



TOWNSHIP OF
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Monthly Council Meeting Highlights July 2024

Council Meeting | Planning - July 9, 2024

Minor Variance Application File MV-2024-04 Tuer

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Committee of Adjustment approved the Minor Variance Application MV-2024-04 Tuer subject to the conditions noted in the Planner's Report.

Minor Variance Application File MV-2024-05 Fulham

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Committee of Adjustment approved the Minor Variance Application MV-2024-05 Fulham subject to the conditions noted in the Planner's Report.

Zoning By-Law Update - Mapping

As per direction from Council on June 18, 2024, the Huron County Planning Department provided a final draft of the Zoning By-Law Update - Maps, prepared by Celina McIntosh, and Denise Van Amersfoort. Council adopted By-Law 43-2024 to amend the Zoning By-Law 32-2008. The updated Text and Map Zoning By-Laws can be viewed here <https://acwtownship.ca/develop-build/planning-development/zoning-by-law-update-february-15-2024>

Council Meeting | July 16, 2024

Consolidated Fee By-Law Update

The Consolidated Fee By-Law has been updated as endorsed at the May 7th meeting of Council. Noted changes are highlighted in the document, which include changes to D: Planning Fees, which will take effect August 1st, 2024. The updated changes can be viewed here: <https://pub-acwtownship.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=5717>

Community Onsite Septic Inspection Program Appoints Septic Inspectors

Council appointed Dean Dobrianskyj, Victoria Lucas, Paisley McDowell, Alana Hollander, and Michael Varty as Septic Inspectors for ACW to execute the new Community Onsite Septic Inspection Program. Inspections are to begin on July 31, 2024, starting with the Lakeshore Area. For more information on the program visit <https://www.acwseptic.ca/>.

Short-Term Rental Update

Council requested staff to prepare a proposed Terms of Reference for a Committee of Council whose mandate would be to make a recommendation to Council on a draft licencing by-law to regulate Short-Term Rentals within the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.

100 Radon Test Kit Challenge

Council supports participating in the 100 Radon Test Kit Challenge. Radon is a radioactive gas which comes from the soil or rock due to the breakdown of uranium. It is invisible, odourless and tasteless and enters all buildings which have contact with the ground. Radon is the leading cause of Lung Cancer in non-smokers and greatly increases a smoker's risk of getting lung cancer. The program is free with all the resources provided and is expected to launch in October/November. Watch the website for more information about this upcoming program.

Canada Community-Building Fund (CCBF) Agreement

Council approved entering into the renewed Municipal Funding Agreement between the Association of Municipalities Ontario and the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh for the transfer of Canada Community-Building Fund for the ten-year period from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2034. Council passed a by-law authorizing the CAO and Treasurer to execute the new Municipal Funding Agreement on behalf of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.

Since 2005, ACW has received \$3.2 million in CCBF which has been used to complete \$2.9 million in projects related to local roads and bridges.

| 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 169,710.58 | 177,792.03 | 164,483.06 | 164,483.06 | 171,959.56 | 171,959.56 | 179,436.06 |

AMO provided the Township with a renewed 10-year MFA for the administration of the CCBF. The funding agreement runs from 2024 to 2034 providing stability for financial planning. The Township has been provided allocations from the fund as follows:

| 2024 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2028 |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 184,993.67 | 192,701.74 | 192,701.74 | 200,409.81 | 200,409.81 |

The funds provided may be used as the Township sees fit provided it meets the eligibility criteria, there is no application required to access the funds. The list of eligible investment categories remains unchanged.

Since 2005, the Canada Community-Building Fund has been a reliable source of grant funding for the Township to support new infrastructure initiatives and renewal of existing assets. The renewed MFA specifies an additional ten years of funding, providing stability in long-term financial planning for capital reinvestment and asset management.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting | Planning – August 6th at 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – August 13th at 9:00 a.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – September 3rd at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting | Planning – September 10th at 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – September 17th at 9:00 a.m.