

Council Meeting

JUNE 2025

Highlights



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Capital Power Community Benefits Fund Agreement

As a follow-up to the April 16, 2024 Council meeting, staff was directed to negotiate a new Community Benefits Fund Agreement with CP Renewable Energy (Kingsbridge) L.P. Following their successful procurement, Capital Power received a five-year extension for K1 Wind Project, running from May 2026 to April 2031. Chris Sutherland presented to Council the annual community benefit will be \$50,085, with a 20% annual inflation adjustment.

Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 – Proposed Changes 2025

Planner Meghan Tydd-Hrynyk prepared a report outlining the Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025, which aims to streamline development approvals by limiting required studies, recognizing certified professionals' submissions, easing zoning rules, and streamlining planning approvals for schools. These changes could impact local planning processes. The Township has received the report for information and the Huron County Planning and Development Department will continue to monitor for additional regulations relating to Bill 17 and provide information back to Council.

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Benmiller Community Hall Parkland Revitalization - Request for Proposal Results

Council accepted the proposal received from Blue Imp (S.F. Scott Mfg. Co. Ltd.) in the amount of \$ 123,462.00 plus H.S.T. for the purchase, and installation of playground equipment, accessible pathways, and the barrier fence at the Benmiller Community Hall Parkland. This proposal met every requirement on the equipment wish list and was the lowest submission while fully satisfying all specifications outlined in the RFP. This project is contingent upon funding approval from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

Colborne Cemetery By-Law Update

Council adopted the revised and updated Colborne Cemetery By-Law which has undergone a comprehensive review and update under the authority of the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 (FBCSA). The previous cemetery by-law (By-Law 50-2019) had been in effect since July 2019. While the by-law served its purpose, it required modernization to align with legislative updates and evolving operational practices. The by-law will no longer includes fees as an attached schedule. Instead, cemetery fees will continue to be maintained and updated through the Township's Consolidated Fee By-law.

Gravel Road Plan Update

Township staff met with Marquardt Farm Drainage Ltd. to identify the location where the drains are to be installed on Creek Line between Belgrave Road and Belfast Road. The road above the drain is to receive an additional 100mm of granular "A" material. Marquardt committed to completing this section in June. Improvements will not be notable until the following spring. The block to the north of this section received additional gravel with no additional drainage and will be able to evaluate the efficacy of the drainage and added gravel versus additional gravel alone in the spring.

Township staff have placed over 40,000 tonnes of gravel this spring and applied over 900,000 litres of calcium chloride.

The gravel reclaimer is planned to be used to reshape the shoulders of the road – this is planned to occur following the roadside mower (June-July). The operator will wait until the grass has dried before pulling material back onto the road. Following this the road itself will be reshaped.

AMGH Long Table Dinner

Council has agreed to support the Alexandra Marine & General Hospital (AMGH) Foundation's annual Long Table Dinner in White, taking place at the Goderich Municipal Airport on August 24, 2025. As a Companion Donor, the Township will contribute \$2,500 to support this meaningful cause.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – July 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- 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.