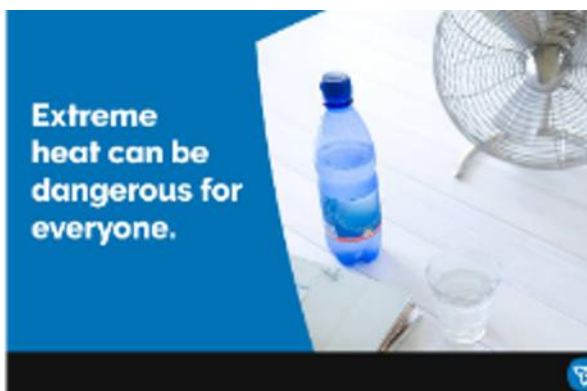


Follow us!

NorWest Community Health Centres -
Kakabeka Falls Clinic

www.norwestchc.org

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 Closed for Canada Day	2 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	3 NP available for those without an MD or NP
6 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor CC Good Food Box Order Deadline	7 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	8 Mobile Clinic - Upsala Nursing Station (Footcare) NP available for those without an MD or NP Walk-In Clinic 4:30pm - 7:30pm LifeLabs	9 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	10
13 Chair Yoga @ O'Connor CC	14 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group	15 Good Food Box Pickup at KB Clinic NP available for those without an MD or NP Walk-In Clinic 4:30pm - 7:30pm LifeLabs	16 Fly the C.O.O.P Walking Group LifeLabs	17
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Fire Department Safety Information

🔥 Open Air Burning & Fireworks – What You Need to Know

Conmee Township has adopted a new **Open Air Burning and Fireworks By-law** to help protect residents, property, and the environment.

🔥 Burning Permits

- A **permit is required** for most outdoor burning during fire season (**April 1 – October 31**)
- Permits can be obtained **online through the Township’s website** or by contacting the office
- Small recreational fires may be allowed without a permit if they meet size and safety rules
- Fires must always be **attended, controlled, and fully extinguished**

🚫 What You Can’t Burn

- Garbage, construction materials, plastics, and treated wood are **not permitted**

🌟 Fireworks

- A **permit is required for fireworks use**
- Fireworks are **not allowed during a Fire Ban**

🔔 Fire Bans

- During a Fire Ban, **all open-air burning and fireworks are prohibited**

Before you burn or set off fireworks, make sure you know the rules. The full bylaw is available on the Township website.

For permits or more information, contact the Township Office – 807-475-5229

🚒 Green Flashing Lights – What Do They Mean?

Council has recently discussed the **potential use of green flashing lights** for Conmee’s Volunteer Fire Department.

In rural communities, volunteer firefighters often respond to emergencies in their **personal vehicles**. A green flashing light helps identify that the driver is responding to a call.

What to Know:

- A green light indicates a **firefighter responding to an emergency**
- It does **not** provide special driving privileges
- Drivers are encouraged to **safely yield when possible**

Why It Matters-

If adopted in Conmee, green lights could help improve response times, when every second counts.

More information will be shared if this initiative moves forward.



Summer Drop-In Recreation Program

Conmee Township is pleased to introduce a **Summer Drop-In Recreation Program** at the Community Centre playground.

Through the Canada Summer Jobs program, the Township has hired a **Recreation Program Leader** to facilitate fun, informal outdoor activities for residents.

The program is planned to run throughout **July and August**.

Program Schedule

- **Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays:** Children & youth activities
- **Wednesdays:** Programming geared toward seniors

Program Hours

- **Morning:** 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- **Afternoon:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

What to Expect

- Drop-in games and activities at the playground
- A safe, friendly, and inclusive environment
- Opportunities for all ages to participate

This is a **free, informal drop-in program**; no registration required.

Important Information:

- **This program is not childcare.** Parents and guardians are responsible for supervising their children at all times.
- Participants attend at their own discretion. Township staff facilitate activities but do not provide supervision or care.
- **A waiver and contact information form must be completed for children** in order to participate.
- Program itinerary will be posted on the website weekly

The program start date is Thursday July 2nd.

NEW ONTARIO SHOOTERS ASSOCIATION INC.

2026 FALL SPORTING ARMS & COLLECTIBLES SHOW

Featuring Historic Classics to Modern Sporting & Self-Defense

ONE DAY SHOW!

Saturday, August 22nd, 9 am to 4 pm

SLOVAK LEGION

801 Atlantic Avenue, Thunder Bay, ON

\$5 Admission

Children 12 & under FREE with paid adult admission

DOOR PRIZES

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

BUY • SELL • TRADE • DISPLAY

Firearms • Knives • Reloading Supplies • Optics
Ammunition • Cartridges • Club Displays • Accessories • Literature

This show is a fundraiser for the Junior Shooters Program

www.nosa-newontarioshooters.org | Facebook: New Ontario Shooters Association Inc. - NOSA

For more information call Samantha 807-626-4003 | Jordan 807-631-9903

CANADA DAY WORD SCRAMBLE

OMOES	WATOAT
IERSAPR	YHRITOS
AFLG	EAERVB
YFRLNEDI	BAAERTL
SNSAAAWTEHKC	KFREWSORI
PCRM	OVEISNCRP
IAUNSNMTM	RYPTA
PLAEM	RORIRITETES
UIEONTP	OABCN

Happy Canada Day Conmee Township!



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