



TOWNSHIP of DAWN-EUPHEMIA

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Leadership....



Moving the community forward

March 2024

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

Building Permits Are Now Online!



Lambton County Building Services Department is now accepting building permit applications through Cloudpermit, an online, cloud-based software.

Residents can apply for a building permit, submit by-law reports, monitor progress of their application or report and allows Building Inspectors immediate access to information and updates while conducting on-site visits.

Applicants can also check the status of the permit, book an inspection, communicate with the Building Services Department, request changes to an existing permit application, and receive results all within the online system.

Applying through the online portal is encouraged, however paper applications and inspection requests by phone will still be accepted.

Learn more at

www.lambtononline.ca/building

DOG TAGS CAN NOW BE PAID ONLINE!



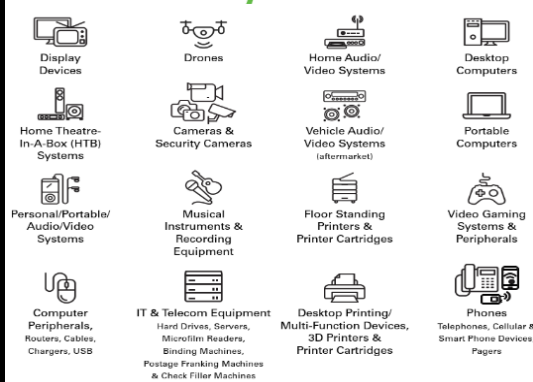
Dog tags can be paid online by selecting "The Township of Dawn-Euphemia-Animal License" and using your invoice number as the account number. Dog tags can also be paid at the municipal office by cheque, cash, debit or by dropping your payment off in the "after-hours" drop box.

ELECTRONIC WASTE NOW BEING ACCEPTED AT THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE

Please feel free to drop off your electronics, in the lobby (in the bin) during business hours. Accepted materials include: display devices, computer equipment, printer & copier equipment and other electronic devices.

- Wipe your drives, clear your SIM cards. Protect your privacy.
- Clear all personal information from computers, cell phones and electronics prior to drop off.

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CAPITAL DRAIN INVOICING - CHANGE

Effective January 2024, the current invoicing process for Capital Drain Works *will change*. Instead of invoicing the Capital Drain Works to assessed owners *after* the OMAFRA grant has been received, Capital Drain costs will now be invoiced *before* the grant is received. Costs will be invoiced at gross costs to all assessed landowners upon satisfactory completion of the Drain Improvement. If and when a Capital Drain Grant *is received by the Township*, eligible landowners will be issued a rebate cheque in the amount of the grant for their assessment.

GRANT APPLICATIONS



Council was successful in obtaining a \$75,000 Grant under the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) to update the sound system and upgrade the gas stove to an auto-ignite unit, at the Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre.

Council is still awaiting news whether the Township was successful in their application for a \$50,000 Grant for a new generator for the Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre, applied for under the Emergency Preparedness Grant.

Enbridge Gas and the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) presented the Dawn-Euphemia Fire Department with a cheque in the amount of \$5000 as part of the **Project Assist Program**. The purpose of this grant is to support fire departments in purchasing educational materials and resources for their departments. The Township of Dawn-Euphemia and the Fire Department would like to extend its gratitude to Enbridge and FMPFSC for this generous grant.



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.

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.

Contacting Council & Staff



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LONG-SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Alan Broad, Council – 35 Yrs
Don Ewing, Fire Dept – 20 Yrs



John Sinclair first joined the Public Works Department in 2011. On behalf of Council & Staff, we thank you for your service and may your retirement be full of joy and happiness.



Brooklyn Stam has joined the Township of Dawn-Euphemia as the new Deputy Clerk. On behalf of Council & Staff, welcome to the team!!

SHETLAND CAMPGROUND is booking up quickly! This year the park opens May 17 and closes October 21, 2024. There are 20 serviced sites to pick from! To reserve your campsite call the municipal office at 519-692-5148

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 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.

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.

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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD



Just a reminder of the Scholarship Award for 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.


DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know that the Township currently has 142.2 km of watermain delivering potable water to 400 water users. The current cost to replace all existing watermain is approx. \$47m. The bi-monthly fixed rate was increased to \$50 in 2024. The money raised from the fixed charge is put into a reserve and used towards future replacement and/or repair of existing watermain. The current variable rate for water in 2024 was increased to \$3.92 cu/m3 to cover operating costs of the Dawn-Euphemia Water Department.

Did you know Building Permits can be completed online! Learn more at www.lambtononline.ca/building

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

SARNIA & DISTRICT HUMANE SOCIETY


Recognizing the need for **BASIC AFFORDABLE VETERINARIAN CARE** we are happy to announce that the Sarnia & District Humane Society will be holding a total of four **WELLNESS CLINICS IN 2024!**

ALL CLINICS will be held at the Sarnia & District Humane Society on Saturdays from 9am-2pm

**FEBRUARY 10
MAY 18
AUGUST 17
NOVEMBER 9**

No appointment will be needed.

It is our sincere hope that these Wellness Clinics will assist those facing financial hardships, the opportunity to ensure their pets receive the preventative protection they need to keep them happy, healthy & at home.

Each Wellness Clinic Package will include a Veterinarian exam, core vaccines, rabies vaccine, deworm & flea treatment, and heartworm testing. Prices are per pet.

FULL WELLNESS Care Package	\$50
CORE VACCINES and rabies only	\$35
DEWORM/FLEA treatment only	\$15
HEARTWORM TESTING only	\$15

FOOD & BEDDING will also be available to those in need.

Veterinarians will perform only the wellness services listed.



DATES TO REMEMBER

TAX DUE DATES: March 28, May 31, September 27 & November 29.

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

RABIES CLINIC:
Saturday April 6th - Rutherford Public Works Garage; 9am to 11am
AND Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre, Florence; 1pm to 3pm

Saturday April 13th - Cairo Public Works Garage; 9:30am -11:30 am

FIREMEN'S BREAKFAST:
Sunday April 7th , 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 28, 2024 with a rain date of May 5, 2024.** Please check the website for details: www.scrca.on.ca

MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP:
DEADLINE – April 30

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.



Grand Ole Power Days
August 23-25 @ Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre.



SPECIAL CLEAN UP DAYS
The Township will be offering 2 Special Clean Up Days in September, 2024. Keep an eye out for our flyer.

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

FIRE DEPT NEWS



Special Operations Service: The Dawn-Euphemia Fire Department has entered into agreement with the St. Clair Fire Department for the provision of special operations services such as Confined Space Rescue, High/Low Angle Rescue, Aerial Apparatus Rescue and Hazard Material Handling.

Boundary Adjustment: Council agreed to adjust the Fire Response Area for the Dawn-Euphemia Fire Department to include from the Sydenham River to Shetland Road. The Bothwell Fire Department will continue servicing the fire response area east of Shetland Road with all other boundaries remaining the same (south of Bentpath Line to the Eastern boundary of the Township, being Limerick Road).



A LOOK at the BUDGET

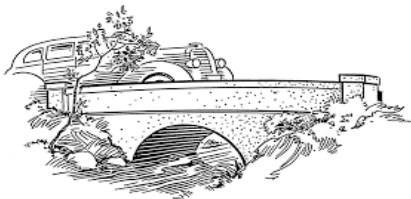
Council is still deliberating the 2024 Budget, so the final increase has not yet been determined. *Therefore, the following information is subject to change.*

This year municipal insurance costs have increased 7.9% or \$13,173; no claims were reported by the Township in 2023.

Under the Township’s Fire Services Agreement with Brooke-Fire Rescue for coverage in the north-east corner of Euphemia, the Township is responsible for contributing \$48,600 towards the annual fire services contract. A similar amount is paid to the Bothwell Fire Department for coverage in the south-east corner of Euphemia.

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

Public Works Dept



Bridge Rehab/Replacement: There are two major culverts proposed for replacement this year: Structure #93 (Bentpath Line on the Murray Drain) and Structure #88 (Mossie Line on the Martin Drain) both at an approx. cost of \$175,000.

There will be several other large 3 ft diameter or larger culverts being replaced throughout the Township at a cost of \$75,000.

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

Agendas are available online!

Reserves: This year Council is proposing putting \$110,000 into reserves as the Township continues to save for the replacement of a Salt Truck in 2026 for the Public Works Department. Another \$100,000 is planned for the Fire Department Reserves for future replacement of equipment.


Donations: Council also supports several local initiatives by providing donations (or in-kind donations). The following organizations are being considered for this year:

- 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
- D-E Public School (Playground)

Four Counties Health Services Foundation Fundraising Committee is currently fundraising for critical equipment needs, not supported by the Ministry of Health which include a Piccolo Analyzer, IT Infrastructure, Bladder Scanner, Work Station on Wheels, Patient Watering Alarm, CADD IV Pump, Ultrasound Stretcher, iStat POC Analyzer, Treatment Table and Staff Education for a total appeal of \$137,494. Council is considering a donation to assist with the purchase of a Workstation on Wheels.

Arena donations are meant to cover the “non-residential fee” that would be charged to our residents for using the following arenas: Dresden (\$664/yr), Bothwell (\$1,991/yr) and Petrolia (\$700/yr) Arenas.

2024 Water Rates: This year, the municipal water rate will increase from \$3.25 to \$3.92 per cubic meter. The bi-monthly flat rate will increase from \$24 to \$50.



2024 Garbage Collection Rates




Container Size	2023 Price	2024 Price
35-gallon	\$140/yr	\$145/yr
65-gallon	\$230/yr	\$240/yr
95-gallon	\$330/yr	\$345/yr

Memorial Tree Program

The Township recently implemented a “Memorial Tree Program” - a fitting tribute, keeping a memory of a loved one alive in an eco-friendly and peaceful manner.


Applications are received at the Municipal Office for a memorial tree, to be planted at designated areas at the Community Centre, Rutherford Park, or Shetland Park. Residents can choose from a number of trees pre-approved by Council and chosen for their growth potential and native to the community. Applications along with a fee, are accepted year-round and available on the website or Municipal Office. A permanent record of all donations and the people they commemorate is kept in a Memorial Registry at the Municipal Office.

Freeman Maple





Assorted Magnolia

Tulip Tree



Eastern Redbud







Volunteer Firefighter's use Green Flashing Lights while responding to the Fire Station



ontario.ca/firemarshal

