

Council Meeting Highlights



MAY 2025

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Minor Variance Application File MV-01-2025 McKee

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Committee of Adjustment approved the Minor Variance Application MV-01-2025 McKee subject to the conditions noted in the Planner's Report.

Stephen Brickman - Headway Engineering - Smyth Municipal Drain Improvement 2025

Council accepted the Engineer's report as presented for the Smyth Municipal Drain Improvement 2025. Deputy Mayor Vanstone, Councillor Miltenburg and Mayor McNeil have been appointed to be members to the Court of Revision for the drain.

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Community Grants Policy Amendments

In response to Council's feedback, the Community Grants Policy has been revised to incorporate the key amendments:

- The maximum financial contribution per organization has been reduced from \$5,000 to \$2,500. This change will allow the Township to support more groups each year and reduce the potential for over-reliance on municipal funds. It also encourages community groups to seek funding from a variety of sources to strengthen project viability.
- A financial disclosure requirement added to application form. This will require applicants to submit their most recent audited or board-approved financial statements to demonstrate fiscal responsibility and need.
- A formal evaluation matrix ('Appendix B' of the policy) to standardize how applications are assessed against policy criteria. The matrix ensures eligibility requirements and program objectives are measured and provides a transparent scoring system.

To learn more about the Community Grants Policy and view the updated version, visit: <https://acwtownship.ca/content/government/strategies-plans/community-grant-policy-2025-fillable.pdf>

Community Onsite Inspection Program - Missed Inspections

Council supported maintaining the current \$200 Missed Inspection Fee with the proposed title revision and continued communication process. This approach balances cost recovery with fairness and supports a collaborative compliance model while allowing flexibility for exceptional circumstances.

Property Standards By-Law - Agricultural Zone Exemption

Council requested the Property Standards By-Law be brought to the July 15th meeting of Council for consideration. Council further requested that at this meeting, the definitions of different Agricultural zoning AG4 be included, and any other zoning that might be considered as part of this review.

Gravel Road Plan Update

Township staff have been applying fresh gravel in the northern half of the Township. The sieve test indicates that the material being delivered has 47% gravel and has less than four percent fine sands and clays. The work is on track to be completed on schedule for the end of May. Delivery of Calcium Chloride is also underway and should also be completed by the end of May.

The Public Works Superintendent is meeting with a drainage company to finalize the location of the drainage installation on Creek Line which is planned to be completed in July. A thickened layer of gravel is to be applied to Creek Line between Belfast Road and Zion Road to observe the effects of adding additional gravel.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – June 3, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – June 17, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – July 15, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – August 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.