

Council Meeting Highlights



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Council Meeting | March 3, 2026

Zoning By-Law Amendment Application File Z01-2025 Stutzman

Council approved the zoning changes for the property located at Concession 11, East Part Lot 17, Wawanosh on Belfast Road to amend a portion of the zoning on the subject property from AG1 to AG1-45 (General Agriculture – Special Zone). The property will rezone a portion of the property to allow for the storage of materials related to operations at the adjacent sawmill. The rezoning will also recognize the existing undersized General Agriculture parcel and permit the development of one single detached dwelling and an accessory structure. In total, approximately 6 acres will be affected by the rezoning.

On-Call Pay Policy

The On-Call Pay Policy for Public Works was supported by Council to be increased to \$6 per hour (currently \$3 per hour) only on days when the employee is on the On-Call scheduled from December 1st to March 31st.

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).

Roadside Mowing

Council accepted the proposal from Vandriel Excavating Services and authorize pre-budget approval for \$76,275.00 including H.S.T. for the 2026 roadside mowing.

Ashfield Landfill Hours of Operation

Council authorized the year-round operation of the Ashfield Landfill Site from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Mondays and Saturdays. The change will take effect on April 1, 2026.

Special Council Meeting - Budget | March 13, 2026

2026 Proposed Budget

Staff presented the preliminary 2026 Budget to Council on March 13th. During deliberations, Council approved several amendments to the draft before adopting the final 2026 Budget.

The approved budget reflects a 3.8% increase to the 2025 tax rate, resulting in a 5% increase to the total Township levy compared to 2025. This represents an additional \$345,667 in revenue to support Township operations and services.

Based on the average assessed value of a single-family detached home for 2026, compared to 2025, homeowners can expect an average increase of approximately \$71 in Township taxes for the year.

Council Meeting | March 17, 2026

North Huron Fire Agreement 2026 - 2030

A new five-year Municipal Fire Protection Agreement between the Township of North Huron and the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh has been finalized. Under this long-standing partnership, the Township of North Huron will continue to provide fire protection services to a defined area within the Township. There are no changes to service levels, response standards, staffing, operational authority, or the existing fee structure under the new agreement.

2025 Annual Drinking Water System and Compliance Summary Reports

The 2025 Annual Drinking Water Systems and Compliance Summary Reports have been completed and are available for viewing at acwtownship.ca/municipalservices/public-works

Ashfield Landfill Fees

Council has approved updates to the following landfill fees through the Consolidated Fee By-law.:

- Tipping Fees \$180.00/ton
- Minimum Charge per Load of Waste \$20.00

The updated fees will take effect on April 1, 2026.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – April 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – April 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – May 5, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – May 19, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.