



# TOWNSHIP OF DAWN-EUPHEMIA

## NEWSLETTER

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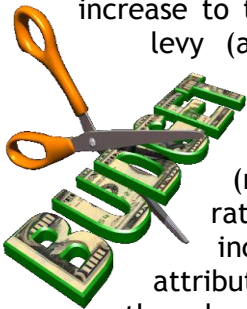
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### A LOOK at the BUDGET

#### What's going on in the Township this year?

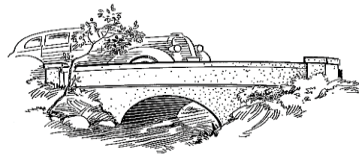
Residents were faced with a 6.39% increase to the general tax levy (an approximate 3.8% increase on the combined (residential) tax rate). The increase is attributed in part, to the loss of another \$80,800 in provincial funding. The cumulative loss of provincial funding to Dawn-Euphemia since 2010, is over \$3 million! Another reason for the increase relates to the Asset Management Plan (AMP), a study required by the Province and used to budget for future infrastructure replacement of core services such as the water system, roads and bridges. The plan suggests that more money needs to be budgeted for roads and bridges; therefore, Council agreed to "phase-in" the necessary increases over several years to ease the burden on the tax payers.



**NEVER MISS ANOTHER PAYMENT. SIGN UP NOW FOR PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS FOR TAXES & WATER BILLS!** Property owners now have the option to choose one of two, pre-authorized payment plans for taxes and water bills. Contact Municipal Office for more information.

## 2018 PROJECTS

**Lambton Line Culvert** - Council will be undertaking a significant culvert replacement at Longs Creek, on Lambton Line in Rutherford. The culvert has exhibited considerable deterioration over the years and ongoing remedial efforts have extended the life of the culvert somewhat, however a complete replacement is now required. Due to the substantial size of the culvert, Lambton Line may need to be closed to accommodate the work.



**Bridge Study Update** - Council will be updating the 2012 Bridge Study where visual inspections will be conducted by a qualified engineer on 108 structures. The study will identify any safety problems, structural deficiencies, and suitable preventative maintenance techniques for the bridges. Once complete, staff will develop a priority list of bridge repairs and replacements, with associated costs.

**Culvert Replacement** - at least 6 deteriorated, large diameter culverts will be replaced throughout the Township, this year.

The Shetland Conservation Area Campground is open May 18 to October 28, 2018.

To reserve your campsite call the municipal office at 519-692-5148 or email [admin@dawneuphemia.on.ca](mailto:admin@dawneuphemia.on.ca)



**Slurry Seal** - This year, various sections of road will receive slurry sealing, spray patching and asphalt repairs. Another portion of Lambton Line from Downie to Annett Road will receive asphalt resurfacing. What is "slurry seal"? It is a proven, cost-effective surface treatment intended to extend the life of older asphalt pavements that are still structurally sound.



**Equipment Replacement** - A new plow/sander will be purchased this year to replace the 1995 International. The new vehicle will be funded from reserves. FYI, a reserve is money set aside, typically accumulated over several years, and used to finance future expenditures such as equipment replacement, large projects or other. Reserves are allocated at the discretion of Council and established to assist with long term financial stability and to minimize fluctuations in taxes caused by cyclical conditions.



### Library Hours



**Florence Library**  
Tuesdays &  
Thursdays 4-8 pm &  
Saturdays 10 -2 pm

### Shetland Library

Mondays & Wednesdays 4-8 pm  
& Saturdays 1-5 pm.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS!



The Fire Department will continue with their "bunker gear renewal program" of replacing 3 suits each year. The new Lambton County Fire Services Radio Communications System should be up and running by summer. The key objectives of the new radio system is to **Reduce Risk** for firefighters, **Save Time** at a fire scene and **Save Money** on equipment repairs and longevity of optimum performance.

The Fire Department will also be purchasing a 2<sup>nd</sup> defibrillator. These units are vital to Fire Departments and their rescue operations and live-saving missions.



A very special thank you to Union Gas for their donation of \$2,000 towards the defibrillator.



The firehall roof and interior of the community hall will be painted this year, and the air conditioning unit, replaced.

### A NEW "APP" FOR PW DEPT

The Public Works employees are working closely with a company to develop a customized, GIS-based, mobile operations, asset

management software app for the Township. Staff will now have access to customized electronic forms and a mobile work order system that includes inspections, road patrols, traffic control signs, replacement of deficient signage, catch basins, culverts, recreational facilities, sidewalks and water valves. The app will assist the municipality with legislative compliance and managing, inspections and maintenance of municipal assets and infrastructure. **Congratulations to our Public Works Department for their innovative ideas!**



### If you wish to appear as a delegation before

**Council**, simply notify the Clerk in writing (or by email) with the general nature of the presentation by noon on the Wednesday before the meeting you wish to attend.



Council Meetings are held the first & third Mondays of every month (excluding public holidays) @ 6:30 pm – everyone is welcome

**Did you know that.....** the Township now sells marriage licenses and conducts civil ceremonies? Please contact the Clerk for more information at [clerk@dawneuphemia.on.ca](mailto:clerk@dawneuphemia.on.ca)



The "My Community Notification Network" is a community notification system in Lambton County, that can contact subscribers through the method of their choice, such as telephones, cell phones, email and text messages. Subscribers will receive messages about emergencies such as boil water advisories, tornados and industrial incidents. To sign up for MyCNN, visit the CAER (Community Awareness Emergency Response) website ([www.caer.ca](http://www.caer.ca)) or call 519-332-2010.

**There is no cost to subscribe to MyCNN.**

## Dates to Remember

### Tax Due Dates

Last business day of March, May, September & November.

### Water Bills

Last business day of February, April, June, August, October & December.

### Firefighters Breakfast

Sunday April 8, 9:00 to noon

### Rabies Clinics

Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>

9:30 to 11:30 am, 1345 Cairo Rd

&

1:00 to 3:00 pm, 6213 Mill St., Community Centre, Florence

Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>

9:00 am to Noon, 4590 Lambton Line, Rutherford Works Yard

### Clean-up Day

Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Dawn Landfill @ 4084 Langbank Line

### Sydenham Canoe Race

Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
[www.scrca.on.ca](http://www.scrca.on.ca)

### Deadline for Municipal Scholarship

April 30<sup>th</sup>

### Dog Tags due May 1<sup>st</sup>

### Emergency Preparedness Week: May 7 – 13

### Special Cleanup Day

Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Dawn Landfill @ 4084 Langbank Line

