

Council Meeting

JULY 2025

Highlights



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Zoning By-Law Amendment Application File Z01-2025 Smith

A public meeting was held to address Council on the proposed changes to the zoning on the property described 34696 Blyth Road; Concession Lake Road East, Part Lot 1; Plan 294, Lots 57-88, Colborne. Council has requested that the application be brought back in 60 days to better align with existing planning policies.

Property Standards – Agricultural Zone Exemption Review

Council requested that the Property Standards By-Law be brought forward for review at the July 15th Council meeting, with definitions of the various agricultural zoning categories included. As part of the initial review, Council has also requested a staff report providing further clarification on Normal Farm Practices and how they relate to the enforcement of property standards.

Consolidated Fee By-Law Update

The Township's Consolidated Fee By-Law has been updated to reflect the following changes:

- Revised fees for Colborne Cemetery
- Clarified language for missed inspection fees (now includes "Cancelled")
- Updated rental rate for St. Helen's Hall

To view the Consolidated Fee By-Law, visit <https://acwtownship.ca/government/by-laws/treasury/42-2025-consolidated-fees>

Smyth Municipal Drain Improvement - Tender Results

Council accepted the tender submitted by JLH Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$19,917.50 plus H.S.T for the Smyth Municipal Drain Improvement. Six (6) sealed tenders were received. Following the tender opening, the schedule of tender prices from the three (3) low bids were reviewed by Headway Engineering to ensure correct unit price extensions and total tender prices. The Engineer's estimate for this project was \$38,000.00 (Plus HST). The bid from JLH Excavating Ltd. is the lowest price tendered and meets all the requirements stipulated in the tender documents.

Ball's Bridge Closure

The Ball's Bridge Board moved a motion to close the bridge to vehicular traffic due to ongoing vandalism and vehicle burnouts to protect the integrity and safety of the historic structure. Council supported the closure and adopted By-Law 41-2025 to restrict vehicular traffic over Ball's Bridge, a jointly owned bridge between the Municipality of Central Huron and the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. Pedestrian access will remain open.

Public Works Update

The Westmount Line realignment is on track for completion in early July. The final calcium applications have been completed. The drainage work on Creek Line is finished and gravel delivery is scheduled for early July, including additional material for Harper Line, with dust control to be applied afterward. Roadside mowing is also continuing throughout the Township.

Market and Sydenham Street Improvement Project – Award Tender

Council awarded the tender for the Market and Sydenham Street Improvement Project to Kurtis Smith Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$958,000.00 plus H.S.T. The total budget for this project is \$1,440,000.00. This phase involves improvements to Market and Sydenham Streets, as well as an extension to Sydenham Street. The purpose of the work is to improve drainage in the area by installing storm sewers and altering the elevation of the roads surface.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – August 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – September 2, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – September 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.