The Township of Rideau Lakes has many strengths and its opportunities for the future rest in the diversity of its population, economic activity and geography. Farming, tourism, and service industries form the backbone of the local economy. One of the community’s top drawing cards is its abundance of scenic lakes. It has 500 kilometres (310 miles) of shoreline, excluding the Rideau Waterway. Waterfront development accounts for a majority of building activity.

Each community within Rideau Lakes has something to offer. Portland is the gateway to Big Rideau Lake. Newboro is considered a haven for anglers. Local residents and visitors agree Chaffey’s Locks offers water access in one of the region’s most tranquil settings. Delta boasts the Old Stone Mill, a National Historic Site of Canada built in 1810. Elgin is considered the township centre for shopping. The rural charm of our smaller villages and hamlets, including Chantry, Crosby, Forfar, Lombardy, Morton, Plum Hollow and Philipsville, is another plus in this community.

Total Population: 10,326 (Statistics Canada Census 2016)
Mean January Temperature: -8 °C (27 °F)
Mean July Temperature: 26 °C (70 °F)
Average Annual Precipitation: 784 mm rain, 198 cm snow
Per Capita Income: $ 82,725
Average Household Income: $ 95,437
Average Unemployment Rate: 5-6 %
Adults with High School Education: 2.640
Adults with College or University Diploma: 5,015
Average 2-Bedroom Monthly Apartment Rental Cost: $794
Average 3-Bedroom detached Bungalow: $ 325,163