

FALL NEWSLETTER

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Township of Dawn-Euphemia



2025 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This year the Township received three (3) scholarship applications. *Congratulations* to **Mitchell Pegg**, this year's recipient of Dawn-Euphemia's \$1,000 *Scholarship*, awarded annually to one student of Dawn-Euphemia, pursuing a full-time post-secondary in various fields of study.

Mitch has achieved high academic marks in high school and has significant volunteering experience in the community including volunteering on the Dawn-Euphemia Fire Department. Council would like to wish him the very best of luck as he pursues his education this fall.

2025 Senior of the Year!



The "2025 Ontario Senior of the Year Award" gives each municipality in Ontario the opportunity to honour one outstanding local resident who has enriched the social, cultural or civic life of his or her community. This year Council nominated Ruth Anne Mater of Dawn-Euphemia Township for the 2025 Ontario "Senior of the Year" Award, in recognition of her outstanding voluntary contributions in enriching this community!!! Congratulations Ruth Anne and thank you for all that you do!



Special Clean-up Days: Friday September 12 from 8 am to 4 pm & Saturday September 13 from 9 am to 5 pm @ Dawn Landfill Site (4084 Langbank Line)

Tax Due Dates: September 29 & November 28

Water Bill Due Dates: October 31 & December 31

Did you know if you start building without a permit, you could be charged double the cost of the permit?

SHETLAND LIBRARY CLOSURE



Poor circulation stats, significant decrease in the use of the Shetland branch, and the existing facility is

unable to meet provincial accessibility mandates were behind the decision by Lambton Cultural Services Division to close the Shetland Library. On a positive note, the County of Lambton has agreed to enhance the service delivery at Florence Library by increasing the hours of operation to include a range of morning, afternoon, evening, and weekend service.

The Shetland Library officially closes on Friday August 29, 2025 and beginning September 1, the Florence Library hours will be as follows:

New hours at Florence Library commencing September 2, 2025:

Monday	3:00pm to 8:00pm
Tuesday	10:00am to 2:00pm
Wednesday	3:00pm to 8:00pm
Thursday	3:00 pm to 8:00pm
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	10:00am to 3:00pm
Sunday	CLOSED

Council has decided to keep the library building for storage purposes and as a water sampling station, at this time.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

If you're paying a lump sum for your taxes online and want it split between multiple properties, **you need to** specify which amounts go to each property. The Township can not divide it up for you unless provided specific instruction.

AboutMyProperty is a secure, online, easy-to-use, self-serve website that allows property owners to learn more about how their property



was assessed, see the information MPAC has on file as well as compare it to others in their neighbourhood or area. To register for AboutMyProperty, you need the Roll Number and Access Key located on your Property Assessment Notice. If you own more than one property, each will have its own unique Roll Number and Access Key. After you register your first property - you can add additional properties through the Manage My Account area or add a property located at the top of the homepage.

VOTE-BY-MAIL

Next year, is the Municipal Elections! In Dawn-Euphemia we will be using the Vote-By-Mail option where voters will receive their ballots in the 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.



Here is your chance to get involved in the future of your community – Become a member of your Municipal Council! The term of office is 4 years from November 15, 2026 to November 14, 2030. Watch our website and newsletters for more information.

Larry Towell – *Boundaries*

Join our very own “world-renowned Canadian photojournalist” Larry Towell

October 3, 2025 – March 14, 2026

Judith & Norman Alix Art Gallery, 147

Lochiel Street, Sarnia, ON N7T 0B4

Members Reception: Fri, Oct 3, 2025

7:00 - 9:00PM

Artist will be in attendance - Live music, drinks and light snacks

Larry Towell – The Man I Left Behind

Friday November 7, 2025, the Imperial Theatre in Sarnia will be featuring Larry Towell's Film – “The Man I Left Behind”. For more information:

<https://www.imperialtheatre.net/show/the-man-i-left-behind>



Council and staff are excited to welcome **Janell Beemer** as our new Accounts Receivable/Receptionist.

She brings with her extensive experience in Accounts Payable and Receivable, along with a strong background in accounting. Welcome to the team!

In Memory of Paul Dalton

It was with very heavy hearts that Council and staff announced the sudden passing of our long-time colleague and Public Works Superintendent, Paul Dalton, on April 16, 2025.

Paul began his career with Dawn Township as an Operator in 1980, prior to amalgamation. He was appointed Drainage Superintendent in 1991 and served as Public Works Superintendent since 1994. His commitment to this community spans over 46 proud years of service.

Among his numerous contributions to his community over the years, Paul was especially proud of creating a unique gravel blend, now synonymous with our Township, called the “Dawn Blend” which gained him the reputation for the “best roads in Southwestern Ontario”. It was a focused innovation with a lasting impact, a reflection of his pride in doing things well and doing them right.

Paul also served on the AORS Board of Directors representing Lambton County Road Supervisors Association in 2000, and served as their representative until 2023. He served as the President for two consecutive years in 2004 and 2005. During his tenure, Paul brought the same passion, knowledge, and commitment to the Association that he demonstrated every day in his working career — leading with integrity, fostering professional growth, and championing the vital role of public works in all communities.

During his time on the Board, his expertise shaped best-practise manuals, training programs, and safety standards used throughout Ontario. Paul's life's mission was to make Dawn-Euphemia a better place; through his dedication, professionalism, and community pride.

Known by many for his exceptional knowledge and tireless dedication, Paul was a familiar and friendly face to residents across the Township. Whether rain, snow, or shine, he showed up—not because he had to, but because he truly cared. He found purpose in serving others and left a legacy not only in the roads he helped build but also in the countless lives he touched along the way.

Paul captured his core principles in an article featured in *Milestones Magazine*, with the following quote: *“there have been Daltons in Dawn Township since there was a Dawn Township. I am the fourth generation, and this is my home and these are my roads. They deserve the best that I can give them.”*

Forever remembered. Deeply missed. Gratefully honored.