



TOWNSHIP of DAWN-EUPHEMIA

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Leadership...
Moving the community forward

March 2025

Keeping our residents informed!

CHANGES TO BE AWARE OF



Location: St. Matthew's Hall, 6218 Fansher Street, Florence

Time: 9:30 am

Date: last Monday of each month

All are welcome!

<https://lambtonpublichealth.ca/health-care-professionals/community->

Florence Little Free Pantry



Corner of Water St & Florence Rd, in Florence



to the volunteers that keep these shelves stocked.
Thank you

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. Unfortunately, BMO does not offer this service to their customers.

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WHAT HAPPENS IN A CP@clinic SESSION?

MEET WITH A PARAMEDIC TO:

- Learn how the CP@clinic program can help you with your health
- Sign up!

THE PARAMEDIC WILL:

Ask you questions about your:

- Medical History
- Family History
- Medications
- Pain
- Stress
- Eating Habits

Measure your:

- Blood Pressure
- Height
- Weight
- Waist Size

CONNECT YOU TO RESOURCES:

With your permission, the paramedic can:

- Share your health results with your family doctor
- Refer you to local programs and resources

Do you have any questions? Talk to the CP@clinic Community Paramedics!

Building permit applications and by-law reporting now online.

SHETLAND CAMPGROUND is booking up quickly! This year the park opens May 16 and closes October 20, 2025. *There are only 4 lots left to choose from!* To reserve your campsite call the municipal office at 519-692-5148 or admin@dawneuphemia.on.ca

JOIN US VIA

To join us for Council Meetings, just contact the Clerk in advance of the meeting and a link will be sent to you. Council agendas are also available online.

DID YOU KNOW?

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.



Did you know

Building Permits can be completed online! Learn more at

www.lambtononline.ca/building



Did you know... chickens, roosters, ducks, geese, turkeys etc are considered "farm animals" and **are not** permitted in residential areas, including the Hamlet of Florence.



Did you know... if you do not pay your dog tags by May 1st, you will incur an additional \$25 late fee and an additional \$20 fee if added to your final tax bill?

Did you know... if you start building a structure without a permit- you can get charged double? Make sure to check with Lambton County Building Services to confirm if a permit is required or not. Learn more at www.lambtononline.ca/building or call 519-845-5420.



Did you know... you are **not permitted** to live in a camper anywhere in the Township? This is in contravention of the Township's Zoning By-Law.



Did you know ■■■ that it is a requirement to keep your dog on your own property? Otherwise you could face a fine of \$150!!



Did you know Accessory

Second Dwelling Units are permitted within any Residential (R) or Agricultural (A) Zone. One Accessory Second Dwelling shall be permitted subject to the following provisions. An Accessory Second Dwelling shall:

a) not be established or occupied without first obtaining all required permits and inspections under the Ontario Building Code.
b) have two means of egress located in separate areas of the Accessory Dwelling Unit, one of which may be an exterior window at least 0.35 square metres in area with no dimension less than 38 cm.

Where NOT Permitted

c) be prohibited on any Lot with more than one Dwelling Unit.
d) be prohibited in any Mobile Home Park or plan of condominium.
e) be prohibited within a Detached Accessory Building within any R5 Zone.
g) not be located on a Lot that is less than the minimum required Lot Area for the Zone in which it is located. Notwithstanding, in an A1 or A2 Zone or on any Lot serviced by a private septic system, the minimum Lot Area required to establish an Accessory Second Dwelling shall be 0.8 Ha.
h) comply with the MDS I requirements of **Section 5.2**, if located within an A1 or A2 Zone.

Size

- i) not be Permitted unless the main Dwelling on the Lot (exclusive of the Floor Area occupied by the Accessory Second Dwelling) meets the minimum Gross Floor Area requirements in **Table A**, after the Accessory Second Dwelling is established.
- j) have a minimum floor area based on the following:
 - i) 30 square metres where the only bedroom space is combined with a living space.
 - ii) 35 square metres for a one-bedroom Accessory Second Dwelling.
 - iii) 49 square metres for a two-bedroom Accessory Second Dwelling.
 - iv) 62 square metres for a three-bedroom Accessory Second Dwelling.
 - v) 62 square metres plus 9 square metres for each bedroom in excess of three for an Accessory Second Dwelling with more than three bedrooms.
- k) not exceed a Gross Floor Area equal to 30% of the Gross Floor Area of the main Dwelling.
- l) not exceed a Gross Floor Area of 46 square metres if located within a Detached Accessory Building.

Character and Amenity

- m) share a single driveway with the main Dwelling.
- n) have access to and use of the same Landscaped Open Space as the main Dwelling.
- o) not have an entrance or Deck on a side of the Dwelling facing a Street.
- p) not be constructed as an addition to a wall of the main Dwelling nearest a street.

When in Detached Building

- q) when located within a Detached Accessory Building, have its entrance and any Deck or unenclosed Porch face the Interior Side Lot Line furthest from the Building.
- r) not be Permitted in a Detached Accessory Building that is located closer than 2.4 metres to an Interior Side Lot Line or within a distance of the Rear Lot Line less than the Minimum Rear Yard Setback requirement applying to the main Dwelling. Notwithstanding, the Minimum Required Interior Side Yard shall be the same as applies to the main Dwelling where an established evergreen hedge or solid board fence, either being at least 1.8 metres in height, is located and maintained along the respective Interior Side Lot Line.
- s) not be Permitted in a Detached Accessory Building further than 20 metres from the main Dwelling.
- t) not be permitted in a Basement of a Detached Accessory Building.
- u) not be permitted in a second floor of a Detached Accessory Building, except where located within an A1 or A2 Zone.

For more information on 2nd Dwelling Units call Lambton County Building Services at 519-845-5420.

**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.

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 **April 13th**. Awards are typically presented during Seniors Month in June.

**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT MESSAGE**

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

BE PREPARED 72 HOUR BAG
BUILD AN EMERGENCY SURVIVAL KIT
Your emergency survival kit should have everything you and your family would need to be safe and take care of yourselves for at least three days immediately following an emergency

- FIRST-AID KIT
- CRANK RADIO
- WHISTLE
- BATTERIES & CHARGERS
- FLASHLIGHT
- TOOLS
- CANDLES AND MATCHES/LIGHTER
- NON-PERISHABLE FOOD
- BOTTLED WATER 4L/PERSON/DAY
- MEDICATION
- PERSONAL CARE
- CLOTHING & BLANKETS
- ZIP-LOCK BAG
- SHELTER
- DOCUMENTS & CASH

Library Hours

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



***LONG-SERVICE
RECOGNITION AWARDS***

- Dave Annett - 20 Yrs (Cemetery Brd)*
- Scott Gawley - 17 Yrs (Retirement)*
- Darren Logan - 15 Yrs (Fire Dept)*
- Jason Meyer - 15 Yrs (Council)*
- Brent Webster - 15 Yrs (Fire Dept)*

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.

GRANT APPLICATIONS

Council has re-submitted an application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund for a \$50,000 grant towards the purchase of a new generator for the Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre. At the time of this newsletter, Council is still awaiting news.

Council was successful in obtaining the Fire Protection Grant in the amount of \$8,150, for Operation Safe Firefighter which is a multi-year plan to prioritize the safety of Dawn-Euphemia Firefighters. Operation Safe Firefighter involves purchasing new bunker gear, field decontamination kits, replacement balaclavas and gloves, and a washing machine for the fire hall.



Council & Staff would like to wish Brooklyn Stam and Carla Trepanier the very best of luck in their future endeavors. Brooklyn has worked as Deputy-Clerk for the Municipality since 2023 and Carla as Accounts Receivable/Receptionist since 2020. They are both shining lights in the office. Wishing you both success and happiness — keep shining!

DATES TO REMEMBER

TAX DUE DATES: March 31, May 30, September 29 & November 28.

WATER BILL DUE DATES:

Last business day in February, April, June, August, October & December.



Rabies Vaccination Clinic

Saturday April 5th - Rutherford Public Works Garage; 9am to 11am AND Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre, Florence; 1:30pm to 3:30pm

Saturday April 12th - Cairo Public Works Garage; 9:30am -11:30 am

FIREMEN'S BREAKFAST:

Sunday April 6th, 9:00 am to noon @ Firehall, Rutherford-\$15.

Service Canada Info Session:

Thursday April 10 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm at the Florence Library. Learn more about Employment Insurance, CPP, Old Age Security, and the Canadian Dental Care Plan.

SENIOR OF THE YEAR DEADLINE:

April 13th of each year. Application is available on the municipal website, homepage.

SYDENHAM CANOE RACE:

St. Clair Conservation Authority has cancelled their annual canoe race this year.

MUNICIPAL SCHOLARSHIP:

DEADLINE - April 30



Keep an eye out for Dog Tag invoices! Invoices not paid for by the deadline, will incur a \$25 late fee.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

DAY: May 10 from 10am-2pm @ Lambton College-Main Campus. EP Day is a FREE family-friendly event with a Kids Fun Zone, inflatables, face painting, BBQ, Exhibits, Live demonstrations & workshops, hands-on activities for all ages.

Grand Ole Power Days

August 22 & 23, 2025, @ Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre.

SPECIAL CLEAN UP DAYS

Special Clean Up Days: Friday September 12 & Saturday September 13, 2025. Watch for our fall flyer.



A LOOK at the BUDGET

Council has adopted the 2025 Budget at a 4.9% increase.

This year policing costs will be \$314,357 and will not increase thanks to the Province committing to a one-time grant of \$54,700 to help offset the costs.

Municipal insurance costs have increased 3.8% or \$6,854; no claims were reported by the Township this past year.

Administration will be replacing computers this year and putting money aside for the Municipal Election in 2026.

Under the Township's Fire Services Agreement with Brooke-Fire Rescue and Bothwell Fire Dept, \$88,600 has been budgeted for fire services coverage in Euphemia.

DONATIONS

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

- Arenas: Bothwell, Dresden & Petrolia
- Central Lambton Health Team
- 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 the following arenas: Dresden & Bothwell (\$3,000/yr) and Petrolia (\$735/yr).

This year Council will provide the 2nd instalment of \$4,000 towards the Four Counties Health Services Foundation Fundraising Committee is currently fundraising for towards a Workstation on Wheels and other critical equipment needs, not supported by the Ministry of Health.

PUBLIC WORKS



DEPARTMENT

Bridge Rehab/Replacement: Council will be putting \$350,000 into reserves to stage the replacement of structure #69 (Lomax Drain at Fansher Road) next year. There will also be several other large 3 ft diameter or larger culverts being replaced throughout the Township at a cost of \$75,000.

New Grader: Council agreed to purchase a new grader this year to begin replacing the aging fleet. Council has diligently contributed annually to reserves to ensure funds are there for future equipment replacement. The purchase of the new Grader will come out of the Public Works Equipment Reserve with the cost yet to be determined.

Loosetop Road Treatment costs the municipality \$1.2 m which includes Gravel at a cost of \$1 m and the remainder is Brine Treatment

Reserves: This year Council has committed to the following reserves:

- \$110,000 Public Works (replacement of a Salt Truck in 2026)
- \$180,000 Public Works Fleet
- \$103,000 Fire Department (replacement of equipment)
- \$40,000 Policing (to offset future increases)
- \$32,000 Admin Reserve (computer replacement, Election)

2025 Garbage Collection Rates



Container Size	2024 Price	2025 Price
35-gallon	\$145/yr	\$150/yr
65-gallon	\$240/yr	\$250/yr
95-gallon	\$345/yr	\$360/yr

2025 Water Rates: This year, the municipal water rate will increase from \$3.92 to \$4.33 per cubic meter. The bi-monthly flat rate will increase from \$50 to \$70.



Service Canada will be hosting an information session on Thursday, April 10 from 4:30-5:30pm at the Florence Library – free of charge.

Life Can Be Hard

Finding Help Can Be Easy



Health and Mental Health Services



Newcomer and Immigrant Services



Food Banks and Meal Programs



Housing, Shelters and Utility Help



Seniors' Services and Home Care



Government Programs and Services



Parenting and Family Programs



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SEARCH OR CHAT
211Ontario.ca

Join the Senior's Advisory Committee



The Township is looking for a representative to sit on the "Lambton County Seniors Advisory Committee" and provide input concerning issues affecting seniors. Meetings are bi-monthly for a 2-year term (2025 & 2026). Members receive meeting and mileage compensation. If interested please contact the municipal office for more information.

Thank you to Heather Childs who has served on the Committee representing the interests of Dawn-Euphemia for the past 2 years.

WORK ON FLORENCE MUNICIPAL DRAINS CONTINUES

The Township continues to work with the Ministry of Environment to identify individual sources of contamination connected to the municipal drains in Florence. The Township will continue to install testing ports on properties with outfalls into municipal drains, and testing of sites will continue over the summer as weather permits.