Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Summer / Fall Newsletter 2023





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Municipal Office is located at 82133 Council Line, RR 5 Goderich, ON N7A 3Y2 | Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

Site Alteration By-law

A by-law to prohibit or regulate the removal of topsoil, the placing or dumping of fill and the alteration of the grade of land within Settlement Areas. To find out more on this by-law visit: https:// acwtownship.ca/government/by-laws/building-and-property/28-2023-site-alteration-by-law

2023 Municipal Budget

Council adopted the 2023 Budget on March 20, 2023. This resulted in a 7.17 per cent increase to the 2022 tax rate which translates to a 10 per cent increase to the 2022 Township levy. The 2023 budget contains a total of \$15.3 million in expenditures, including \$7.7 million in capital projects and \$7.6 million in operating expenses. For more information on the 2023 Municipal Budget please visit: https:// acwtownship.ca/government/treasury

2023 Final Taxes

Due September 29th & November 30th

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 '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.

Council 2022-2026

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Ashfield Landfill

Located at: 36739 Glens Hill Road Phone: (519) 524 4669 ext. 220

Hours of Operation:

April – November: Monday & Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

December – March: Saturday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Interac debit payments now accepted!

Community Onsite Septic **Inspection Program**

The Township is investigating implementing an onsite septic inspection program. Septic systems that are improperly maintained, outdated or malfunctioning may have a negative impact on the groundwater, the surrounding water bodies and the environment. The objective of the program is to aid in keeping our lakes, rivers, streams and groundwater pollution free. Find out more at:

www.acwseptic.ca

5-Year Strategic Plan

A strategic plan is a Township's overall, long-term vision for the future. It's a roadmap of our goals, planned projects to achieve those goals, and metrics to determine success. This process includes consultation with Council, Senior Staff, key stakeholders, and the community.

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh has engaged Optimus SBR, a management consulting firm, to support the development of the Township's Corporate Strategic Plan. The Corporate Strategic Plan will be an actionable multi-year roadmap that will guide the future development of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh.

Follow along with this project on our website at: https://acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/5-year-strategic-plan

Zoning By-law Update

The Township is currently undertaking a review of Zoning By-law 32-2008. This is in order to implement changes from the recent Official Plan review and make minor housekeeping amendments as necessary. Changes are anticipated to include policy and mapping changes. The review is anticipated to conclude sometime between the fall and early 2024.

For more information about the project, please visit: https://acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/zoning-by-law-update.

Any questions or concerns can be conveyed to Huron County Planner Celina Whaling-Rae at cwhalingrae@huroncounty.ca or 519-524-8394 ext. 3285.

Open House Dates & Times

- Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at St Helens Hall from 1:00-5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 24, 2023 at Kingsbridge Centre from 1:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 29, 2023 at the Municipal Office from 8:30 a.m. 4:00 p.m.

Administration

Mark Becker, CAO cao@acwtownship.ca Florence Witherspoon, Clerk clerk@acwtownship.ca Kaitlin Bos, Deputy-Clerk / Communications Co-ordinator communications@acwtownship.ca Ellen McManus, Treasurer treasurer@acwtownship.ca Jill Martin, Treasury / Tax Clerk tax@acwtownship.ca Thomas McCarthy, Public Works Superintendent pws@acwtownship.ca Brett Pollock, Chief Building Official cbo@acwtownship.ca Joy Lindsay, Building Inspector inspector@acwtownship.ca Sarah Louise McGregor, Building Administrative Assistant building@acwtownship.ca Cathy Gibson, Administrative Assistant admin@acwtownship.ca

Garbage & Recycling

To ensure collection of house-hold garbage and recyclables on your scheduled day, it must be at the mailbox side of the curb by 7 a.m.

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

See the complete schedule by visiting: www.acwtownship.ca
Garbage stickers are \$2.00 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
Port Albert General Store

Victoria Street Shell

Growth & Servicing Master Plan

A Growth & Servicing Master Plan will allow the Township to proactively plan for future growth. The plan considers opportunities, constraints and existing conditions to give the Township a better understanding of what our communities can look like in the future. The Master Plan is a long range plan that can look at integrated infrastructure systems over large geographic and areas can customized to suit the Townships needs. A draft of this Plan is expected by the end of 2023.