



TOWNSHIP of DAWN-EUPHEMIA

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YEAR IN
REVIEW

2021



Leadership....

Moving
the
community
forward

March 2022

It has been another exciting and progressive year! Council felt it was important to share with you, the residents, the accomplishments made over the past year.

NEW SERVICES

MILITARY BANNER PROGRAM



In December 2020, Council approved the Military Banner Program honouring veterans by installing banners on the

hydro poles in the townships of Rutherford and Florence.

MEMORIAL TREE PROGRAM

Council is pleased to announce a new initiative whereby residents can plant a tree in memory of a loved one in a designated planting area at either the Rutherford Park, the Community Centre or Shetland Park. For a fee of \$150, applicants can choose from a list of trees chosen for their growth potential and in recognition of being native to our community. Trees will be planted by staff, in the fall, once a year, and as weather permits.



The tree will become a living tribute in remembrance of a person. Please contact staff for more information or visit the website www.dawneuphemia.ca. Three trees were planted, this year in memory of loved ones.



Congratulations to Kaitlynn Dennis, this year's recipient of Dawn-Euphemia's "Municipal Scholarship" awarded annually to one student pursuing a full-time post-secondary education in agriculture, firefighting, skilled trade or a government-related field. Council would like to wish Katie the very best of luck as she pursues her studies in Agriculture.

Just a reminder to all residents that the criteria and application are available on-line and the **Deadline for submission is April 30th** of each year.

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**Tax Bills & Water Bills
Get a New Look!!**

With the new recently installed Accounting Software, your next water bill and tax bill will look a bit different. The same information will be there, but may be in a different location. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact staff. In the future, the Township is hoping to offer E-Billing of water bills and tax bills.

IMPROVEMENTS

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS



The public can now join Council Meetings by teleconference. Due to the uptick in public participation during COVID-19, Council agreed to continue with the use of electronic meetings *outside* of a declared emergency. This provides increased flexibility to Council Members, delegations, media and the public. If you wish to participate, please contact the Clerk prior to the scheduled Council Meeting for call-in details. Everyone is welcome to listen from the comfort of their own home!

CHECK OUT OUR NEW & IMPROVED WEBSITE!!!



If you have **scenic photos** of Dawn-Euphemia Township that you would like to share on our website, or if you would like your **business** added to our website, please email staff at admin@dawneuphemia.on.ca



INTERNET SERVICE



In June 2019, Council began working with Cogeco to increase access to high-speed internet in unserved and underserved areas. The CRTC recently announced that Cogeco was awarded funding for their Lambton 4 Project that will provide full fibre to Florence. As a result, Cogeco will be able to provide Fibre-To-The-Home (FTTH) to unserved and underserved premises in the communities of Rutherford, Huffs Corners and Florence. Unfortunately, it will be at least another 2 years before the project is complete.

SHETLAND CAMPGROUND



Council was successful in negotiating an agreement with the St. Clair Conservation Region Authority, ensuring that if the Shetland Park was ever disposed of (due to a change of legislation or other) that the Park would be donated back to the Township. This was key in moving forward with a lease that protects the Township's interests and investments in the Park. This year, Council agreed to add 4 more campsites (paid for out of the Shetland Park Reserve) and install internet to the campground (thanks to a very generous donation from MPV Wifi). Other recent repairs to the campground included replacement of the dock and landing (paid for by the SCRCA Foundation).

Shetland Campground is opened May 20 to October 17, 2022. To reserve your campsite call the municipal office at 519-692-5148 or admin@dawneuphemia.on.ca

GRANTS APPLIED FOR

ICIP GREEN STREAM GRANT

Once again, Council has partnered with the Town of Petrolia, Township of Enniskillen, and Village of Oil Springs to submit a joint grant application under the Green Stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), for the capital replacement of the water treatment in-take pipe at the Bright's Grove Water Treatment Plant, that provides water to south Lambton municipalities. The project is an estimated \$12 million and will replace the 80-year old in-take pipe which has exceeded its life expectancy. This major infrastructure project, if approved, will assist in securing a greater supply of water for future needs and development.

MODERNIZATION GRANT

Council was successful in an application for the "Municipal Modernization Program", in the amount of \$21,914 which will cover up to 75% towards the cost of a new computer server to complement the new Asyst accounting program in the Administration Department.

COMMUNITY BUILD GRANT

Council was successful in a recent grant application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation Community Building Fund, in the amount of \$43,000, for 6 new bleachers and 2 accessible platforms for the ball diamond and tractor pull area at the Community Centre in Florence.



RESILIENCY GRANT

Council is still waiting to hear if they were successful in obtaining a grant for new retaining walls at the Shetland Conservation Area on both sides of the Sydenham River at the boat launch and campground. If successful, the grant will pay for approx. 100 ft of retaining wall at a cost of \$100,000.



Ontario Senior of the Year

Do you know an outstanding senior who, after age 65, enriches the social, cultural or civic life of the community? Why not nominate him/her for the "Senior of the Year" Award?

To be eligible, your nominee must:

- have contributed to the community after the age of 65 and has made their community a better place to live
- be a resident of Ontario

Seniors who qualify for this award may have contributed to many different fields such as the arts, literature, community service, volunteering, education, environment, fitness, or humanitarian activities.

You cannot nominate:

- yourself
- someone who has passed away
- someone currently holding political office

How to nominate someone

If you know someone who should be considered for this award, please download the application from the Township's Website and submit your completed form to the Municipal Office by no later than **Wednesday April 13th, 2022**. Awards are typically presented during Seniors Month in June.

2022 ONTARIO MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS
October 24, 2022

ON THE LIST
TO VOTE?
HAVE YOUR SAY!

VISIT VOTERLOOKUP.CA



2022 Municipal Elections

The **2022 Municipal Elections** will be held on **Monday October 24** and Council has agreed to use the Vote-By-Mail process again this election. Voters can fill out their ballots in the privacy and convenience of their own home. Casting a vote is as easy as mailing a letter! More information is forthcoming – watch future newsletters and the website!



VOTE-BY-MAIL

In October, voters will receive a Voting Kit in the mail containing everything needed to vote by mail. The voter simply follows the instructions in their kit, deposits their ballot in the mail, using the postage paid return envelope, and the ballots will be delivered to the Municipal Office for counting on Election Day.



Get involved in the future of your community by becoming a member of your Municipal Council!

Nominations will be accepted between May 2 and August 19, 2022 (until 2 pm) for the following positions:
Mayor (1) and Councillor (4)



Election Day is
Monday October 24, 2022
Term of office is for 4 years,
November 15, 2022
to **November 14, 2026**

Check out the **“Municipal Election”** page on the website!
Candidate’s packages are available for pick up at the Township Office, 4591 Lambton Line and online. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Clerk at 519-692-5148.

Interested in Running for Municipal Council? Now is the time!



Lambton County Municipalities have partnered with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to host an “information session” for anyone interested in running for Municipal Council, scheduled to take place via zoom on **Monday May 2 @ 2:00 pm** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88262519874> and again at **6:00 pm**, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86385878927> Session is approximately 2 hrs.

Contacting Council & Staff



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LONG-SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Paul Dalton, PW Supt - 40 Yrs
Stan Burrell, Fire Dept - 30 Yrs
Ernie Kramer, Fire Dept - 30 Yrs
Keith Kramer, Fire Dept - 30 Yrs
Dave Williams, Fire Dept - 30 Yrs
William Gray, Fire Dept - 20 Yrs
Betty Lou Wranich, Cemetery - 20 Yrs

NOTICE: ONGOING TESTING IN FLORENCE

In February 2020, the Minister of Environment agreed that it was not necessary to construct an expensive communal septic system in Florence, *provided that homeowners with failing septic*

systems were fixed. In the fall of 2021, staff completed the first round of focused testing of drains identifying the areas with highest levels of contamination. This year, staff will continue with inspections utilizing a sewer inspection service to identify individual sources of contamination. Property owners will be given the opportunity to voluntarily participate in a dye test, in order to eliminate their property from further investigation. Once the offending properties are identified, those homeowners will have the opportunity to rectify their situation either by upgrading or replacing their failing septic system, before further action is taken. More information will be sent out to homeowners as testing progresses.



A reminder to drivers to pull over and/or yield if you see a vehicle with flashing green lights. *It means volunteer firefighters are on their way to an emergency.* The green flashing light is used to alert motorists that the vehicle is on its way to an emergency. This is unique in Canada and used by many rural departments. By mounting a green light inside a personal motor vehicle, a statement is being made that you are a firefighter, likely a volunteer, and, when activated, that there is an emergency that requires attending.

NEW BYLAW

Obstruction of Roads and Altering of Roadside Ditches
Did you know . . . that you are not permitted to obstruct a municipal road in any way that could jeopardize the safety of the public? This includes leaving vehicles, equipment, logs, or planting crops onto the road allowance; dumping snow, mud or any other substance on the road. It is also not permitted to alter the roadside ditches in any way. Costs associated with removing obstacles from the road allowances or restoring ditches shall be at the expense of the land owner.

DATES TO REMEMBER

TAX DUE DATES: Last business day in March, May, September and November.

WATER BILL DUE DATES: Last business day in February, April, June, August, October and December.

DOG TAGS:

Due May 1st
Keep an eye out for Dog Tag invoices! Invoices not paid for by the deadline of May 2nd will result in a \$15 late fee.



RABIES CLINIC: Due to COVID, no dates have been determined.

FIREMEN'S BREAKFAST: Sunday March 6, 9:00 am to noon @ Firehall, Rutherford

SENIOR OF THE YEAR DEADLINE - April 13, 2022
Application on municipal website.

SYDENHAM CANOE RACE: Due to COVID, date has not been confirmed. Please check website for details: www.scrca.on.ca

MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP: DEADLINE – April 30, 2022

SPECIAL CLEAN UP DAYS
Dates yet to be determined



Library Hours

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


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



Animal Control Officer Jim Thompson
For services during business hours, please contact the municipal office. For weekends and after-hours service, if you have captured a stray dog or have found an injured dog that requires transportation to the vet or pound, then contact Animal Control Officer @519-695-5512 or 519-401-8883. The dog must be contained or leashed for the Animal Control Officer to respond.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MESSAGE



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS STARTS WITH YOU!


Emergency Survival Kit


In the event of an emergency, everyone should be prepared to take care of themselves and their families for up to three days. Make sure that your emergency survival kit has:

- Flashlight and batteries
- Radio and batteries or crank radio
- Spare batteries
- First-aid kit
- Candles and matches/lighter
- Extra car keys and cash
- Important papers (identification)
- Food and bottled water
- Clothing and footwear
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Toilet paper and other personal items
- Medication
- Whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
- Playing cards, games

be prepared! Not scared!

For more information please visit
Emergency Management Ontario
at www.ontario.ca/emo






DID YOU KNOW?


Did you know

that only **ONE (1) MUNICIPAL WATER CONNECTION** PER PROPERTY is permitted under By-Law 2017-07, that regulates the distribution and use of potable water from the Municipal water system. All owners must comply with the requirement of one water connection service per property along with the installation standards outlined in the by-law required to protect the integrity of the water distribution system. Please contact the Township if you are in contravention of this by-law.



Did you know

that the Township sells water tokens for large water purchases for \$4/each for 250 gallons of water? The purchaser is responsible for supplying fill hose with 2" female cam-lock coupler.





Residents will see a 4.1% increase to the general tax levy on the Township portion only (County and Education rates - not available at this time).

The Township, once again incurred another loss of \$42,000 in provincial (OMPF) funding and faced a 15% (or \$19,000) increase in insurance, for 2022.

Under the Township's Fire Services Agreement with Brooke-Fire Rescue for coverage in the north-east corner of Euphemia, the Township is responsible to contribute \$100,000 towards the purchase of a new Fire Truck and Firehall Renovations, in Alvinston.

As mandated by the Ministry of Environment, the Township will continue with the unanticipated costs of focused testing of water quality of municipal storm drains in Florence, at a cost of \$44,000.

The **Fire Department** will be replacing their 25-year old tanker at a cost of \$330,000. The money for this purchase had been set aside in Reserves, over several years, by Council.

Public Works will refurbish 2 graders at a cost of \$80,000. Construction will begin at the Cairo Shop to add 2 bays to the existing garage funded in part, by the "Canada Infrastructure Program".

Bridge Rehab/Replacement, there are two major culverts are scheduled for replacement this year:

1. Structure #36 on Kent Line between Robinson and Irish School Road at a cost of approximately \$140,00 split 50/50 with Chatham-Kent.
2. Structure #71 on Annett Road between Lambton Line and Fansher Road at a cost of approximately \$200,000.

2022 Water Rates, In accordance with the Financial Plan for the municipal water system, the water rates increased from \$2.95 cu3 to \$3.09 cu3. There is *no* increase to the bi-monthly flat rate.

Garbage Collection Rates, No change to rates. The cost of the wheellie bins is included on your taxes quarterly.

Reserves – this year Council will be putting \$10,000 into reserves to save for a new generator for the Community Centre, \$92,000 for future replacement of bridges, and \$50,000 for future equipment replacement for the Fire Department.