

Council Meeting Highlights



MARCH 2025

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Council Meeting | MARCH 4, 2025

Minor Variance Application File MV-2024-11 Knight

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Committee of Adjustment approved the Minor Variance Application MV-2024-11 Knight subject to the conditions noted in the Planner's Report.

Waste Management Delegation

Luiza Adsett, Senior Manager of Public Affairs with Waste Management presented Council with a proposal for Curbside Collection of Waste. Starting in May 2025, Waste Management will continue to handle the Township's recycling pickup, following the transition to extended producer responsibility. Waste Management was the only contractor to bid on the Township's catchment area for this service. This recycling pickup will be provided at no cost, but the Township will no longer receive funding to support the Blue Box program. The contract for waste pickup will be presented at a future Council Meeting for formal authorization.

Benmiller Baseball Program Update

There was success in recruiting volunteers for the 2025 Benmiller Softball Program, and that the program will proceed as planned with the support of the newly recruited team. Registration for the 2025 season is now open online. For more information <https://acwtownship.ca/benmiller-ball>

Summer Student Staff Appointments

Carson McNeil & Sarah Tamming have been appointed as Public Works Summer Students. Chantel Vrolyk has been appointed as Office Administration Summer Student (Treasury). Hailey Govier has been appointed as Office Administration Summer Student (Building).

Special Council Meeting - Budget | MARCH 14, 2025

2025 Proposed Budget

Staff presented Council with the proposed 2025 budget. Council instructed staff to make the few minor amendments to the draft budget. Council agreed to a 2.75% increase to the 2024 tax rate, which converts to a 5% increase in the municipal levy from 2024, which raises an additional \$329,207. Based on the average assessment of a single family detached home for 2025, and comparing it to the assessment for 2024, the average single family detached home will see an increase of \$49 for the 2025 year over 2024.

Council Meeting | MARCH 18, 2025

Community Emergency Management Coordinator Appointment

The County of Huron has appointed David Wagner as the new Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC) for the Township.

2024 Annual Drinking Water System and Compliance Summary Reports

The 2024 Annual Drinking Water Systems and Compliance Summary Reports have been completed and are available for viewing at <https://acwtownship.ca/municipal-services/public-works>

Curbside Pickup Proposal

Council supported the proposal from Waste Management to provide curbside household waste pickup at a cost of \$127,400 plus H.S.T. for 2025. The contract will be for a five-year term, with a 5% annual escalator. Staff will present the contract at a future Council Meeting for formal authorization.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – April 8, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – April 22, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – May 6, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – May 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.