

Council Meeting

SEPTEMBER 2025

Highlights



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Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy

Council approved the Township's Reserve and Reserve Fund Policy by By-Law 52-2025 to guide the management of its reserves and reserve funds. This policy allows the Township to set aside and use funds for authorized municipal services. Any transfers in or out of these reserves that are not part of the approved annual budget require Council approval.

Property Standards - Agricultural Zone and Food Production Protection Act (FFPPA)

Council requested staff prepare a report for a future meeting with a proposed public consultation process to review possible changes to the Property Standards By-Law.

Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund Approval - Century Heights Drinking Water System Expansion

The Township has been approved for funding under the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund for the Century Heights Drinking Water System Expansion. A letter was received advising the province will contribute a maximum of \$2,110,156 towards the total eligible costs of the project.

Economic Development Committee Appointment

Council has appointed Morten Jakobsen as a citizen representative to the Economic Development Committee, filling a recent vacancy on the committee.

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Investment Policy

Council approved the Township's Investment Policy by by-law 54-2025, which governs the management of surplus operating funds, reserves, and reserve funds. The Township's investment program is guided by four key objectives, in order of priority: legality, safety, liquidity, and return. All investments must be made prudently, exercising sound judgment to maximize returns while adhering to this Policy and applicable legislation. Council is responsible for approving the investment strategy, ensuring compliance with the Policy and legal requirements, and providing overall stewardship of the Township's investment portfolio.

Notice of Decision - OPA 14

The Notice of Decision of the County of Huron for Official Plan Amendment No. 14 (Johnston Bros. OPA) has been received, and the appeal period has lapsed. Council approved By-Law 45-2025 to amend the Zoning By-law 32-2008 to a portion of the property known as Lot 9, 10 and South Part Lot 8, Concession 9 Eastern Division (37695 Nile Road) and North Part Lot 8, Concession 9 Eastern Division (37605 Nile Road) in the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. The effect of the application is to rezone the property from AG1-24 (General Agriculture - Special Zone) to ER1 (Extractive Resources Zone), and NE1 (Natural Environment) to ER1 (Extractive Resources).

The purpose of the zoning application is to expand the existing sand and gravel pit known as the Cunningham pit. The remainder of the property is not proposed to change.

Enbridge - Consultation on the Future of Natural Gas Expansion in Ontario

Council has endorsed sending a letter of support to the Ministry of Energy and Mines supporting ERO 025-0923 – Consultation on the Future of Community Natural Gas Expansion.

Huron County - Clean Air Partnership Opportunity

Council is in support of a funding application for the County of Huron and their Clean Air Partnership. The Residential Energy Retrofit Program Feasibility and Design Study would be the first step toward a community residential energy retrofit program, analyzing local housing, energy use, costs, and program options. Its findings would support future municipal initiatives. The Clean Air Partnership is aiming to apply to Federation of Canadian Municipalities on behalf of the County of Huron in October 2025. If the funding application is successful, the study would be completed in 2026.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – October 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – October 21, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – November 4, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – November 18, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.