

Council Meeting Highlights



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Council Meeting | April 7, 2026

Zoning By-Law Amendment Application File Z02-2026 Otten

Council approved the zoning changes for the property located at 81003 River Line, Concession Maitland, Part Lot 29, Colborne to amend the provisions in the existing Natural Environment – Special Zone (NE1-45) to include permission for the construction of one (1) Additional Residential Unit on a lot previously limited to one (1) single detached residence.

Budget 2026 & Tax Rate By-Law

Council adopted the 2026 Budget and Tax Rates. The approved budget represents a 3.8% increase to the 2025 tax rates, which results in a 5% increase in the total Township levy over the 2025 levy, raising an additional \$345,667 for Township purposes. For the average single-family detached home, this represents an approximate increase of \$71 in 2026 compared to 2025. For more information and details on the 2026 budget visit www.acwtownship.ca/government/treasury.

Consent to Sever C64, C65, C66 and C67 - 2025 Smith

Huron County Council approved Consent Applications C64-2025, C65-2025, C66-2025, C67-2025, by Elizabeth & Paul Fagan/Century Design (Reuben Smith) c/o Zelinka Priamo (Dave Hannam), for the severance of lands described as Concession Lake Road East, Part Lot 1; Plan 294, Lots 57-88, Colborne, Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. Township Council gave a third and final reading to By-law 40-2025, amending Zoning By-law 32-2008 to reflect this consent.

Appointment Integrity Commissioner

The Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh has appointed Aird & Berlis LLP as the Township's Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator until March 31, 2027. In this role, Aird & Berlis LLP will carry out all functions, powers, and duties outlined under the Municipal Act, 2001 to support accountability and transparency for Council and local boards.

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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 Brookside School Council and the Outstanding Individual Award was presented to Barb and the late Ron Snowden.

Petrie Park Committee

The recommendation to dissolve the Petrie Park Committee was approved by Council. All park responsibilities now transitioning to municipal staff. Additionally, staff will assume responsibility for grass cutting to reduce liability risks.

Traffic By-Law Amendment – Amberley Road

Council has approved a reducing the speed limit on Amberley Road from 80 km/hr to 60 km/hr from South Baseline (Huron-Kinloss) to 1 kilometre east towards Highway 21.

Waste Management - Household Waste Collection Update

The Township is moving from bagged curbside garbage collection to a wheeled cart system, as part of a company-wide change by Waste Management. This transition aims to improve safety for drivers, reduce injuries, increase efficiency, and help control long-term costs.

Residents will receive information by mail about the new system. Once the new system begins, bag tags will no longer be required, and any unused tags can be returned for a refund. A “Touch the Truck” open house will also be planned to help residents learn how the new system works.

Benmiller Parkland Accessible Pathway Update

Council accepted the recommendation from the Benmiller Hall Committee to change the scope of the Benmiller Parkland Pathway and only install an accessible pathway from the parking area to the newly installed playground and have also requested a path be constructed down to the basement patio.

Asphalt Program 2026

Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Township Council accepted the quotation for the 2026 Asphalt Program from Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd. for a total cost of \$753,428.50 plus H.S.T. The 2026 paving program includes:

1. An overlay on Nile Road from Hwy 21 to Lucknow Line.
2. An overlay on Sheppardton Line entire length.
3. An overlay on Proudfoot Avenue entire length.

The roads selected for the 2026 Asphalt Program were selected based on the information presented in the Road Needs Study, as well as consultation with the Lead Hands.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – May 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – May 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – June 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – June 16, 2026, at 9:00 a.m