

Council Meeting

Highlights



APRIL 2025

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Budget 2025 & Tax Rate By-Law

Council passed the 2025 budget. The approved budget results in an 2.75% increase to the 2024 tax rate which converts to a 5% increase to the municipal levy from 2024, raising an additional \$329,207. For more information and details on the 2025 budget visit <https://acwtownship.ca/government/treasury>

Consolidated Fee By-Law Update

Council amended the Consolidated Fee By-Law for Water and Sewer Rates.

WATER & SEWER SERVICE RATES

Based on the 2025-2030 Water Rates for Unmetered Customers per the Water Works Financial Plan adopted December 3, 2024.

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Annual Rate	1,487	1,502	1,532	1,563	1,594	1,626

Based on the 2025-2030 Water Rates for Benmiller Inn per the Water Works Financial Plan adopted December 3, 2024.

Year	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Annual Rate	42,129	42,550	43,401	44,269	45,154	46,057

Benmiller Sewage \$1,805 (\$1,750 BM / \$55 ACW)

Aggregates in ACW

As a follow-up from the Delegation presented by Gina McDonnell regarding Aggregate Policies, Council asked staff to reach out to TAPMO to request the organization to make a presentation at a future Council meeting, and furthermore, to reach out to the Huron County Planning Department to provide comments on the request for adopting the WHO guidelines, from a policy perspective, and how it would be incorporated into the Township’s Official Plan.

2025 Asphalt Program

Council accepted the quotation for the 2025 Asphalt Program from Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd. for a total cost of \$1,032,866.75 plus H.S.T.

The 2025 paving program includes:

1. An overlay on Dungannon Road from Lucknow Line to Saratoga Line.
2. An overlay on Loyal Line from Blyth Road to Nile Road.
3. An overlay on Huron Sands Road from Hwy 21 to Top of Bank.

Waste Management Contract

Council approved the proposal from Waste Management to provide curbside household waste pickup at a cost of \$127,400 plus H.S.T. for 2025. The contract will be for a five-year term, with a 5% annual escalator.

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Volunteer Recognition Awards

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh recognized and honoured the achievements and contributions of community volunteers with the Volunteer Recognition Awards. After reviewing nominee submissions, the Outstanding Community Group Award was presented to the St. Joseph's Kingsbridge Community and the Outstanding Individual Award was presented to Jim Van Osch.

Wellington and Ashfield Street - Final Levying By-Law

Council adopted By-law 27-2025, being a by-law to levy charges against benefitting properties for the Wellington Street and Ashfield Street Reconstruction Projects, based on the final assessment schedule attached as Schedule A. Property owners will be offered two options for payment of their assessed costs:

1. Lump Sum: Payable in three equal installments on July 31, October 31, and December 31, 2025.
2. Financing Option: Capital cost plus interest amortized over a 5- or 10-year term through the Township. A preliminary interest rate (range) for financing will be provided.

Dungannon Park Gaga Pit

Council approved the request from the Dungannon YOUTH Group for the installation of a gaga ball pit at Dungannon Park at an estimated cost of \$2,500, with in-kind installation services to be provided by Township staff.

Community Onsite Septic Inspection Program - 2025 Inspection Season

This program will continue to work through the First Stage area of Cycle One. Most inspections will occur in the area south of Mackenzie Camp Road, working south along the Lakeshore west of Bluewater Highway (Highway 21) to Shoreline Road/Nile Road, including Port Albert. Properties with outstanding deficiencies or missed inspections from 2024 will also be given the opportunity to reschedule appointments. Appointment letters will be mailed 6 weeks before your inspection date, with a reminder 2 weeks before. Inspections are expected to start the week of June 10, 2025.

Gravel Road Upgrades 2025

Township staff were asked to bring back a report detailing the steps that are being taken to improve the quality of the gravel roads specifically in the eastern portion of the Township. The Township staff are working with our engineers to plan future improvements which will be presented to Council after the road needs study is completed this year. The roads need study is a vital part of the asset management plan and is completed on a five-year interval. To read the full report visit:

<https://pub-acwtownship.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=7545>

MMAH - Strong Mayor Powers for ACW

Council requested staff prepare a letter addressed to the province on its opposition to the newly imposed Strong Mayor Powers.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – May 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – May 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – June 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – June 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.