

Newsletter



OCTOBER 2026

TOWNSHIP OF LAIRD 2026 Municipal Election NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the Township of Laird in the District of Algoma that whereas more candidates have been nominated than are required to fill the following offices:

Councillors

Four (4) to be elected

VOTING WILL BE HELD AS FOLLOWS:

ADVANCE POLL

DATE: Saturday, October 17th, 2026
TIME: 12 noon to 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Laird Township Hall
3 Pumpkin Point Road West
Laird Township

REGULAR POLL

DATE: Monday, October 26th, 2026
TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Laird Township Hall
3 Pumpkin Point Road West
Laird Township

Proof of Identity and Residence:

Electors must present prescribed proof of identity and residence or complete an application in the prescribed form, including a statutory declaration confirming that they are the elector shown on the voters' list.

Proxy Applications:

If you are unable to vote on any of the voting days, you may appoint another eligible elector to vote on your behalf. Proxy Voting Application forms are available at the Clerk's Office.

After completing and signing the form, the person acting as your proxy must bring it to the Clerk's Office to complete the appointment process.

Voter Information Cards:

The Township of Laird does **not** mail voter information cards. Electors may confirm their information on the voters' list by contacting the Township Office by phone or by visiting the office in person during regular business hours.

Jennifer Errington
Clerk/Returning Officer

Fall Clean-up:

Council has set the Waste Disposal Site hours for fall clean-up days as:



Saturday	October 17, 2026	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Sunday	October 18, 2026	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There is no charge for all household waste during these days, businesses are excluded. Please do not put recyclable material in the landfill.

If you are bringing old stoves/washers/dryers, please put them beside the metal bin so they can be easily moved into bin.

We accept refrigerators, freezers and dehumidifiers. These items are to be placed beside the metal recycling bin. A FEE of \$35.00 will be charged before drop off for each item without the appropriate tag indicating refrigerant has been removed.



5th Annual LAIRD RECREATION PUMPKIN FEST



Held September 26, 2026 - a **resounding success!**

A huge **thank you to all attendees** for your generous food and cash donations for the Christmas Cheer campaign.

A special **thank you to our volunteers** - we truly couldn't do it without you.

Our sponsors went above and beyond once again:

- **Echo Bay Home Hardware** – Great Pumpkin Round-Up
- **Echo Bay Co-Op** – Prizes for carved and painted pumpkins
- **Business Solutions** – Bouncy Castles, popcorn & cotton candy
- **Alf & Andy Roberts, Roberts Farms** – Wagon Rides
- **Bill Siddall & Tammy Hult** – Outdoor décor and scale for giant pumpkins



Your support makes **PUMPKIN FEST** a cherished community tradition.

Stay tuned for the **2027 PUMPKIN FEST** on Saturday, September 25, 2027.

PUBLIC MEETING – NEW OFFICIAL PLAN

The Township of Laird is holding a Public Meeting for the new Joint Official Plan under Sections 17 and 26 of the Planning Act.

This plan will guide growth and development in Laird for the next 20–30 years. The meeting will take place on **October 15, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.** at the Township Office, 3 Pumpkin Point Road West.

Residents wishing to speak must register with the Clerk by **October 9, 2026**.

Written comments must also be submitted by **October 9 at 5:00 p.m.**

The draft Official Plan is available online through the Desbarats to Echo Bay Planning Board. It can also be viewed at the Township Office during regular business hours.

The **full Public Meeting Notice** is posted on the Township website or can be viewed at the office. Anyone wishing to be notified of Council's decision must submit a written request. All submissions become part of the public record under MFIPPA.



Fire Prevention Week – October 4–10, 2026



Lithium-ion batteries power many everyday devices, but unsafe charging can cause fires. This year's theme encourages everyone to **"Charge Up Your Fire Safety Knowledge"** and make safe charging a daily habit.

- Use proper chargers, keep devices on hard surfaces, and unplug them once fully charged.
- Stop using any battery that feels hot, swollen, or smells unusual.
- Small changes in how you charge can help keep your home safe.