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## Monthly Council Meeting Highlights March 2022

Special Council Meeting (Budget) – March 1, 2022

### *2022 Budget*

Staff reviewed the proposed budget with Council. Council instructed staff to make the few minor amendments to the draft budget. Council agreed to a 4.67% increase to the 2021 tax rate, which converts to an 7% increase in the municipal levy from 2021, which raises an additional \$355,982. Based on the assessment of an average home in 2021 and comparing it to the assessment of an average home in 2022, the taxes would increase by approximately \$68 a year.

Regular Council Meeting - March 8, 2022

### *Animal Control Update*

Staff negotiated with current By-Law Enforcement Officer, Bruce Brockelbank (Keppel Creek), to have elements of Animal Control included in with his existing services contract. Staff have issued a Request for Proposal for a contract position of Dog Catcher / Pound Services, which will work closely with the By-Law Enforcement Officer, handling any dogs as may be required. The contractor will maintain holding facilities and provide humane shelter to dogs, responding to calls for dogs at large.

### *Maitland Valley Conservation Authority - Inventory of Services and Programs for 2022*

Council supported the proposal of a Memorandum of Understanding be entered into to recognize all the services that MVCA provides, which will be brought back a future meeting of Council for consideration.

### *Return to In-Person Council Meetings*

Council agreed to return to in-person Council meetings starting April 5, 2022. Meetings will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at 82133 Council Line RR # 5 Goderich, ON.

Public Meeting: Official Plan Review - March 15, 2022

Planner Celina Whaling-Rae addressed Council and the public on the status of the plan and advised that a draft of the final Official Plan will be brought forward to a future meeting of Council. Mayor

McNeil welcomed comments from the public, and individuals had the opportunity to address Council. Staff are currently working towards finalizing policy and mapping changes. Stay up to date with this project on our website at: <https://acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/official-plan-review-2021>.

Regular Council Meeting - March 22, 2022

#### *COVID-19 Vaccination Policy*

Township Council rescinded By-Law 78-2021, being a by-law to adopt a COVID-19 vaccination policy for the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, effective Wednesday March 23, 2022, at 12:01 a.m.

#### *Livestreaming Policy*

In preparation for the return to in-person Council Meetings, Council adopted By-Law 27-2022 being a by-law to adopt a Live Streaming and Virtual Participation at Meetings Policy.

#### *Nine Mile Subdivision Agreement*

On April 6, 2021, a Public Meeting was held to discuss the approval of the Nine Mile Plan of Subdivision located at Russell and Wellington Street in Port Albert. Subsequent approval was granted by Huron County Council on June 24, 2021. As a condition of the Plan of Subdivision the Developer was required to enter into a development agreement with the Township. Council introduced By-Law 26-2022 being a by-law to authorize the execution of a Subdivision Agreement between Nine Mile Enterprises Inc. and the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.

#### *2021 Annual Drinking Water System and Compliance Summary Report*

Council accepted the 2021 Annual Water Reports as submitted by Veolia Water for the Benmiller, Century Heights, Dungannon, Huron Sands, Lakeshore, and Lucknow Drinking Water Systems.

#### *2022 Proposed Budget*

Council adopted the 2022 budget as presented, adopted the resolution, and adopted By-law 24-2022 being the Tax Rate By-Law. Find information on the 2022 Budget on our website at: <https://acwtownship.ca/government/treasury>.

## Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Regular Council Meeting- April 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- Regular Council Meeting- April 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- Regular Council Meeting- May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 a.m.
- Regular Council Meeting- May 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.