

Resident's guide

Municipality of the Township of Gore



Canton de Gore

Gore... Un choix naturel !

A word from the mayor

Year after year, the Municipality of Gore continues to be known and discovered by many newcomers who choose to settle full-time or seasonally in our beautiful region. Welcoming new residents is essential to inform people of the services and activities offered, to familiarize them with the environment and to convey our vision for the Municipality. The feeling of community and mutual aid is a central pillar of our Municipality, it is therefore essential to accompany residents to make them feel welcome and to answer their questions as best as possible. The resident's guide provides essential information on the various municipal services and how they operate. In addition, we hope that this guide can serve as an information and reference directory for any questions a resident may have when arriving in the region. All of the information in this guide and more can be found on our website.

Associations

The Sentiers de Gore association

A superb network of hiking trails is in full development on our territory. With the participation of the Gore Trails Association for trail creation and maintenance, we ensure a safe and natural environment for outdoor activities. Throughout the year, the association organizes various outdoor events such as hikes under the full moon, plant identification and nature photography workshops. You will be able to go hiking on the Pioneer Trail located at the Municipal Park or on the Denommé Trail located on Densa Road. The Beattie Lake Park is currently in full development and will soon offer many kilometers of trails for outdoor enthusiasts whether it be snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, mountain biking or walking.

www.lessentiersdegore.com



Conservation Lakefield

Conservation Lakefield is a non-profit organization whose mission is to preserve, protect and conserve in perpetuity the natural environments, ecosystems and landscapes of high ecological value in the Gore region. This association therefore promotes the conservation of our natural environments, education and communication to citizens as well as the organization of various ecological activities.

<https://conservationlakefield.ca>



Lake associations

Almost all of our lakes are represented by independent associations. These non-profit organizations help promote and raise awareness among lakeside residents on the best ways to adopt good practices. In addition, these associations are responsible for carrying out the various water tests and measurements throughout the seasons in collaboration with the Municipality and the Ministry of the Environment's Réseau de Surveillance Volontaire des Lacs (RSVL). A list of all the lake associations of the township is available on our website. Do not hesitate to contact them for any information concerning life on the waterfront.



Our values

The Municipality of the Township of Gore aims to be a peaceful place in harmony with the environment. It is essential for us to advocate an approach of respect for the environment and for the wilderness in our beautiful region. Many residents have chosen to settle in our municipality to escape the hectic pace of increasingly developed cities and suburbs. Life in the wilderness must be accompanied by a strong sense of community and respect for the neighbourhood. Indeed, small municipalities are large families where mutual aid and a sense of sharing are fundamental. We are proud of the evolution of our community and strongly wish that our values become yours for many generations.



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The Gore Township

Established in 1840, the Township of Gore is considered to be an excellent place for long-term residency. Its permanent population continues to grow, reaching 1,965 permanent residents (2019), while its seasonal population is estimated at over 4,000.

The territory of the Municipality of the Township of Gore covers 93.86 km² of the Laurentian Plateau. Its varied topography and Zone 4 of rusticity allows the discovery of a range of colourful and beautiful landscapes. There are more than 300 bodies of water, including 36 named lakes and many kilometers of waterways. The Municipality has also adopted an Environmental Policy to protect the quality of the environment, biodiversity and collective natural heritage. A Strategic Plan has also been adopted, bringing together 6 major axes surrounding the well-being and future of our community.

The Township of Gore is a Municipality with bilingual status. It is also certified as a Monarch Friendly City by the David Suzuki Foundation. Before undertaking any work or interventions, please contact us at the urban planning and environment departments so that we can assist you in obtaining the proper permits and certificates of authorization.



Communications

Many communication tools are available to residents. Traditional or digital, they are updated regularly in both official languages of the Municipality.

Gore Express

The Gore Express is a monthly bilingual newspaper that is mailed to all citizens of the Township. It is also available at City Hall and online on our website.



Website

The website is a comprehensive resource for all your questions, whether it's about the waste collection schedule, for permit application forms or for important news, we are also present on Facebook.

www.cantondegore.qc.ca



Telmatik

The Telmatik- Message Express! system is a service that allows the Municipality to reach you in case of emergency and for public interest messages. The message can be sent to you by text message, voice message or email. To register you can visit our website or call us directly.



Community life and activities

The Recreation and Community Life Department actively participates in the development and sense of community of our beautiful Municipality. Whether it is for the organization of activities, special celebrations or to ensure volunteer coordination, the Recreation Manager is always available. If you would like to get involved in your community, do not hesitate to contact us.

Activity overview

- Summer and winter carnivals
- Concerts at Holy Trinity Church
- Elder's soup
- Mayor's Breakfast
- Halloween, Christmas, Saint-Patrick, ...
- Community garden
- Family policy
- Municipal park
- MADA (Family in action)
- Outdoor activities
- Volunteers
- Support and collaboration with the Sentiers de Gore
- Environment day
- Municipal book drive



Urbanism

The urban planning department is responsible for issuing permits in its field and enforcing the urban planning regulations in place (R-214, R-215). Before undertaking any work, make sure you have the right permits. Below you will find work that requires a permit or certificate of authorization:

- Construction of a main building ;
- Construction of a garage or shed ;
- Expanding a building ;
- Installing a fence, pool or spa ;
- Renovations or demolition ;
- Applications for minor derogations ;
- Subdivision Permits ;
- SPAIP (Site Planning and Architectural Integration Program)

<https://www.cantondegore.qc.ca/fr/publications/reglements>

Our values

A responsible and dynamic occupation of our territory
A sense of community and mutual support
A respect for the local fauna and flora

Temporary car shelters

Temporary shelters are permitted in the Territory from October 1st to May 15th and do not require a permit.



Urban Planning Advisory Committee

The Planning Advisory Committee (CCU) meets once a month to address requests for minor derogations and all matters within the planning department's jurisdiction. All requests for minor derogations must be presented to the CCU for its study, a fee of \$300 + publication fees (total of \$525) is required for all requests. Applications are available to citizens who wish to vote on them before the monthly council meeting.

Parking

Parking on public roads is prohibited at all times. It is necessary to ensure that private streets are accessible by emergency services. Parking is available at our different hiking trails (Community Park and Denommé Park), at the Community Center and at the Dog Park and Community Garden.

Environment

Permit applications

The environmental department deals with many applications for permits and certificates. Such as :

- The installation or modification of a dock;
- The felling of trees;
- The installation or replacement of a well or water catchment system;
- Sewage disposal systems (septic systems);
- Shoreline work;
- Backfill and retaining walls.



Shorelines

The riparian protection strip is an area around lakes, streams and wetlands that acts as a protective shield, filter strip and soil stabilization zone. The shoreline is measured from the high water point, which is the area where the majority of plant species change from aquatic to terrestrial. A 15 meters strip around water bodies must therefore be kept natural, vegetated and free of human intervention. Access to the lake may be created with a width adapted to the slope of the land. The following interventions are prohibited in the shoreline protection strip and in the littoral zone:

- Vegetation control, cutting or pruning of trees and shrubs, grass cutting ;
- Use of machinery ;
- Filling and clearing ;
- Waterproofing the soil with gravel, concrete or asphalt ;
- Use of geotextile ;
- Application of mulch, fertilizer and compost ;
- Any intervention that may interfere with the free flow of water;
- Any intervention affecting the integrity of the natural environment.

For any questions concerning riparian strips, aquatic and terrestrial environments and authorized interventions, please contact the Environment Department.

Environment

Pesticides and fertilizers

The spreading of pesticides, even when considered environmentally friendly, is prohibited throughout the territory at all times. In specific situations, they may be used as a last resort. A certificate must be issued by the Municipality for the application of these substances following receipt of a treatment prescription issued by a professional. We also do not apply Bti or any other substance for mosquito control.



Bti

Bti or *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* is a biological agent used as a parasite of the larval stages of stinging insect species such as mosquitoes and black flies. It is a biological alternative to commonly used insecticides. Unfortunately, this product is not harmless to our ecosystems and can affect many species in the larval stage and possibly also some vertebrates. Bti is therefore not used in our Municipality.

Starry sky

Life in rural areas is a fantastic opportunity to observe the stars due to the low presence of light pollution. Let's keep this vision together by limiting unnecessary outdoor lighting and respecting the neighborhood. Life on a lake comes with its share of good practices such as limiting lighting on docks and in backyards. Remember that sound travel much further on a body of water than in a forest.

Water quality

The water quality of the lakes on our territory is monitored annually in collaboration with the various lake associations and the Ministry of the Environment's voluntary lake monitoring network (RSVL). Water analyses are carried out by a CEAEQ-accredited laboratory.



Septic systems

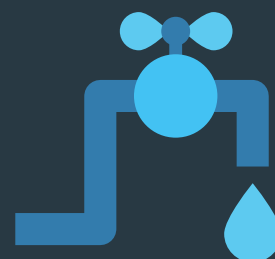
Maintenance and cleaning

On the territory of the Township of Gore, all isolated residences are equipped with a septic disposal system as stipulated in the Provincial Act of Q-2, r.22. It is important to inquire about the type of septic system on your property to allow for the best possible maintenance.

The emptying of septic systems is the responsibility of the owners. A residence that is lived un annually must have its septic tank emptied every 2 years. A residence that is seasonally occupied (cottage) must have its septic tank emptied every 4 years. It is the responsibility of the owners to send a copy of the emptying bill to the Municipality.

If your residence is equipped with a sealed tank, then it must be emptied much more frequently; either monthly or according to the use of the property. This is because the water is not sent to a weeping field and therefore accumulates in the tank.

If your home is equipped with an advanced secondary or tertiary treatment system (Ecoflo, EnviroSeptic, etc.), it is required by Provincial law to be bound at all times by a maintenance contract with the company responsible for the installation or a qualified third party. A copy of this contract must be sent to the Municipality each year.



Good practices

A septic system requires special care unlike a traditional sewer system.

- Reduce increased water consumption to avoid the re-suspension of solid matter ;
- Avoid the use of household products containing phosphate and limit the use of bleach which can harm the efficiency of microorganisms ;
- Do not throw away tissues, wipes, tampons or feminine hygiene products that cannot degrade naturally and can cause blockages or even backups ;
- Avoid circulating on the weeping field with motorized vehicles since they can cause soil compaction;
- The field must be vegetated and free of any landscaping.

Access to lakes

Our many lakes and rivers are the wealth of our Township. That's why we focus on the protection of our water bodies through public awareness, education and encouraging best practices for waterfront residents and users of our beautiful lakes.

Waterfront lots and lake access

In Gore, access to the various lakes is private. To have access to the water, you must be a waterfront property owner or have a right of way on a lot accessing the lake. Information concerning access rights can be provided by your notary when purchasing a property mentioning a right of way. The Municipality does not hold a list indicating the residents who have a right of access to a particular lake.



Motorized and non-motorized boats

In the Municipality, only Lake Barron is navigable by motorized watercraft. In order to launch a boat, it is necessary to obtain a sticker following certain conditions. Contact us or visit our website for the complete procedure. It should be noted that the navigational regulations are under Federal jurisdiction and are therefore enforced by the Sûreté du Québec. Please respect the regulations during your outings and don't forget that a permit is required for all motorized boats over 10 HP (7.5 kW). Operating a motorized boat without a license can result in a fine of \$250.

All boats, whether motorized or not, must be washed before the annual launch as well as every time that you decide to navigate on a different lake.

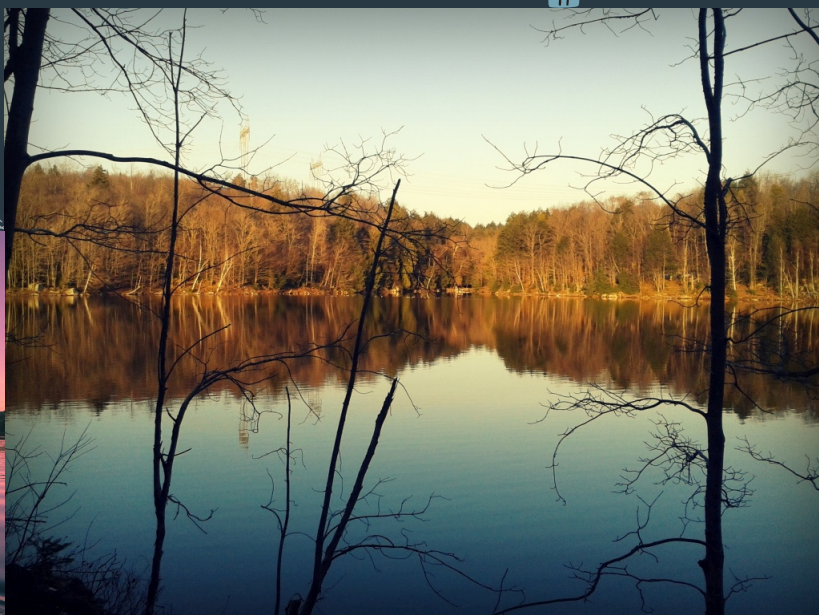


Invasive foreign species

In the Township of Gore, we take the risk of the spread of aquatic invasive species very seriously. It is therefore essential that any boat that changes water bodies be washed before being released. It is strongly recommended that a pressure washer or a brush be used to help dislodge fragments adhering to surfaces. A wash station is available at the municipal park.

Lake Beattie park

With the objective of making nature accessible to all, Beattie Park is a project that is close to our hearts. For several years now, the Municipality has had a vision of providing public access to hiking, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, mountain biking and water access for all citizens and visitors. We are working very hard to develop a park that is in line with our values based on conservation, awareness and education of current and future generations on the importance of our natural environments. Be on the lookout for the latest developments.



Waste management

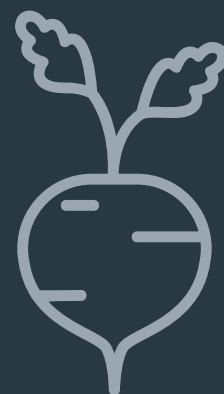
Garbage and recycling collection

Residual material collection is carried out weekly, alternating between waste and recycling. The collection calendar is available on our website and in the Gore Express every month. You can obtain a recycling bin directly from the Municipality or at your own expense. Bulky waste is collected during the first garbage collection of the month and does not include refrigerants or petroleum products.



Compost

Organic matter is collected at various drop-off points throughout the Township of Gore at a frequency of once per month in the winter season and every two weeks in the summer season. It is therefore necessary to drop off your compost directly at a drop-off point. Compostable and oxo-biodegradable "plastic" bags are not accepted. For a detailed list of accepted materials and for the location of collection points, please refer to the explanatory pamphlet on our website.



The 3RV

The 3RV concept is the basis of waste management as defined by the Ministry of the Environment and the Fight against Climate Change:

R

- Reduction at the source ;
 - Reducing the consumption of products that can be found used, borrowed or rented;

R

- Re-use ;
 - Re-use the products we own and repair those that are broken instead of replacing them;

R

- Recycling ;
 - Promote recyclable or compostable materials whenever possible;

V

- Valorization.
 - Give products and objects a second life by repurposing old clothing into dishcloths for instance, or food containers into storage compartments.



By reducing the amount of material going to expensive landfills, we are saving money which means that more can be found in your pockets. Recycling and composting is economical!

Ecocenter

Located at 40 Sideline Road, the ecocenter is a collaboration between the Municipalities of the Township of Gore, the Township of Wentworth and Mille-Isles. The ecocenter is a safe place designed for the recovery of specific materials by promoting reuse, recycling and valorization. The ecocenter is not a place to bring bulky waste that can only go to a landfill site. To have access to the ecocenter, you will need to bring proof of residence. The attendant will help you sort your materials to facilitate their recovery and may refuse any material that is not on the following list.



Accepted materials

- Construction materials;
- Information and communication technologies;
- Domestic and dangerous waste (RDD).

Dome

A dome is available for all residents who wish to dispose of furniture, appliances or objects that can still be used. It's a place for sharing, exchanging and we are very proud of this system.

Dead leaves

Dead leaves are not accepted at the ecocenter, as well as branches or grass clippings. Being a rural area, we recommend leaving dead leaves on the ground, crushing them to facilitate their decomposition or simply depositing them in a wooded area. Leaf bags found at compost collection points causes additional collection costs.



Schedule:

From Patriot's Day to Thanksgiving : SATURDAY, SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY - 9AM TO 5PM

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The Ecocenter is open on the following holidays: National Patriot's Day (Monday preceding May 25th), Labour Day (first Monday in September) and Thanksgiving Day (2nd Monday in October).

The Ecocenter is closed on the following holidays: New Year's Day (January 1st); Good Friday; Quebec National Day (June 24th) and Christmas Day (December 25th).

Taxation

Taxpayers in the Township of Gore have 30 days from the date of issue of the statement to pay their taxes. Taxes can also be paid in 4 interest-free payments if the account total is at least \$300.

There are 3 ways to pay your taxes:

Payment directly at the municipal office

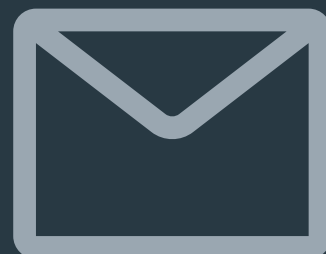
- Cash
- Debit Card
- Check

By mail

- Postdated checks for all 4 installments

Online

- Directly through your banking institution



Real estate transfer tax

All Municipalities must collect a land transfer tax also known as the Welcome Tax from the new purchaser of an immovable.

Transfers of immovables by public bodies or between relatives are exempt from the transfer tax.

For more information, please refer to our website.

Change of address

To avoid any problems with mail or information delivery, please inform us of any change of address or communication method to reach you as soon as possible.

Pets

Medals

Our dog friends need to have a license for the duration of their lifetime. This license is available for free at the municipal office. If your dog's license has been lost, you can get a new one at any time.



Animal control

For all questions concerning animal control, stray or lost dogs you can contact the person in charge of the canine patrol, Alexandre Roy toll free at 1-800-950-4280.

Small farm animals

Following the Zoning By-Laws (R-214), it is possible in dedicated zones to have small farm animals such as laying hens and chickens. A minimal land surface area is required and certain conditions must be met to ensure the well-being of your feathered friends.



Dog park

Located at 45 Cambria Road, a dog park is available for all residents wishing to socialize their pets and meet new canine friends. It is necessary to mention that at all times in a public area outside of a fenced lot, dogs must be kept on a leash.



Wildlife



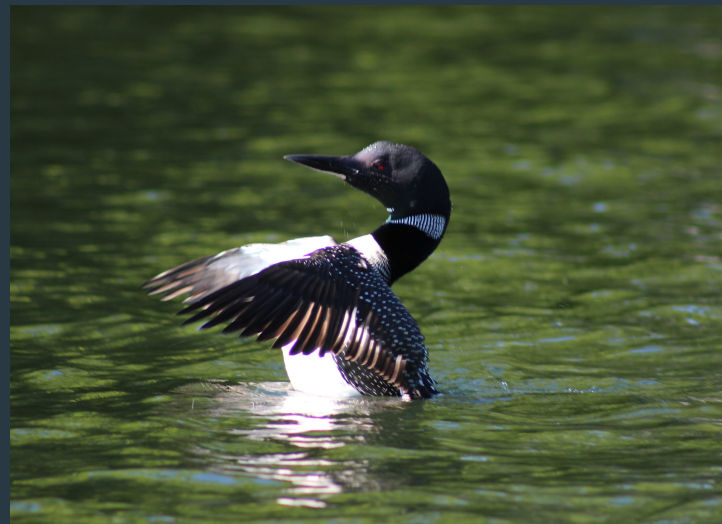
The wildlife in our region does not require our help to obtain food. In fact, it is very harmful to feed wildlife because they become dependent on this interaction and lose their natural instinct to search for food. They can also become much less fearful and thus risk causing accidents. Instead of feeding wildlife, please enjoy observing them from a distance and taking a few pictures. Hunting and fishing are permitted on your private land and lakes in season and within the prescribed distances from residential areas.



DOA

Développement ornithologique Argenteuil is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the protection of the region's avian species as well as educating and sharing information with fellow ornithology enthusiasts. Activities are organized throughout the year to observe birds and to monitor the installation of numerous nesting boxes on the territory.

www.developpementornithologiqueargenteuil.org



Beavers

We are fortunate to share our territory with many wild animals including beavers. They are fond of particular tree species such as poplar, birch, willow, maple and cherry. To protect your trees from these skillful rodents, you can surround the base of the trunk with fine wire mesh. You can also plant species of trees that are not on its menu, such as fir, spruce, cedars and other softwoods. The dams located on the territory are closely monitored throughout the year.



Let's learn to coexist with all the magnificent fauna in our Municipality.

Public Work

Public roads or private street?

Public roads are maintained by the Municipality's Public Works Department. We are therefore responsible for their improvement, repair, geometry modifications and water flow management. Private streets are the responsibility of the residents who live on them. Resident's associations have been created over the years for certain streets, which allows them to oversee their maintenance.

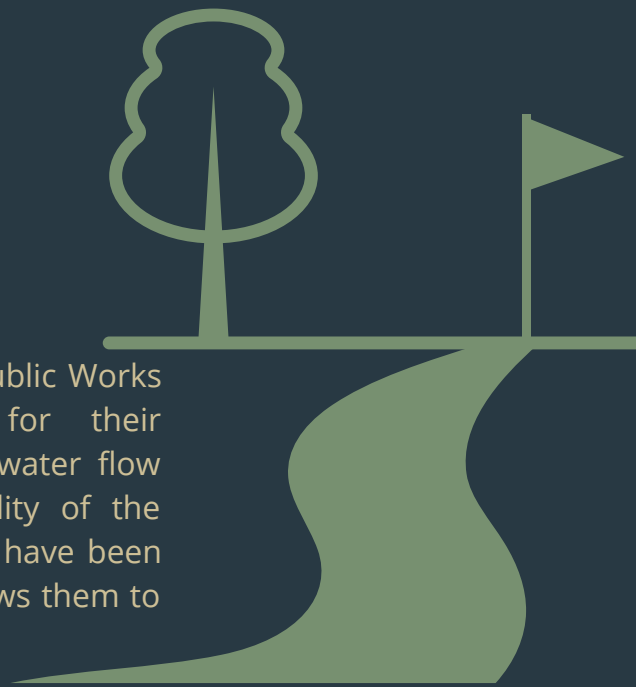
The 329 is a Provincial road and is therefore not in our jurisdiction. For any information or questions concerning the 329, please contact the Ministère des Transports du Québec (MTQ).

Snow removal

Snow removal on public roads is provided by the Municipality. For private streets, yearly snow removal and road maintenance are the responsibility of the residents living of the street. The Municipality offers financial assistance to residents of private streets in order to help them in this process. The management of the snow removal is the responsibility of the residents or the residents' association on the private street.

Roadside mowing

At the end of summer, the tall grass along the roads must be trimmed to allow for good maintenance and better visibility for motorists. This maintenance also helps limit accidents, since it prevents wildlife from feeding and hiding in these vegetated areas and from potentially crossing the road. This procedure is delayed as much as possible since endangered monarch butterflies feed exclusively on milkweed plants which grows in the banks along the roads. We are a Monarch Friendly Municipality which is recognized by the David Suzuki Foundation.



Public safety

Fire department

The Fire Safety Department is responsible for monitoring, protecting, preventing, organizing rescue and responding to residential and forest fires. Our team includes 21 volunteer firefighters who actively renew their training year after year. In addition, 12 dry fire hydrants have been set up throughout the territory to facilitate the filling of tanker trucks and improve emergency services.



Fire permits

Whether burning dead leaves or roasting marshmallows, a fire permit is required. To obtain this permit, please contact 514-754-3473. Permits are issued on a daily basis and according to the fire hazard index which is published by SOPFEU. The levels of forest fire risk are indicated on signs throughout the territory. It is essential to respect these warnings during periods of drought or extreme temperatures to limit the risk of fires as much as possible. We ask that citizens be extremely vigilant when doing a campfire because forest fires travels much faster than we may think.

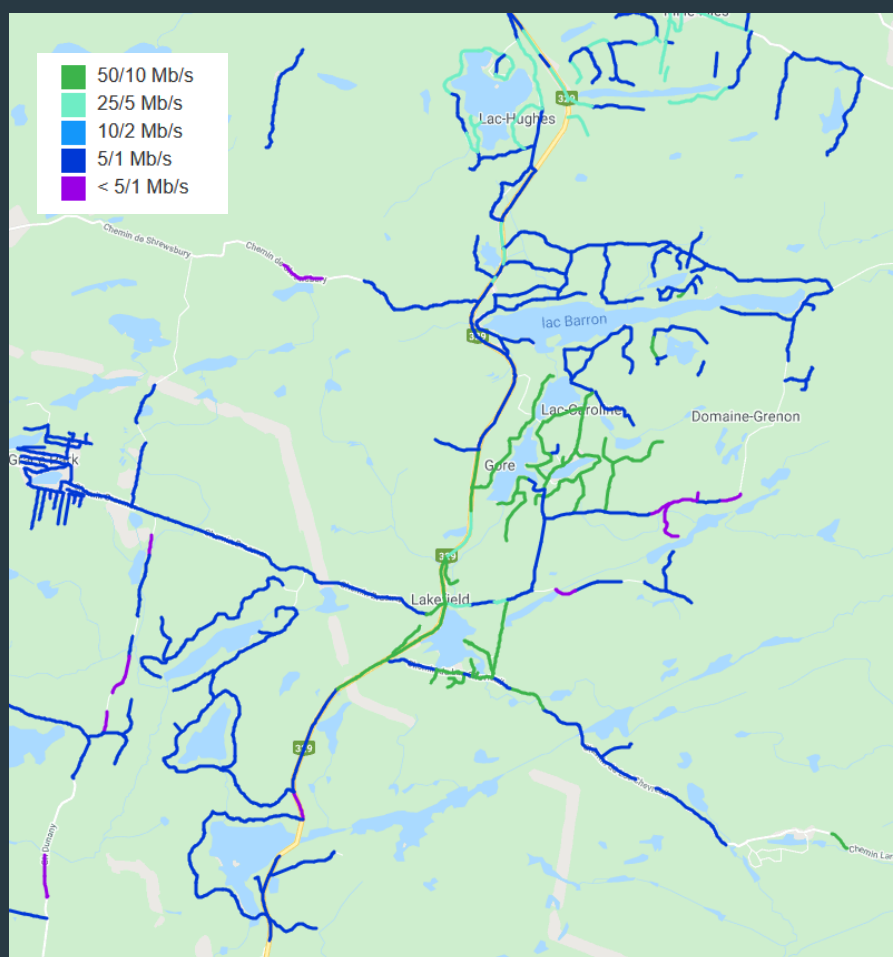


Important check-ups

- ☒ Smoke alarms (change batteries at daylight savings)
- ☒ Chimney sweeping (inspection and professional cleaning)
- ☒ Safe storage of propane tanks

Internet services

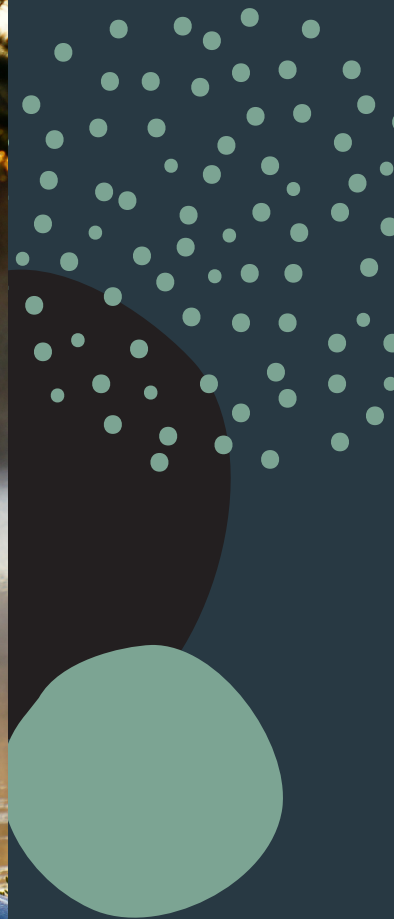
High speed internet access is a hot topic in municipalities and rural areas. Private companies and government bodies are currently working in collaboration in order to speed up the process of requests concerning access to private telecommunications infrastructures and thus extend access to Internet services to more rural regions.



National Broadband Internet Map for the Municipality of the Township of Gore (2021).

Government subsidies are currently being put in place to help accommodate the growing demand for fast internet services. The Municipality of the Township of Gore is working to ensure that this process is completed as quickly as possible and that more and more residents have access to this service, which has become indispensable in the "working from home" era.





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