

NEWSLETTER

Summer / Fall 2024



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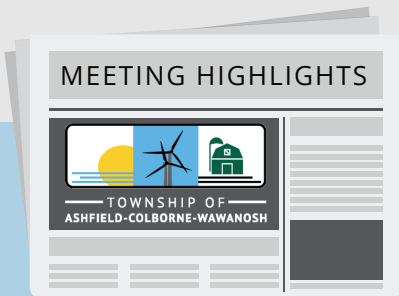
COUNCIL MEETINGS

9 a.m. Council Chambers

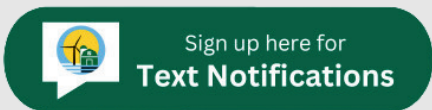
SEPTEMBER	3	17
OCTOBER	1	15
NOVEMBER	5	19
DECEMBER	3	17



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2024 Municipal Budget

Council adopted the 2024 Budget on April 2, 2024. The approved budget results in an 8.19% increase to the 2023 tax rate which converts to a 10% increase to the municipal levy from 2023, raising an additional \$598,558. The average ACW home, with an assessed value of \$276,000, will see an increase of \$125 on the Township portion of their annual tax bill. For more information on the 2024 Municipal Budget visit: www.acwtownship.ca/government/treasury

Community Onsite Septic Inspection Program

The NEW Community Onsite Inspection Program (COSIP) is launching this summer. This program helps maintain the cleanliness of our lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater by ensuring proper functioning of your septic system.

PHASE ONE of septic inspections will begin Summer of 2024. It will take approximately six years to complete all inspections within the Township. The three stages within PHASE ONE are as follows:

- **First Stage: Lakeshore Area Years 1 - 3**
- **Second Stage: Settlement Areas Year 4**
- **Third Stage: Rural Areas Years 5 - 6**

According to the schedule above, all landowners who require an inspection will receive a letter in the mail with a specified date and time 4 to 6 weeks prior to their planned inspection. It is the responsibility of the landowner to have a representative onsite during the time of the inspection, to meet with the inspector. Please contact the Township should you need to reschedule.

If you have a septic system, you will see a new fee on your tax bill to cover the costs of the inspection. If your property does not have a septic system and you see a charge on your taxes, contact the Township. Please ensure your address and contact information is up to date with the Township so we can communicate with you regarding COSIP. For more information on the program, visit: www.acwseptic.ca or contact the Building Department by text, phone, email or in person regarding any questions.

Community, Capital and Community Partnership Grants

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh aims to improve the the community and its residents through financial assistance to non-profit, community organizations with three grant options available.

1. Community Grants - funding for community events, programs, and projects, up to \$5,000.
2. Capital Grants - funding for community groups for capital projects.
3. Community Partnership - support for projects that relate to a Township asset, build on Township-owned land, is a Township capital facility, or to an asset that is operated by a community partner who delivers service(s) on behalf of or to the Township.

Applications will be accepted no later than **January 31st** each year. Learn more at www.acwtownship.ca/government/council

COUNCIL 2022-2026

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2024 Final Taxes DUE **September 27, 2024** DUE **November 29, 2024**

Tax Payments must be received by the due date. Failure to receive a tax notice does not exempt you from the payment of taxes, nor penalty and interest.

Methods of Payment

- **Payment at Municipal Office** | Cheques, Cash, and Interac Debit
- **Payment by Mail** | By cheque, payable to the 'Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh'. Post-dated cheques are also accepted for your convenience.
- **Online and Telephone Banking** | Available through most major banking institutions. Add ASHFIELD COLBORNE WAWANOSH (TWP) TAX as a payee account using your property roll-number.
- **Pre-Authorized Payment** | Sign up to allow the municipality to automatically withdraw funds on the instalment dates. Please fill out the form on our website.
- **E-Transfer** | Send payments to tax@acwtownship.ca
- **Credit Card** | Available online through PaySimply.ca, transaction fee of 2.5% is applicable.
- **Payment at Bank** | Available at CIBC Goderich branch only.
- **After Hours Drop-Box** | Cheques can be left in the drop-box located at the Municipal Office.



E-Bill

Receive your Property Tax Bills to your inbox www.acwtownship.ca/e-billing-request-form

Garbage & Recycling

To ensure your household garbage and recyclables are collected on your scheduled day, please place them at the curb near your mailbox by 7 a.m.

For missed pickups, call Waste Management directly at 1-888-730-3344.

View Full Schedule : www.acwtownship.ca/residents/waste-recycling

Garbage stickers are \$2.50 per tag and can be purchased at:

- Auburn Gas Station
- Amberley General Store
- Ashfield Landfill
- Circle K – Goderich
- Circle K – Lucknow
- Goderich Convenience
- Lucknow Co-Op
- Maxx Convenience - Goderich
- Municipal Office
- Victoria Street Shell



Ashfield Landfill

Located at: 36739 Glens Hill Road

HOURS OF OPERATION:

April – November:

Monday & Saturday 9 am to 3 pm

December – March:

Saturday 9 am to 3 pm

All household recycling must be disposed of through curbside collection, it is no longer accepted at the landfill.

A minimum charge of \$10 per load of waste will apply.

Passive Housing Project - 89 - 91 Isobel St, Dungannon

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh has partnered with Sommer Brothers Construction with the new construction of Passive Houses on vacant lots in Dungannon. A passive house concept is to construct super insulated, air tight, efficient buildings with occupant comfort and air quality being of the highest importance. They use 75 - 90% less heating energy than code buildings.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for project updates.

Has your mailing address changed?

It is important to keep your mailing address with the Township up to date to ensure mail such as your tax bills and notices makes it to you in a timely manner.

If you need to update your mailing address visit: www.acwtownship.ca/residents/property-taxes.



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