



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

### Benmiller Softball

The Benmiller Softball program offers youth the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of softball, while making new friends and participating in an exciting sport. Our program includes: U5 (T-Ball) through to U15 including Co-ed Slo Pitch. This year registration is online through Team Linkt. Scan the QR code to access the registration link. Early Bird Registration ends March 31<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please email [benmillersoftball@gmail.com](mailto:benmillersoftball@gmail.com).



### Let's KENECT

New! Receive up-to-date Township information directly to your mobile device. With Kenect, the Township can provide updates on the things that matter the most to you directly to your mobile number. For more information and to sign up visit: <https://acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/kenect>.

[Text us!](#)

### 2024 Interim Taxes

Due March 28<sup>th</sup> & June 28<sup>th</sup>

**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](mailto: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

#### 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.

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.

### 2024 Tree Program

The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh has ordered 500 trees from Maitland Valley Conservation Authority, for the 2024 spring season.

New! This year a lottery system will be used to determine which landowners receive trees through the Tree Planting Policy. Sign-up online or complete a paper copy of the sign-up form at the Municipal office to be entered into the lottery system. Deadline to enter the lottery draw is Thursday, February 28, 2024.

Find out more about the changes to the program and sign-up online on our website at:

[www.acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/2024-tree-program](http://www.acwtownship.ca/government/projects-initiatives/2024-tree-program).

## Community On-Site Septic Inspection Program

*Protect Your Community, Protect Our Water*

Council of the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh is committed to the preservation of the environment and natural resources of the area. The objective of the program is to aid in keeping our lakes, rivers, streams, and groundwater pollution free. Septic systems that are improperly maintained, outdated or malfunctioning may have a negative impact on the groundwater, the surrounding water bodies, and the environment. For more information on the program visit: [www.acwseptic.ca](http://www.acwseptic.ca).

### What is a Septic Maintenance Inspection Program?

Most properties within the Township function on a private on-site system which are regulated through the Ontario Building Code (OBC) and is enforced by the Township. It is through Part 8 of the OBC that the Township may initiate an inspection program.

The program includes a visual inspection and report on the property with respect to:

- Type and number of buildings on the property
- Type of system being used i.e.: privy, grey water or leaching bed
- Evidence of sewage effluent ponding, odour or unusually green or thick grass growing on or around the tile bed
- Surface water or ground water flows toward the sewage system
- Tree or vegetation growth on the tile bed
- Location of the septic system

## Volunteer Recognition and Appreciation Policy

Council adopted By-law 70-2023 being a by-law to adopt a volunteer recognition and appreciation policy. The Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh (Township) recognizes and values the Volunteers that contribute their time and service to enrich the quality of life within the community.

The first Annual Volunteer Recognition Event is scheduled to be held on Thursday April 18, 2024, to celebrate the accomplishments of Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh Volunteers. More information on this event will be published in local newspapers, the Township website and through social media closer to the event.

Volunteer Recognition Awards program recognizes and awards one Outstanding Individual and one Outstanding Community Group. Nominations are being accepted until Friday, February 16, 2024. For more information visit: <https://acwtownship.ca/residents/news/nominations-open>.

### Administration

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### Garbage & Recycling

To ensure collection of household 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](http://www.acwtownship.ca)

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  
Port Albert General Store  
Victoria Street Shell

### Mailing Address

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](http://www.acwtownship.ca/residents/property-taxes).

### Council Meeting Monthly Highlights

Find the Council Meeting Monthly Highlights on our website at

[www.acwtownship.ca/government/agendas-minutes](http://www.acwtownship.ca/government/agendas-minutes).

This newsletter provides a simple high-level summary of key items discussed at the meetings of Council.