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Monthly Council Meeting Highlights November 2024

Council Meeting | November 5, 2024

Retirement Recognition – Public Works Lead hand – Larry Brindley

Council formally recognized the retirement of Public Works Lead Hand, Larry Brindley, after over two decades of dedicated service. Larry began his career with Colborne Township in 2000, and amalgamated into the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh in 2001. In 2021, Larry was promoted to Lead Hand. Council and staff extend its heartfelt thanks and best wishes to Larry on his well-deserved retirement.

Concept Plan for Parks

Pl.ural (Stempski Kelly Associates Inc.) have completed the Concept Plans for Parks which has been adopted by Council. This concept plan supports a high-level plan that illustrates the initial long-term vision for development of Parks and Recreation in the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. The purpose of this plan is to provide a visual aid to illustrate the vision and development intent and help determine how an area could evolve. To learn more about the Parks and Recreation Strategic Plan and view the Concept Plans visit <https://acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/parks-and-recreation-strategic-plan>

Staff Appointments

Steve Ovecka has been promoted to Lead Hand in the Public Works Department.

Joy Lindsay has been promoted to Chief Building Official. Joy brings valuable experience to the role, having served as the Township's Building Inspector in her previous role.

Jamie McCallum has been appointed as Treasury/ Tax Clerk to fill the vacant maternity leave position.

Council Meeting | Planning – November 12, 2024

Minor Variance Application File MV-2024-10 Wilkins

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Committee of Adjustment approved the Minor Variance Application MV-2024-10 Wilkins. This Minor Variance will grant relief from Section 3.27.2 (Setbacks from Commercial Scale Turbines on the Same Lot) and Section 4.4.3.3 (General Agriculture - Interior Side Yard Minimum) of the ACW Zoning By-law in order to construct a new pig barn.

Zoning By-Law Amendment File Z-2024-03 Medi-Bide Holdings Inc.

Council adopted By-law 67-2024 to amend the Zoning By-law 32-2008 for the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. This By-law shall apply to Concession LRE, Part Lot 8, 85255 Bluewater Hwy (Colborne), Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh. By-law 32-2008 Section 6 is hereby amended by adding to Section 6.11.6 with the following:

Also, in the area zoned AG4-6 (Agricultural Small Holding) Zone, the following uses are also permitted: a four-plex dwelling, self-service storage units, contractor building and construction office building. A general store, four-plex dwelling, and construction office building are subject to the zone provisions of Section 6.4 Self-storage units and contractor storage units are subject to the zone provisions of Section 6.7. All other provisions of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Zoning By-law 32-2008 shall apply.

Plan of Subdivision 40T23001 - HighRidge Holdings Ltd.

Council approved the application and support Plan of Subdivision 40T23001 with the stated conditions for the purpose of developing lands in Port Albert for residential purposes. The application will be forwarded to the County of Huron for Draft Plan Approval.

Council Meeting | November 19, 2024

Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition (SOIC) - Chad Richards

At the request of the Economic Development Committee, SOIC representative Chad Richards presented to Council on the mandate of SOIC and elaborate on the opportunities for ACW. Council expressed interest in joining the coalition and becoming a member of the Southwestern Ontario Isotope Coalition. Before finalizing membership, Council will review the Terms of Reference at a future meeting.

Lucknow Medical Centre - Lease Extension Agreement

At the most recent Lucknow Community Health Centre Board meeting, the Board agreed to extend the lease agreement for the Lucknow Medical Centre with the Doctors. Council was in favour of execution of a lease extension agreement between the Corporation of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, the Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss, Doctor Sean Henderson and Doctor Justin Puntillo for the Lucknow Medical Centre until December 31, 2029.

Council Remuneration

A 2024 Council Remuneration Review was recently conducted by Ward & Uptigrove. The overall results of the market findings indicate that the Township’s Council compensation lags total compensation by 15%, on average, at the median. Ward & Uptigrove recommend the following regarding Council Remuneration. Council adopted By-Law 80-2024 establishing the recommended remuneration rates.

Position	Honorarium	Per Diems Half Day	Per Diems Full Day	Mileage
Mayor	\$ 12,417.48	\$ 153.71	\$ 173.71	\$ 0.59
Deputy Mayor	\$ 8,754.66	\$ 153.71	\$ 173.71	\$ 0.59
Councilors	\$ 8,023.32	\$ 153.71	\$ 173.71	\$ 0.59

Good Roads - Ontario Rural Road Safety Program

Council supported a resolution for the Good Roads – Ontario Rural Road Safety Program. Statistics from the Government of Ontario confirm that rural road are inherently more dangerous than other roads. The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh requests that the Government of Ontario take action to implement the rural road safety program that Good Roads has committed to lead. It will allow Ontario's rural municipalities to make the critical investments needed to reduce the high number of people being killed and seriously injured on Ontario’s rural roads.

Staff Appointments

Ryan Van Osch has been promoted to full time Equipment Operator / Labourer in the Public Works Department.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Regular Council Meeting – December 3rd at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting | Planning – December 10th at 7:00 p.m.
- Regular Council Meeting – December 17th at 9:00 a.m.