What visitors love about the Municipality of Kincardine!

At special events during the summer of 2026 residents and visitors were asked to write down what they loved best about the Municipality of Kincardine in order to inform the development of the Tourism Strategy. Based on the input provided, the responses have been aggregated into broader categories and sorted from most common to least common response frequency:

1. 🌊 Beach, Waterfront & Sunsets (45 mentions)

This is by far the most dominant theme. Respondents overwhelmingly highlighted Kincardine's natural waterfront assets.

- Key specific mentions: Beach (multiple single entries), Sunsets, The Lake, Beaches, Sunsets at the beach, Sunsets on the pier, Waterfront views, Clean beaches, Beach glass, The wind, Marina, and the Lighthouse.

2. 🎺 Festivals, Events & Live Music (30 mentions)

Local cultural programming and events represent the second highest cluster of responses.

- Key specific mentions: Pipe Band / Saturday night pipe band (highly repeated), Scottish Festival / Scottish Fest, Bluesfest, Canada Day Celebrations, Monday Market / Farmers' Market, Community events, and Live music.

3. 🤝 Community, People & Welcoming Atmosphere (26 mentions)

The local social climate, welcoming culture, and family connections are highly valued by respondents.

- Key specific mentions: Friendly people, Community, Great people, Sense of community, Small-town charm, Welcoming community, Inclusivity, Family-friendly atmosphere, Hospitality, and helpful municipal/tourism staff.

4. 🥾 Parks, Trails & Outdoor Recreation (22 mentions)

Active recreation, spaces for children, and nature make up a large portion of the positive feedback.

- Key specific mentions: Swimming / Swimming at the beach, Parks and trails, Splash pad, Playgrounds, Walking trails, Outdoor activities, Bouncy castles, Nature, and the Davidson Centre.

5. 🍦 Food, Restaurants & Shopping (12 mentions)

Local businesses and dining experiences are appreciated, rounding out the core themes of the feedback list.

- Key specific mentions: Restaurants, Shopping, Food, Ice cream / Dairy Queen, Local businesses, Fincher's, and the Beautiful downtown.

Individual responses

- Community
- Friendly people
- Great people
- Great and friendly people
- Sense of community
- Inclusivity
- The vibe
- Beaches
- Beach
- The Lake
- Sunsets
- Sunsets at the beach
- Swimming
- Shopping
- Food
- Ice cream
- Events
- Activities
- Canada Day Celebrations
- Canada Day Celebration
- Pipe Band
- The Tusk
- Welcome Centre
- Family time
- Playgrounds
- Bouncy Castles
- Boats
- Flowers
- Animals
- Small-town charm
- Local businesses
- Parks and trails
- Relaxing atmosphere
- Waterfront views
- Outdoor activities
- Festivals and events
- Safe and welcoming community
- Beautiful downtown
- Marina
- Farmers’ market
- Family-friendly atmosphere

- Community events
- Scenic views
- Summer activities
- Tourism attractions
- Friendly atmosphere
- Nature
- Walking trails
- Beach activities
- Live music
- Local culture
- Hospitality
- Clean beaches
- Recreation opportunities
- Beach
- Community
- Lighthouse
- Beach
- Festivals
- Pipe band
- Swimming
- Swimming
- Sunsets on the pier
- Sunsets
- Beach
- Pipe band
- Scottish festival
- Sunsets
- Lighthouse
- Sunsets

- Scottish festival
- Pipe band
- Their Cottage
- The beach
- Scottish fest
- The beach
- Bluesfest
- Warm friendly people
- Scottish festival
- Beach
- Friendly people

- Restaurants
- History and culture
- The people
- Restaurants
- The parks
- Splash pad
- Blues fest
- MOK staff
- Tourism
- Restaurants
- No hurries, no worries, lake time
- Dairy queen
- Now playing
- The lake
- The boys and the boats
- Beaches
- The wind
- Pipe band
- Sunsets
- Cottages
- Everything is beautiful
- Peaceful
- Welcoming community
- Live music
- Blinky
- The staff that keep the town so clean and welcoming
- The rocks on the beach
- Swimming at the beach
- Saturday night pipe band
- Aintree campground
- The beautiful sunset
- The sunset
- Pipe band
- Fincher's
- Monday market
- Beach
- Beach
- Beach Glass
- Pretty beach, rocks and glass
- Shopping
- Friendly people
- Peaceful and quiet

- Monday market
- Crafts
- Ribs
- Butterflies on the beach
- Beach
- Baseball and sports
- Seeing our family
- Pipe band
- Family
- Sunsets
- Friendly staff
- Now playing
- Davidson center
- Park
- Splash pad
- Playing