Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh

Council Meeting Highlights

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Council Meeting | November 3, 2026

Minor Variance Application File ACW MV03-2026 MacNeill

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Committee of Adjustment approved Minor Variance Application MV03-2026 MacNeill on the basis that the changes being proposed are considered minor in nature to allow for the reconstruction of a residential dwelling after a fire subject to the following conditions: The proposed structure be constructed consistently with the site plan and elevation drawings submitted with the application to the satisfaction of the Township's Chief Building Official and the variance's approval be valid for a period of 18 months from the date of the Committee's decision.

Minor Variance Application File ACW MV04-2026 Jantzi

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Committee of Adjustment approved Minor Variance Application MV04-2026 Jantzi on the basis that the changes being proposed are considered minor in nature to allow for the addition to the east of an existing residence for the purposes of addressing mobility constraints. The approval is subject to the following conditions: The proposed extensions be constructed consistently with the site plan and elevation drawings submitted with the application to the satisfaction of the Township's Chief Building Official and the variance's approval be valid for a period of 18 months from the date of the Committee's decision.

Appointment of Auditors for 2027

Council appointed Seebach & Company as the auditor for the Corporation of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and its local boards for the period January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027.

Councillor Remuneration By-Law

Council adopted By-Law 54-2026 to establish the rates of pay for members of Council. The annual stipends are as follows: the Mayor receives $12,982, the Deputy Mayor receives $9,152, and each Councillor receives $8,388. In addition, all members of Council receive $160.70 for each Council or Committee meeting they attend.

Annual Adjustment - 2027 Pay Grids

Under the Township's Pay Administration Policy, Council commits to an annual percentage increase to the pay grid each October. Based on Statistics Canada's reported annual adjustment of 2.5%, all employees pay grids will receive a 2.5% cross-board increase effective January 1, 2027.

Election Results 2026

The following candidates have been elected as a result of the Municipal Election held on October 26, 2026. Mayor Evan Hickey, Deputy Mayor Bill Vanstone, Councillor MacKenzie Deuschle, Councillor David Errington, Councillor Dan Hayden, Councillor Glen McNeil, and Councillor Tony McQuail

Drainage Petition for Concession 4, Lot 17 Wawanosh

Council accepted a petition submitted by Kevin Leddy on October 26, 2026, under Section 4 of the Drainage Act, requesting new drainage works to address drainage concerns on Concession 4, Lot 17 in Wawanosh. Maitland Valley Conservation Authority will be notified of Council's intention to appoint an engineer to investigate the drainage concerns and assess the area requiring drainage works.

Public Works Activity Report

Several road and park improvements have been completed across the Township:

- Nile Road: Paving completed from Highway 21 to Lucknow Line, along with shoulder work. Flashing lights have also been installed on the stop signs at Lucknow Line.
- Westmount Line: Paving has been completed.
- Benmiller Park: New pathway installed.
- Ashfield Park: Stair construction has begun, with footings scheduled for installation this fall. The stairs will be installed in sections early next spring.

Mill Road Speed Limit

Council has passed By-Law 55-2026 to reduce the speed limit on Mill Road from 60 km/h to 50 km/h.

Inaugural Meeting | November 17, 2026

Declaration of Office

Each member of Council took the Declaration of Office, formally swearing their oath of office and signing the declaration.

Committee Appointments

Council confirmed the list of committee appointments. Staff will bring forward the finalized by-law to the next meeting of Council for adoption.

Council Schedule

Staff will provide a report with options and alternatives for the 2027 Schedule, considering a Hybrid approach with both day and evening meetings. It will be brought to a future meeting.

ROMA Conference

Councillors McNeil, Deuschle, Hayden, Errington, McQuail, and Mayor Hickey will be registered to attend the 2027 ROMA Conference.

Fall Road Tour

Council will travel throughout the municipality to visit various locations and review areas of interest.

AMO's Local Leadership Foundations

Several members of Council expressed interest in participating in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario's (AMO) Local Leadership Foundations training program.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

- Council Meeting – December 1, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
- Council Meeting – December 15, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.