

# Council Meeting Highlights



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## **Council Meeting | February 4, 2025**

### Ontario Trillium Foundation Capital Grant - Benmiller Parklands

Earlier this year, Council approved the Benmiller Community Hall Committee's intention to spearhead the proposed installation of new playground equipment at the Benmiller Community Hall and Ball Diamonds. With the concept plans completed and fundraising currently underway, the proposed park and playground upgrades in Benmiller is a shovel-ready project that may be suitable for OTF Capital grant funding. Council authorized staff to prepare an application for a Capital grant through the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) for upgrades and accessibility improvements to parkland at the Benmiller Community Hall and Ball Diamonds.

### Benmiller Ball Diamond Area Grass Cutting - Agreement

The Lucknow Recreation Department will assume responsibility for grass cutting at the Benmiller Ball Diamond Area. The department feels they can provide this service at a lower cost compared to current costs, since the department already maintains the ball diamonds, and there would be no additional travel or loading/unloading time. This revenue will be applied to the Lucknow & District Joint Recreation Board to offset their costs which benefits ACW share of the Boards expenditures.

### 5 Year Corporate Strategic Plan – Update

In 2023, Council supported the development of a 5-Year Strategic Plan to guide the Township's long-term vision for the future. Since the implementation, many Strategic Initiatives under the Success Factors have been successfully achieved. You can view the achievements here <https://acwtownship.ca/content/government/strategies-plans/5-year-strategic-plan-update.pdf>

### Staff Appointments

Ryan Boyle has been appointed as Part Time Equipment Operator / Labourer.

Brad McClenaghan and Preston Kerr have been appointed as full time Equipment Operator / Labourers.

### Ball's Bridge Board - Updated Operating Agreement

Council supported the updated Terms of Reference for the Balls Bridge Board. The changes were primarily regarding updates to the board's composition and to provide clarification.

### Community Grant Application - United Way Perth-Huron

Pre-budget 2025 approval was given to sponsor United Way Perth-Huron's 2025 Goderich and Area Coldest Night of the Year event in the amount of \$2500.

## **Council Meeting | February 18, 2025**

### Alternative Voting Methods - 2026 Municipal Election

Council supported a by-law authorizing Internet and Telephone voting as the alternative voting method for the 2026 municipal election. A combination of Internet and Telephone voting provides convenience to the voter in that they can choose the method they are most comfortable with. Voting can be done from any computer/smart phone device or telephone, anywhere and anytime during the voting period. As with the last election, a device and a phone will be made available at the municipal office during the voting period, during regular hours for those who are unable to get access to a computer or a telephone to cast their vote.

### Gravel Tender 2025

Council accepted the tender received from Wesley Riley Contracting Company and authorized pre-budget approval in the amount of \$419,004.00 including H.S.T. for the 2025 Maintenance Gravel.

### Calcium Tender 2025

Council accepted the lowest bid received from Da-Lee Dust Control Limited and authorized pre-budget approval in the amount of \$253,583.50 including H.S.T. to supply and apply approximately 475 tons of liquid calcium chloride for 2025.

### Goderich Fire Committee - Front Line Pumper

Council approved the purchase of a new Stock Pumper truck by the Goderich Fire Committee. The total cost is \$950,000. Goderich Town Council has approved initial funding by borrowing from the Town's Reserve Funds. The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh is responsible for a portion of the total amount according to the agreement in place. Repayment of the borrowing plus interest will be included in the annual fire budgets over the next several years until the debt is fully repaid. Approval of all three Councils is required for any purchases in excess of the Fire Capital Reserve Fund balance.

### **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

- Council Meeting – March 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Budget Meeting – March 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – March 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – April 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – April 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.