



# TOWNSHIP of DAWN-EUPHEMIA COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Summer 2019

## SENIOR OF THE YEAR

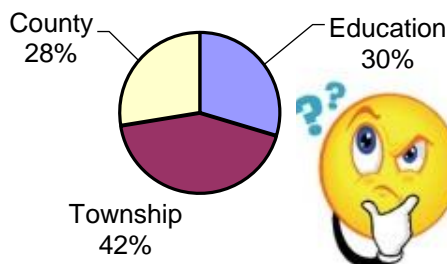
Congratulations to Ron Rich of Dawn-Euphemia Township, who received the 2019 "Senior of the Year" Award, in recognition of his outstanding voluntary contributions in enriching this community!!! Thank you, Ron!



## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Dawn-Euphemia's "Municipal Scholarship", was launched by Council in 2018, and is 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. Deadline is April 30<sup>th</sup> each year.

*Did you know* that your tax bill is made up of 3 components? The Township collects taxes for both the County of Lambton and School Boards. Therefore, of every \$1 that the Township collects in taxes....only 42 cents is kept for local services.



**Bring the entire family out for Grand Ole Power Days on Sept 13, 14 & 15 in Florence**



## COUNCIL NEWS

Councillor Ann Gray, the next eligible candidate, was sworn in on August 12<sup>th</sup>, to serve the remainder of the Council term upon the resignation and subsequent passing of Councillor Bill Bilton.



## INTERNET SPEED TEST

Cogeco Connexion has partnered with the Township to assess the current broadband connectivity of homes and businesses in the area. As part of the fact-finding, residents are asked to participate by completing a speed test instructions at this link: <https://internetspeed.celeritech.ca/> Please note that a valid email address is required to complete the test and to allow you to edit and save the form. Under no circumstances will your email address be used for marketing or solicitation purposes. Addresses provided may be used to communicate with you if important information related to this test is missing.

## FIRE DEPT NEWS

Council recognized Fire Chief, Dave Williams for 11 years of service as the Dawn-Euphemia Fire Chief (2008–2019). Chief Williams will be stepping down as Chief, but will be remaining on as a firefighter. Congratulations to Don Ewing, who was appointed as the new Fire Chief for Dawn-Euphemia. Don Ewing has been on the Fire Dept for 15+ years and served in various positions including Deputy Chief, Captain and firefighter.



**FLORENCE LIBRARY UPDATE:** On August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Community Centre suffered minor smoke damage, while the Florence Library experienced water damage and significant smoke damage after a small fire was extinguished. The Community Centre was cleaned up and back in service within a couple days; however, the Florence Library will remain closed until further notice while restoration efforts continue. Hours have been extended at the Shetland Library to accommodate the public. We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience.

## STREETLIGHT DECORATIONS & SIDEWALK UPGRADES IN FLORENCE

Under the Provincial Street Revitalization Grant, Council received almost \$40,000 to purchase new Christmas Streetlight decorations and replace sidewalks in Florence. Several different sidewalk replacement options were discussed including replacing sidewalks with concrete, but the cost would have exceeded \$120,000; therefore, Council decided that the most feasible option was to replace existing sidewalks with "Dawn-Blend" gravel material. The grant money will be used for the sidewalk replacement, so there will be no cost to residents of Florence. Sidewalks on the west side of Florence Road will be removed and replaced with topsoil, while sidewalks on the east side will be replaced with the Dawn-Blend gravel from Gunne St to Isabelle St, and extended down Mill St to the Community Centre.

## METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Staff will be contacting homeowners shortly to replace their household water meters which have reached or exceeded their life expectancy. They will be replaced with new, improved remote read meters. Council was successful in securing a \$75,000 grant from the Clean Water and Wastewater Fund which will be put towards the replacement costs!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tax Due Dates:** Last business day of September & November.  
**Water Bills:** Last business day of August, October & December.

**SPECIAL CLEAN UP DAYS - NOW 2 DAYS!**

**Come out Friday to avoid the crowds! Special Clean-up Days!**

Friday & Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Dawn Landfill @ 4084 Langbank Line

## PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please see the reverse side of the Property Tax Bill for information regarding payment options, policies for late payment penalties and the application of payments. The Township has no authority to waive or alter a penalty charge for any reason.

Failure to receive a Tax Bill does not relieve an owner's responsibility for payment nor the liability for late payment penalties.

## INCOME TAX RECEIPT

Please retain your tax bill for your 2019 Income Tax Return. *DUPLICATES WILL BE ISSUED FOR A \$10 FEE.*

## ASSESSMENT INFO

The assessed value and name(s) and address of assessed owners as shown on the face of the Tax Bill are in accordance with the Assessment Roll as updated by MPAC - the Municipal Property Assessment Corp.

The Township is required by statute to send out Tax Bills strictly in accordance with the information appearing on the Roll.

Report ownership changes to the Township and matters affecting property valuation to MPAC.

Visit [www.mpac.ca](http://www.mpac.ca) or [www.aboutmyproperty.ca](http://www.aboutmyproperty.ca)

Local MPAC:  
1-1401 Michigan Ave  
Sarnia, ON N7S 0B1  
or phone MPAC at  
1-866-296-6722

## SALE OF PROPERTY

If the tax bill is no longer your responsibility, please return it to the Municipal Office noting the new owner's details.

## INFORMATION

The following documents are available for review at the Township Office:

- Annual Budgets
- Financial Statements
- Performance Measures Reports
- Emergency Plan
- Accessible Customer Service Policy

## TOWNSHIP OF DAWN-EUPHEMIA

# 2019 Tax Bill Information

Residential Class tax rate components are:

<b>Township</b>	<b>0.659939%</b>	<b>\$ 660</b>
<b>Lambton County</b>	<b>0.436767%</b>	<b>\$ 437</b>
<b>Education</b>	<b>0.161000%</b>	<b>\$ 161</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.257706%</b>	<b>\$1,258</b>

**MPAC Assessed Value *times* Tax Rate  
equals Property Taxes**

$$100,000 \times 1.257706\% = \$1,258$$

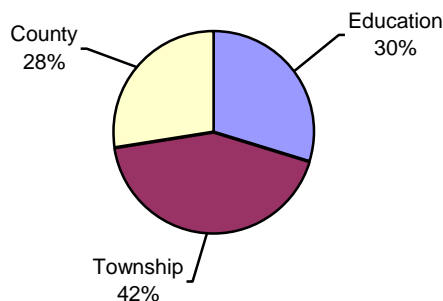
**Farm Class Tax Rates are 25% of Residential**

## 2019 TAX RATES

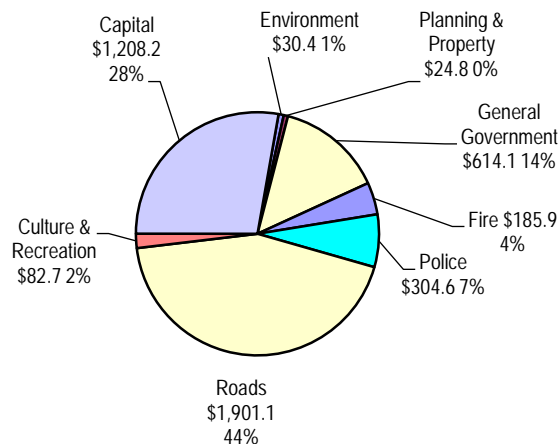
Residential	1.257706%
Farmlands	0.288105%
Managed Forest	0.314427%
Commercial	3.074451%
Industrial	3.535584%
Pipeline	2.502168%

## BREAKDOWN OF TAX DOLLARS

Education	\$ 2,521,720
County	2,347,018
Township	<u>3,643,243</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,511,981</b>



## USE OF TOWNSHIP TAX DOLLARS



## TAX CLASS CODES

The default class is Residential.

Lands must meet specific OMAFRA qualifications to be taxed at the reduced rates in the Managed Forest Class or the Farmland Class.

The Tax Class Code - ie RTEP. 1<sup>st</sup> digit is the applicable tax class - Farm or Residential; T - fully taxable; the last 2 digits indicate school board support - English or French, Public or Separate.

## 2019 BUDGET EXTRACT

### Expenditures

Council	41,298
Administration	388,317
General Gov	159,322
Police - OPP	312,601
Fire Services	185,949
Roads	1,981.130
Water Services	338,150
Waste Removal	106,840
Culture & Rec	58,290
Community Centre	52,620
St Clair Cons Auth	23,374
Area Rates	13,900
Planning	5,590
Building Services	21,000
Protective Services	11,400
Drainage Act	40,329
Capital	1,208,200
Debt Service	85,175
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,033,485</b>

### Revenues

Programs	502,795
General	218,345
Grants	529,491
Reserves	139,610
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,390,241</b>

**General Tax Levy \$ 3,643,244**

**Prior Year Levy 3,452,3333**  
(Including new Supplementary)

## TAX PAYMENT PLANS

The Township is offering Pre-Authorized Payment Plans (PAP) for Tax and Water bills.

Sign up is on the back of this newsletter, please fill out and return to the Township office, if you would like to use the PAP.