



TOWNSHIP of DAWN-EUPHEMIA

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Leadership...

Moving
the
community
forward

March 2023

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.

CHANGES TO BE AWARE OF

Pre-Authorized Payment (PAP) Plan for Taxes: The “monthly” pre-authorized plan for taxes has changed from an “11-month” payment plan to a “12-month” payment plan, in order to accommodate the Township’s new accounting software. The change took place January 2023 with automatic withdrawals starting on the 15th of each month. There are no changes to the pre-authorized plan for water bills/taxes withdrawn on the due date. If you wish to enroll in the 12-month pre-authorized payment plan for property taxes, just download a copy of the agreement on the Township’s website under “municipal services/forms/pre-authorized payment form” and mail, fax or email to the Municipal Office.



Supplemental Tax Bills

Prior to 2022, any tax adjustments or changes were made on the final tax bill; however now with the new Accounting Software, a “supplemental” tax bill will be sent out separately around the same time as the final tax bills. The new supplemental bills provide any adjustments to your taxes that may have happened during the year. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact staff.



CHANGES TO SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

In 2022, Council made changes to the scholarship criteria which provided for more opportunities for *all* Grade 12 graduates, regardless of their field of study. Graduating students must reside in Dawn-Euphemia Township and be pursuing a full-time post-secondary education in a College or University to be eligible for the \$1,000 annual award. The revised application is available on-line at www.dawneuphemia.ca under “Alerts & Notifications”, or at the Township Office.

Deadline for submission is April 30th of each year.

change the date

SEPTEMBER TAX DUE DATE CHANGE – Due to the new Federal holiday “National Day for Truth and Reconciliation”, falling on September 30th of each year, the Township has changed the tax due date from September 30 to **September 29** (last business day excluding Federal or Provincial Holidays) in order to compensate for financial transactions by banking institutions closed on this day. This holiday is not recognized by the Province and as such, the Township Office remains open.

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IMPROVEMENTS



DOG TAGS CAN NOW BE PAID ONLINE! Dog tags can be paid online by selecting “The Township of Dawn-Euphemia-Animal License” and using your invoice number as the account number. Dog tags can also be paid at the municipal office by cheque, cash, debit or by dropping your payment off in the after-hours” drop box. **Note:** Unfortunately, the online payment option for dog tags, will not be available for BMO customers as it is the **ONLY** bank that will not waive their fees. Customers can contact the bank directly at 1-877-225-5266.



Don't forget to hang onto your final tax bill for income tax purposes; otherwise it will cost \$15 to get a reprint from the Township.

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

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**. Awards are typically presented during Seniors Month in June.

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***LONG-SERVICE**

RECOGNITION AWARDS*

Cheryl Ayrheart, Administration- 39 Yrs

Leslea Williams, Council - 40 Yrs

Scott Gawley, Fire Dept - 15 Yrs

Dave Williams, Fire Dept - 31 Yrs

Neil Macaulay, Fence Viewer- 15 Yrs

Clarence Coke, Livestock Valuer - 30 Yrs



Cheryl Ayrheart, long-time employee retired after 39 years of service! Cheryl will always be remembered for her hard work and unwavering dedication throughout the years. Council & Staff, thank her for her commitment to the betterment of not only the workplace, but the municipality as a whole. Enjoy your retirement - *you will be missed!*

Former Councillor Leslea Williams has retired after serving her community for 40 years on Council. Councillor Williams was first elected to the Township of Dawn in December 1982 and continued to serve through the amalgamation of both Dawn and Euphemia in 98 until this past year (2022). On behalf of staff and Council, we wish her the very best of luck in her future endeavors

Former Fire Chief Dave Williams has decided to hang up his helmet after 31 years on the Fire Department. Dave remains a familiar face in the community. On behalf of Council & Staff, we thank you for your service and may your retirement be full of joy and happiness.



With the recent retirement of long-time employee, Cheryl Ayrheart, Council is very pleased to announce that **Tammy Cartlidge** has accepted the position of Deputy Treasurer for the Township. Tammy brings with her many valuable years of experience in accounts payable/receivable, payroll and human resources. Welcome to the Team!



BUT NOT SURPRISING. CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Public Works Employee Brad Anderson, who finished first place for his efforts in a skills and knowledge competition for safe operation of a snowplow/wing/sander tandem truck; and Mike Moore who finished first place for his efforts in the safe and skillful maneuverings of a hydraulic excavator at the Lambton County Truck Safety Rodeo held September 16, 2022.

REPAIR OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS IN FLORENCE

Last summer, the Township in cooperation with the Ministry of Environment, simultaneously inspected the municipal drains in Florence, with a closed-circuit video camera along with the volunteer dye testing. Video footage and maps were provided to Council, which depicted the GPS location of lateral connections into the municipal drain systems. This year, the Township will continue excavating each lateral connection at the point of the connection to the Municipal Drain. Offending property owners will be notified in writing and given 3 months to provide the Township with a timeline and an additional 3 months for completion of necessary repairs and disconnection from the Municipal Drain. Failure to rectify the problem within the allotted time, will result in the drain being plugged and capped along with Lambton County issuing an *Order to Remedy* under the Building Code.

Dawn Landfill Site

The Dawn Landfill Site is located at 4084 Langbank, approx. 2.5 km west of County Road 21 (Oil Heritage Road). The 36-acre site opened in 1972, and has a landfill area of 14 acres. Currently, the site receives and disposes of waste according to the terms and conditions outlined in Certificate of Approval (CofA) No. A032502 issued by the Ministry of the Environment, dated December 19, 1996.



THE LANDFILL IS OPEN:

DAY	TIME
Tuesday	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Access to the site is restricted 30 minutes before the site closes each day.

Accepted Items

Lambton County residents can dispose of household and commercial waste at the Dawn Landfill. The site attendant has the right to limit access and items to be disposed of in the landfill. You must separate waste materials, tires and recyclable waste materials like cans, glass, plastics and newsprint and place them in the marked bins. You must tag white goods (refrigerators, air conditioners, etc.) indicating the CFC's have been removed before they are accepted.

Unacceptable Items

- Liquid or hazardous waste
- Liquid industrial waste
- Field stones or concrete
- Tree stumps or limbs
- Dead animals or animal waste
- Ashes

Landfill Fees

- \$50.00 per metric tonne
 - \$18.00 per cubic yard
- Only cash or cheque is accepted.*

Certain items face additional fees to cover extra disposal costs. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Passenger car tires (without rim): \$2.50 per tire
- Passenger car tires (with rim): \$5.00 per tire

The site operator determines tipping fees based on the weight or size of the load delivered for disposal and the current County fee structure.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Council candidates were acclaimed in the October 24, 2022 Municipal Election. The following members commenced their new term on November 15, 2022: Mayor Alan Broad, Councillors: Ann Gray, Paul LeBoeuf, Jason Meyer and Mark McGuire.

The School Board Election was held and Janet Barnes was elected for English-Public, Lambton-Kent District School Board and Sylvie C. Barbeau-Chmielewski was elected to the French-Separate School Board.

Voter turnout for the School Board Election was 16.6% for Dawn-Euphemia Township.



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know

Even though the Municipal Council was acclaimed resulting in *no Municipal Election*, the municipality is still responsible to conduct and pay for the School Board Election? These costs were approximately \$12,000.

Did you know

Policing costs for the Township of Dawn-Euphemia will be \$344,085 for 2023?

Did you know

You can check the website for maps and locations of upcoming 2023 scheduled drain maintenance on municipal drains? Check the Home Page under Alerts & Notifications.



Shetland Campground is booking up quickly! This year the park opens May 19 and closes October 16, 2023. There are 20 serviced sites to pick from! To reserve your campsite call the municipal office at 519-692-5148 or admin@dawneuphemia.on.ca

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

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

RABIES CLINIC: Saturday March 25th - Rutherford Public Works Garage; 9am to 11am

- AND -

Community Centre, Florence; 1pm to 3pm
Saturday April 1st - Cairo Public Works Garage; 9:30am -11:30 am



FIREMEN'S BREAKFAST: Sunday April 2nd, 9:00 am to noon @ Firehall, Rutherford.

SENIOR OF THE YEAR: DEADLINE - April 13th of each year. Application is available on the municipal website, homepage.

SYDENHAM CANOE RACE: Canoeists, whether competitive or fun-loving, you will enjoy the Sydenham River Canoe and Kayak Race, which serves as a fundraiser for the SCRCA's Conservation Education program. This year's race will be held Sunday, April 30, 2023. Please check the website for details: www.scrca.on.ca

MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP: DEADLINE - April 30, 2023

DOG TAGS: Due May 1st

Keep an eye out for Dog Tag invoices! Invoices not paid for by the deadline, will incur a \$20 late fee.



IF YOUR DOG PASSES away during the year, please advise Township Staff so that your dog tag records can be amended.

SPECIAL CLEAN UP DAYS The Township is offering 2 Special Clean Up Days on Friday September 15 from 8 am to 4pm & Saturday September 16, 2023, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm @ Dawn Landfill Site.

Library Hours

Florence Library
Tuesdays & Saturdays
10am-2pm & Thursdays
4pm-8pm
Shetland Library
Mondays & Fridays 10am-2 pm
& Wednesdays 4-8pm.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MESSAGE

72-hour survival kit Are You Prepared for an Emergency?

- food (non-perishable and easy-to-prepare items, enough for three days) and a manual can opener
- bottled water (4 litres per person for each day)
- medication(s)
- flashlight
- radio (crank or battery-run)
- extra batteries
- first-aid kit
- candles and matches/lighter
- hand sanitizer or moist towelettes
- important papers (identification, contact lists, copies of prescriptions, etc.)
- extra car keys and cash
- whistle (to attract attention, if needed)
- zip-lock bag (to keep things dry)
- garbage bags



A LOOK at the BUDGET

Residents will see a 5.9% increase to the general tax levy on the Township portion *only* (Lambton County and Education rates are not available at this time).

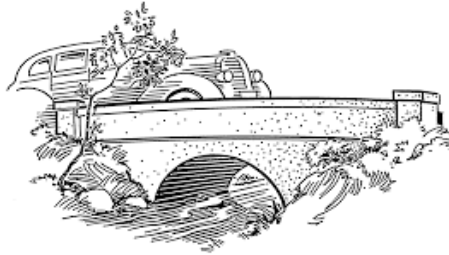
The Township has faced unprecedented increases related to inflation rates that have not been seen in Canada for over a decade. This has affected all aspects of the operations and fees needed to be increased to compensate for these costs.

This year municipal insurance costs have increased 17.6% (or \$24,983); no claims were reported by the Township in 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 \$70,000 towards the purchase of the new Fire Truck in Alvinston and the annual fire services contract.

As mandated by the Ministry of Environment, the Township will continue with focused testing of water quality of municipal storm drains in Florence, at a cost of \$50,000.

Public Works will be purchasing a new pickup truck to replace the oldest model. Reserves will be increased by \$100,000 each year for the next 4 years towards the purchase of a new Salt Truck in 2026.

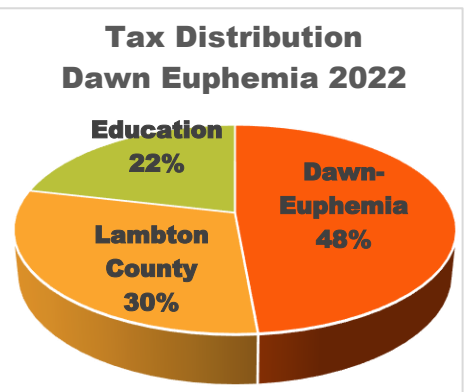


Bridge Rehab/Replacement, there is one major culvert scheduled for replacement this year:

1. Structure #3 on Cuthbert Road – North of Edys Mills Line will be replaced at a cost of approximately \$350,000 .

There will be several other large 3 ft diameter or larger culverts being replaced throughout the Township at a cost of \$48,000.

2023 Water Rates, in accordance with the Financial Plan for the municipal water system, water will increase from \$3.09 to \$3.25 per cubic meter. There will also be \$1 increase to the bi-monthly flat rate from \$23 to \$24.



For each tax dollar collected from all tax classes from the taxpayers in Dawn-Euphemia, the Township keeps .48 cents, Lambton County receives .30 cents and the School Boards receive .22 cents. (approximately).

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

NEW DOG TAG RATES FOR 2023:



- \$40 each male/female dog
- \$50 each additional male/female dog
- \$30 spayed/neutered dog
- \$40 each additional spayed/neutered dog
- \$135 kennel
- \$15 replace lost dog tag
- \$15 dog attaining age of 3 months after May 01
- \$15 newcomers to the Township after May 01
- \$20 penalty for late tag purchase
- \$10 admin fee if dog tag fee is added to Collectors Roll

2023 Garbage Collection Rates



Container Size	2022 Price	2023 Price
35-gallon	\$130/yr	\$140/yr
65-gallon	\$215/yr	\$230/yr
95-gallon	\$310/yr	\$330/yr

For a full list of increases to fees, please check out the municipal website.

Reserves – this year Council will be putting another \$10,000 into reserves for the purchase of a new generator for the Community Centre, \$100,000 for future equipment replacement of a Salt Truck for the Public works Department and \$50,000 to the Fire Department Reserves for future replacement of equipment.

Donations: Council also supports several local initiatives by providing donations (or in-kind) to the following organizations:

- Arenas: Bothwell, Dresden & Petrolia*
- Central Lambton Health Team Recruitment*
- Dawn-Euphemia Public School*
- Dawn-Euphemia Scholarship*
- Four-Counties Health Services*
- Lambton Farm Safety*
- Lambton Plowman’s Association*
- Lambton 4-H*
- Moore Agricultural Society*
- No One Stands Alone*
- Oakdale Community Centre*
- Three Oaks Respite Cabin*

Arena donations are meant to cover the “non-residential fee” that would be charged to our residents for using these facilities.