

Connections

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Our water tower will soon be better than ever



Peterborough's iconic High Street water tower, a city landmark since 1957, is getting a makeover.

Since the late '50s, the elevated water tank has supplied Peterborough's residents and businesses with safe, clean water. Plans were recently approved to give it a new paint job inside and out, to extend its lifetime by at least another 20 years.

The makeover will take several years. While it is being done, the water tower will have its very own changing room – scaffolding and a thick plastic drape – that will allow us to do the renovations without any debris affecting the nearby area. Inside the drapery, which may look quite dramatic to traffic and pedestrians along High Street, the tower will have its own air conditioning system, providing dehydration and air circulation, to cure the coatings.

The interior and exterior of the tank will be blasted to remove the existing coatings and then refinished until they're better than new. We are also making a number of health and safety upgrades to the tower.

Once the renovation is finished, the surrounding area will be refurbished.

During the renovation, "we are putting in place temporary infrastructure to ensure that all of the city's business and residents continue to have adequate safe, clean water as well as sufficient water pressure, which is vital for firefighting capabilities," said Patrick Devlin, Vice-President of the Water Utility.

Tank Facts

- The High Street Elevated Water Tank is just over 32 meters tall.
- It can hold 4,500 cubic meters (a million gallons) of water.
- The renovations will be done by Landmark Structures Co., chosen through a tendering process. They were selected because of their excellent track record of high quality and safety with similar jobs.
- The cost of the renovation is approximately \$3.9 million.

For more information, visit the tank's website:

www.peterboroughutilities.ca/en/services/high-street-tank-rehabilitation.aspx

Lawn watering restrictions

Each year we ask you to observe lawn watering restrictions in order to ensure there is enough water for everyone.

The following guidelines are in place:

**Peterborough and Woodland Acres
From June 1 to August 31**

- Even-numbered addresses may water only on even-numbered days between 7 am and 10 pm.
- Odd-numbered addresses may water only on odd-numbered days between 7 am and 10 pm.

**Lakefield
From May 15 to September 15**

- Even-numbered addresses may water only on even-numbered days from 7–9 am and 6–10 pm.
- Odd-numbered addresses may water only on odd-numbered days from 7–9 am and 6–10 pm.

Father's Day animal adoptions

Honour your dad(s) this Father's Day (June 20) by making a donation through RPZ's Adopt-an-Animal program.



Depending on the animal and its needs, you can adopt a zoo animal for \$100 to \$300. Species on our adoption list include caribou, pythons, tortoises, meerkats, takins, squirrel monkeys and river otters. Perhaps your dad reminds you of a crocodile? Adopting a croc in his name would make a perfect gift.

Money raised through this program goes toward helping all our animals receive the specialized care, food, healthcare and training they need to live healthy, happy lives at Riverview Park & Zoo.

You can make a donation or adopt an animal on our [website](#) or call us at 705-748-9301 ext. 2304.



Use water wisely!

Visit wateruseitwisely.com for water-saving tips.



For the most up-to-date information, visit riverviewparkandzoo.ca



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Skill and patience bring Mango and Calypso together

The Zoo has been closed to the public for over a year now, but our team is still busy caring for the animals that live here. We look forward to welcoming you back to visit us as soon as possible but, in the meantime, we wanted to let you know about some of the work we've been doing.

Mango, our male blue and gold macaw, was donated to us by a private owner. Calypso, our female Catalina macaw, came to us from the Assiniboine Zoo. Macaws are very complex and intelligent creatures, so we knew introducing the pair was going to take time, patience and planning.

We started out by housing them in side-by-side holdings so they could get used to hearing each other. Then we installed a mesh window so they could see each other. Our next step was to bring them together for short periods of time. Keepers were always present and rewarded calm behaviour with favorite treats like peanuts and walnuts.



Mango and Calypso have bonded and are now inseparable. They even eat together from the same bowl.

After a few weeks, we were able to leave the pair together all day, and then all night, without any issues.

Mango and Calypso now reside in the aviary building next to our other two macaws, Pauly and Gomez. In the future, we plan to have all four birds living together.



Virtual water festival in May

The Peterborough Children's Water Festival (PCWF) is a community event for children in grades 2 to 5. Prior to the pandemic, kids got together at Riverview Park & Zoo – as shown in the photo – to learn more about water and water conservation through games and activities. This year, the festival is going virtual for area schools. Each of the four weekly online sessions has a theme: Cultural Perspectives, Conservation, Protection, and Science and Technology.

Learn more, or register if you are a teacher, by visiting the PCWF website at pcwf.net.

Update your contact information

In case we need to get in touch with you, please make sure we have up-to-date contact information such as your cell phone number or email address. Give us a call at 705-748-6900 or log in to your account at peterboroughutilities.ca to check what's on file and update your information if needed.

Are you moving?

Please let us know your move-in/move-out dates as soon as possible, either by calling 705-748-6900 or through your account at peterboroughutilities.ca.



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Zoo remains closed; trails open

At press time, RPZ's zoo areas remain closed to the public due to the pandemic. This includes the exhibits, gift shop, washrooms, train, disc golf course and facility rentals including shelters. We are investigating all options that would allow us to safely reopen, including visit reservation requirements, front gate monitors and exhibit barriers.

The playground and park trails are currently open with strict safety measures in place.

For the most up-to-date information, please visit our website: riverviewparkandzoo.ca.

New Bulk Water Fill Station

Contractors, pool companies, landscapers, and farmers can now purchase large amounts of water at our Bulk Water Fill Station located at 280 Milroy Dr.

The station is open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. It offers both a 2" diameter overhead fill as well as a 3" diameter side fill. The fill station can dispense water at 0.1 cubic metre increments. A large cul-de-sac has also been constructed to increase vehicular safety around the station.

The cost is \$3 per cubic metre of water and can be paid by Visa, Mastercard, Visa Debit, or Mastercard Debit.

