

# Council Meeting Highlights



**JUNE 2026**

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## **Council Meeting | June 2, 2026**

Deputy Fire Chief - Lucknow & District Fire Department

Jamie Mitchell has been appointed as Deputy Fire Chief / Fire Prevention Officer for the Lucknow and District Fire Department.

Grader Tender

Council accepted the lowest tender/quote received from Brandt Tractor Ltd. to purchase a new 2026 John Deere 770 P-Tier Motor Grader in the amount of \$617,550 plus H.S.T. including the optional three-year extended warranty, the 2006 Volvo be declared surplus and sold through Govdeals.

Winter Maintenance of Pinery Line

Pinery Line will now receive winter maintenance from civic address 81845 Pinery Line to Blyth Road.

## **Council Meeting | June 16, 2026**

AMGH Magnetic Moments MRI Capital Campaign

Council received a presentation from Dr. Kittmer and Dan Hayden regarding a campaign request for municipal support totaling \$250,000 over five years. Following the presentation, Council discussed the request and directed staff to prepare a report outlining potential funding options and considerations. The report will be brought forward at a future meeting to assist Council in evaluating the proposal.

Town of Goderich – Proposed Joint Use/Community Use Agreement

Council reviewed the proposed Joint Use/Community Use Agreement with the Town of Goderich, which would involve shared funding of regional facilities including the Maitland Recreation Centre, MacKay Centre for Seniors, Maitland Valley Medical Centre, and Goderich Regional Airport. Following discussion, Council approved the creation of a reserve fund allocating \$5,000 annually toward the Goderich Regional Airport in recognition of its role in supporting emergency and medical services for the community. Council also approved the establishment of a \$10,000 annual reserve fund for the Maitland Valley Medical Centre to support future capital infrastructure requests.

Sunset Community Foundation Proposal - ACW Vitality Fund

Council considered a proposal to partner with the Sunset Community Foundation to establish the ACW Vitality Fund as a replacement for the Township's existing Community Grant and Capital Grant programs. Following discussion, Council chose not to proceed with the proposed partnership and directed that the Township's current Community Grant and Capital Grant programs remain in place.

## Parkland Reserve Funds

Council received the annual Parkland Reserve Fund report for 2025. No cash-in-lieu of parkland contributions were collected during the year; however, the reserve earned \$1,983 in interest. The balance of a legacy parkland reserve fund from the former Township of Ashfield was also consolidated into the Township's Parkland Reserve Fund, resulting in a year-end balance of \$62,930. As part of the 2026 budget, Council allocated \$38,000 from the Parkland Reserve Fund toward the Ashfield Park beach access stairs project. This allocation meets and exceeds the requirements of the Planning Act for the use of parkland reserve funds.

## Development Charges – Treasurer's Annual Statement 2025

Council received the 2025 Development Charges Reserve Fund report, which outlines funds collected from new development to help pay for growth-related infrastructure projects. During 2025, the Township collected \$195,007 in development charges and earned \$9,546 in interest. A total of \$165,531 was allocated to eligible capital projects, with the reserve fund closing the year with a balance of \$372,260. The remaining funds are committed to future growth-related infrastructure projects identified in the Township's Development Charges Background Study.

## Benmiller Playground Area Accessible Pathways

Council approved the creation of a new asphalt pathway connecting the parking lot to the playground and a stone dust pathway from the parking lot to the west entrance of the Benmiller Community Hall. The total project cost is estimated at \$19,500 plus HST, with a \$5,000 contribution from Bruinsma Excavating Ltd. The upgrades will improve access to both facilities while remaining within the budget allocated for Benmiller Park improvement.

## Westmount Line Sidewalk and Paving Tender

Council awarded the contract for the final phase of the Westmount Line reconstruction project to Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd with the bid of \$520,971.34 + H.S.T. The work includes sidewalk construction, installation of drainage components, guide rail adjustments, and paving from the existing roadway to the MTO Road intersection. This project marks the completion of a three-year infrastructure improvement initiative that included culvert replacement, road realignment, and storm drainage upgrades. The successful bid came in under the budget allocated for the project in the 2026 Capital Budget.

## Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – July 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m
- Council Meeting – August 11, 2026, at 9:00 a.m
- Council Meeting – September 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m
- Council Meeting – September 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m