



# MUNICIPALITY OF THE MONTH



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The Township of Stone Mills

## ***Where is it?***

The Township of Stone Mills is a lower-tier municipality in the County of Lennox-Addington and is situated in Eastern Ontario, lying between the City of Kingston and the Town of Greater Napanee and to the north of Highway 401.



## ***What are the biggest attractions?***

The Township has a quaint rural environment within close proximity to a major city. Attractions include the Centreville World (Agricultural) Fair and the Hell Hole (Limestone) Caves. Industries include the Strathcona Paper Mill as well as the Goodyear Tire Plant. The Township also contains one of the largest solar energy generating facilities in North America.

## ***What makes the municipality unique?***

This area of the province has been settled since the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, and the heritage features of the eleven Hamlets reflect this, as do the many century farms. This long-standing agricultural community is undergoing a transition to that of a bedroom community for Kingston and Napanee. The topography of the Township is split between the Canadian Shield and Limestone Plains, providing a unique mix of issues when considering matters such as road development, waste disposal systems and wells. Source Water Protection has become a major issue and a new Official Plan, adopted in 2010, includes policies designed to protect this valuable resource.

## ***What are the most common issues faced by the Committee of Adjustment?***

The five-member Committee of Adjustment is made up of members of the community and hears applications for Minor Variance and Consent. Some of the most common issues that the Committee deals with are meeting the spatial requirements of the Minimum Distance Separations between agricultural operations and residential development, trying to balance the demand for rural development against provincial policy requirements of directing development towards the eleven Hamlets that exist in the Township, providing for development in the Hamlets when all development is on private sewer and water, protecting the natural and ecological features of the Salmon and Napanee Rivers while providing for permanent and seasonal residential development along these watercourses and providing for the re-separation of parcels that share a common boundary and common ownership.



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