



Township of Dawn-Euphemia



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## Shetland Conservation Area offers great camping rates!

Located at 6632 Bentpath Line in the Township of Dawn-Euphemia, this small, family-friendly campground is perfect for campers who want a quiet camping experience with modest facilities (portable washrooms, electricity and running water). Private, spacious and shaded campsites (16 serviced and 15 un-serviced lots), picnic areas, pavilion, children's playground and boat launch.

*Come out and discover what nature has to offer!*

### ATTENTION: Dog Owners



Did you know that the majority of complaints received by the Township have to do with dogs running at large? **Please make sure to keep your dog(s) on your property at all times.**

### Dates to Remember

**Tax Due Dates:** September 29<sup>th</sup> & November 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Water Bills:** Last business day of February, April, June, August, October & December.

**Flu Clinic:** Tuesday November 14  
4:00-7:00 pm, Rutherford Fire Hall

### Special Cleanup Day

Saturday, October 14  
9:00 am-3:00 pm  
Dawn Landfill Site at  
4084 Langbank Line



**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.

## 2017 PROJECTS

### Wheelie Bin Conversion

Council will be proceeding with the implementation of automated collection for ALL of Dawn-Euphemia. Residential properties will receive a small wheelie bin and large recycle bin in October. Larger bins are available by contacting BRA by no later than August 25<sup>th</sup> via email [info@bra.org](mailto:info@bra.org) or phone 519-228-6678 or 1-800-265-9799 ext. 243



### Water Meter Replacement

Most water meters in the Township have exceeded their life expectancy. The Township plans to replace them with new, improved, remote-read meters later this year. Homeowners will be contacted to schedule an appointment for replacement. A \$75,000 grant was approved under the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund (CWWF) towards the replacement costs of the meters!

## LED Streetlight Conversion

The streetlights in Oakdale and Florence were recently converted to "LEDs". LEDs are by far the most energy efficient, cleanest and most eco-friendly source of illumination. The long life expectancy of the LEDs reduces the need to replace failed lamps as often, and this can lead to significant savings, particularly in the cost of sending out maintenance crews. The low power consumption of LEDs leads to significant energy savings and are generally less expensive compared with other light sources. LED lights are environmentally friendly because they consume so little energy.

### Library Hours



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

**Shetland Library**  
Mondays & Wednesdays 4-8 pm  
& Saturdays 1-5 pm.

**SENIORS OF THE YEAR**  
**Bruce & Joyce**  
**Wright**





# A LOOK at the BUDGET

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

The Township saw a 7.38% increase to the general tax levy or approx. 3.8% on the combined (residential) tax rate. The increase can be

attributed in part to the drop of \$95,000 in provincial funding! In order to recover that loss alone, translates into a 4% tax increase, before even getting started! The cumulative loss of provincial funding to Dawn-Euphemia since

2010, is almost \$3 million!

### Asset Management Plan

The other increase to the budget can be attributed in part to the Asset Management Plan (AMP). The AMP is an independent study required by the Province, which is used to budget for future infrastructure replacement of core services such as the water system, roads and bridges. The Township currently has 16 bridges, 92 culverts, 479 km of roads, 147 km of watermain, 5 facilities and a fleet of 18 vehicles. The replacement cost of these assets is estimated at over \$197m. The plan indicates a deficit of \$498,715/yr over the next 10 years.

### Emergency preparedness starts with you



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### Hardtop Surfaces



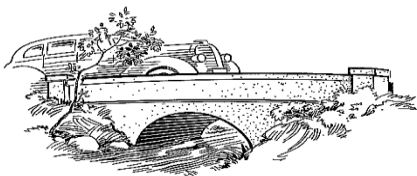
This year, a portion of Lambton Line is scheduled for asphalt resurfacing as a joint cost-sharing

venture with Chatham-Kent. Crack sealing will also take place on various municipal roads throughout the Township and shoulder tiling will take place on Lambton Line, in the fall of 2017. Florence Road and Mill Street will receive a slurry seal, which is a cost-effective surface treatment intended to extend the life of older asphalt pavements that are still structurally sound.

### Bridge/Culvert Rehabilitation

The following bridges are scheduled for rehabilitation:

Florence Road Bridge over the Sydenham River - significant deck rehabilitation at an estimated cost of \$520,000. This project is split 50/50 with Chatham-Kent.



Pantry School & Edys Mill Line Intersection - replacement of two large concrete structures. This will allow improvements and widening of the intersection.

### NEW Scholarship for Students

In an effort to invest in the youth in our community, Council has established a new "Municipal Scholarship" for 2018 to be awarded annually to one student of Dawn-Euphemia, pursuing a full-time post-secondary education in a government-related, firefighting technology or agricultural field of study. The criteria and application are available on-line or by contacting the Township Office. Deadline for submission is April 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

### Culvert Replacement

At least 6 deteriorated, large diameter culverts will be replaced throughout the Township, this year.

### Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre Grounds

This year, Council embarked on a partnership with Lambton College in Celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! The cooperative

venture included the planting of 10 birch trees at the Community Centre with another 140 trees being planted at the College



and other participating municipalities of Lambton County. The College covered the cost of the trees, mulch, concrete and commemorative anchor piece while the Township is responsible for ongoing maintenance of the grove. This was an exciting opportunity to work closely with Lambton College students, while at the same time enhancing the landscaping at the Community Centre.



Other enhancements this year, will include new waste/recycling bins, accessible picnic tables, basketball net and a seasonal porta-pottie.

### Shetland Campground

This year, you will notice a few new accessible picnic tables at the campground. Also a new flyer has been created to help promote use of the campgrounds and will be distributed to various depots throughout Southern Ontario.