



## TOWNSHIP of DAWN-EUPHEMIA

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*Leadership...*



March 2026

## Keeping our residents informed!

### NOTICES

### COMMUNITY PARAMEDIC PROGRAM

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

**Time:** 9:30 am

**Date:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month

**All are welcome!**

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

### Florence Little Free Pantry



Corner of Water St & Florence Rd, in Florence

**SHOUT OUT** to the volunteers that keep these shelves stocked.

**Thank you**

**INSPECT YOUR CULVERT WHILE IT IS DRY**

### 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.



**SHETLAND CAMPGROUND** is booking up quickly! This year the park opens May 15 and closes October 19. To reserve your campsite call the municipal office at 519-692-5148 or [admin@dawneuphemia.on.ca](mailto:admin@dawneuphemia.on.ca)

**JOIN US VIA ZOOM**

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.

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### 2026 Municipal Elections

The **2026 Municipal Election** will be held on **Monday October 26<sup>th</sup>** 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 1 and August 21, 2026 (until 2 pm) for the following positions:**

Mayor (1) and Councillor (4)



**Election Day is Monday October 26, 2026**  
**Term of office is for 4 years, November 15, 2026**  
**to November 14, 2030**

**Check out the “Municipal Election” page on the website!**

**Candidate’s packages will be 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 Nigel Bellchamer to host a spring “information session” for anyone interested in running for Municipal Council. There will be 2 in-person or virtual sessions offered on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, at 2pm and 6pm, held at the County of Lambton Building, 789 Broadway Street, Wyoming. More information will be available on the Township’s Website.

[Register to Vote](#)

Get on the voters list for municipal and provincial elections, all in one place.

Check, update or add your information to the voters list for municipal, district social services administration board, school board and provincial elections in Ontario.

[Register now >](#)

[Register to Vote >](#)

<https://vreg.registertovoteon.ca/en/home>

## PARKING BY-LAW

The Township has a by-law to regulate parking on municipal roads. Please be advised that it is *an offence* to park your vehicle:



- obstructing a sidewalk, crosswalk, intersection, roadway, driveway, lane or entrance
- interfering with the movement of traffic
- on a bridge/approach
- on a boulevard
- within 3 meters of a fire hydrant or in a designated fire route
- so as to interfere with snow removal
- within 15 meters of railway crossing or alongside a railway track
- preventing the removal of a vehicle
- where "No Parking" signs are displayed
- without the Municipality's consent or where the public is not authorized to park
- on a highway for the purpose of displaying a "For Sale" sign
- obstructing a school bus loading zone
- on the wrong side of a highway
- parking a commercial vehicle on any highway or residential zone
- parking a recreational vehicle on any municipal road,
- parking in an area designated for the physically disabled persons without a valid sticker.

Anyone found to be contravening this by-law could face a fine under the Provincial Offences Act. For more information please visit the Township website.



**DAWN-EUPHEMIA COMMUNITY CENTRE – 6213 MILL STREET, FLORENCE**

Hall accommodates 211 people + an additional 59 people in the meeting room, spacious lobby, commercial kitchen, bar and audio visual facilities. The facility was recently upgraded with a state-of-the-art sound system. Home to the Florence Library. To rent or tour this facility, please call **519-692-5148** or email: [admin@dawneuphemia.on.ca](mailto:admin@dawneuphemia.on.ca)

**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 13<sup>th</sup>**. Awards are typically presented during Seniors Month in June.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MESSAGE

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

Emergency preparedness starts with you

# be prepared

## build a kit

Customize your kit  
Pack enough for 3 days  
Refresh twice a year

First aid kit

Non-perishable food

Crank radio

Water (4L/person/day)

Flashlight

Medication

Documents & cash

Batteries & chargers

Clothing & blankets

Personal items

[ontario.ca/beprepared](http://ontario.ca/beprepared)

### NOTICE

For ratepayers enrolled in a Pre-Authorized Payment Plan (PAPs) for taxes, any *significant* charges—such as Drain Maintenance, Tile Loans, or Water Debentures—must be paid separately by arranging a payment method through the office.



Council and staff are excited to welcome Brandi Poland as our new Deputy Clerk. She brings with her 25+ years in customer service and extensive financial experience.

Welcome to the team!

Also, welcome to Aaron Logan, the newest member of our Public Works Department! With many years of experience operating and maintaining heavy equipment, Aaron brings valuable expertise to our team!



## Guess who is retiring?

Administrator-Clerk for the Township of Dawn-Euphemia, Donna Clermont will be retiring this year. After 11 years with the Township and over 32 years in the field, I am officially trading in Council Meetings and daily routines for quality time with grandchildren, family and a more active lifestyle. It has been a privilege to serve this community - I've genuinely enjoyed helping our residents and being part of something meaningful. The work has been rewarding, and the relationships even more so. To the incredible team I've had the honor of working with over the years, thank you. Your support, dedication, and friendship have made every day rewarding. I'm grateful for the memories, the laughter and the incredible journey. Wishing you all continued success. Here's to the next chapter! *Donna*

## Mike Moore is retiring

and hanging up his hard hat after a dedicated career as Public Works Employee. Mike was hired in 2013 and is concluding 13 years of service to the residents of Dawn-Euphemia Township. We extend our sincere thanks for his commitment and wish him all the very best in his well-earned retirement.



## Dates to Remember

### Tax Due Dates

Last business day of March, May, September & November.

### Water Bills

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

### RABIES CLINICS

Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> - Rutherford Public Works Garage, 4590 Lambton Line; 9:00am to 11am

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Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> - Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre, Florence, 6213 Mill Street; 1:30 to 3:30 pm

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Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup> - Cairo Public Works Garage, 1345 Cairo Road; 9:30am to 11:30am

### FIREMEN'S BREAKFAST:

Sunday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to noon @ Firehall, Rutherford-\$15.

### SENIOR OF THE YEAR DEADLINE:

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

### Sydenham Canoe Race

Unfortunately the Canoe Race has been **cancelled** for 2026

[www.scrca.on.ca](http://www.scrca.on.ca)

### Municipal Scholarship Application Deadline:

**April 30**

### Dog Tags: May 1<sup>st</sup>

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

### Emergency Preparedness Week: May 4-10, 2026

### GRAND OLE POWER DAYS

UNFORTUNATELY GRAND OLE DAYS IS **CANCELLED** FOR 2026

### SPECIAL CLEAN-UP DAYS

Typically scheduled for Friday & Saturday in September at the Dawn Landfill @ 4084 Langbank Line.

**Watch for our fall flyer**

**\*LONG-SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS\***

Earl Elgie - 45 Yrs (Tile Inspector)

Ken Nevills-30 Yrs (Public Works)

Scott Kramer - 20 Yrs (Fire Dept)

Justin VanDaele - 15 Yrs (Fire Dept)

Jordan VanDaele-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](http://www.dawneuphemia.ca) under "Alerts & Notifications", or at the Township Office. **Deadline for submission is April 30<sup>th</sup>** of each year.



## A LOOK at the BUDGET

Council has adopted the 2026 Budget at a 4.2% budget increase for 2026.

This year policing costs have been capped by the Province at 11% increase over last year for a total of \$348,795.

Municipal insurance costs increased 3% or \$5,851 for 2026.

Under the Township's Fire Services Agreement with Brooke-Fire Rescue and Bothwell Fire Dept, \$97,200 has been budgeted for fire services coverage in Euphemia.



In addition to the regular annual donations to local organizations, Council will provide a donation in the amount of \$2,000 in 2026 & 2027 to the Four Counties Health Services Foundation Fundraising Committee towards the purchase of a Baxter IV pump for the Emergency Department. The pump represents one of four needed for the hospital this year.

## PUBLIC WORKS



## DEPARTMENT

**Bridge Rehab/Replacement:** Council will be putting another \$300,000 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 Equipment:** Council used the Public Works Reserves to purchase several pieces of equipment this past year including two (2) new 2025 CAT Graders, one (1) used 2009 John Deere Grader, and a new 2025 salt truck. Council has diligently contributed annually to reserves to ensure these funds can be used for future equipment replacement.

**Loosetop Road Treatment** costs the municipality \$1.3 m which includes Gravel at a cost of \$1.1 m and the remainder is Brine Treatment.

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

- \$225,000 Public Works Fleet
- \$300,000 Public Works Services (replacement of structure 69 in 2027)
- \$290,000 Fire Fleet (for replacement of Fire Truck in 2030)
- \$75,000 Fire Department Services
- \$30,000 Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre (future equipment replacement)

**2026 Garbage Collection Rates**  
**NO INCREASE** to garbage rates in 2026.



Container Size	2026 Price
35-gallon	\$150/yr
65-gallon	\$250/yr
95-gallon	\$360/yr

**2026 Water Rates:** This year, the municipal water rate will increase from \$4.33 to \$4.68 per cubic meter. The bi-monthly flat rate will increase from \$70 to \$90.

## GRANTS

Council has made their 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt in applying for the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant (CEPG) for \$50,000 towards the replacement of the generator at the Dawn-Euphemia Community Centre.

## e-billing

The Township of Dawn-Euphemia is now offering 2 new, convenient services to our residents. The first is e-billing (receiving your tax & water bills electronically) and the second is e-Pay (the ability to pay invoices online by credit card/PayPal).

With e-Billing, you will receive an email notification from the Township as soon as your bill becomes available. You can also view your bills at any time by logging in through the Township's website [www.dawneuphemia.ca](http://www.dawneuphemia.ca). By using the e-Pay service, payments can be made securely online using a credit card or PayPal.

REGISTRATION IS  QUICK & EASY:

Visit [www.dawneuphemia.on.ca](http://www.dawneuphemia.on.ca) (homepage-top right) to locate the E-Pay button to *Register*. You will need to *Create an Account*. You will need to know your Roll # and PIN # for Tax Bill Registration and your Account # and PIN # for Water Bill Registration.



How to pay your bills online with e-Pay

1. You can choose to sign up for e-Billing, e-Pay, or both — it's entirely up to you! E-Billing lets you receive your Water and Tax Bills (including Supplements) electronically, while e-Pay allows you to pay *any invoices* you receive from the Township online (ie: dog tags, drain charges, campground fees etc). Once you've created your account, simply log in and follow instructions.
2. There is a surcharge of 2.5% per credit transaction.
3. Payment options are *by credit card or PayPal only*.

## FIRE DEPT NEWS



Thank you to our volunteer fire department for your courage, dedication, and service to our community. We're deeply grateful for all you do to keep us safe.

Council and the Fire Department are pleased to thank Enbridge Gas for their generous \$10,000 donation to support the purchase and replacement of 26 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) cylinders, which have reached the end of their service life and must be replaced to ensure firefighter safety and regulatory compliance.

SCBA cylinders are critical pieces of life-saving equipment that protect firefighters during structural fires, hazardous environments, and other high-risk emergency responses. Replacing these expired cylinders ensures our volunteer firefighters can continue responding safely and effectively to emergencies across the Township.

Library Hours  
Florence Library

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

## NOTICE: BURNING OF YARD WASTE IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Residents are permitted to burn yard waste in residential areas as follows:

- i) An Open air Burn Notification Form is required; and
- ii) Burning is done in a safe cleared area a minimum of 8 m (24 ft) from any combustible; and
- iii) Pile of yard waste is less than 3 m (10 ft) in diameter and the flame does not exceed 1 m (3 ft) in height; and
- iv) Burning is conducted during daylight and is attended by a competent adult;
- v) Neighbours are not negatively impacted by the smoke.

**YARD WASTE:** includes dry grass, leaves, trees (branches and limbs), brush trimmings, spent flowers, garden plants, weeds, pine needles, hay, straw, sawdust, peat moss, non-compostable material such as paper, cardboard, boxboard and other similar material.

**BURN BARREL:** An Open air Burn Notification Form is not required provided:

- i) Barrel is used for burning of yard waste only;
- ii) Burn drum does not exceed 1.5 m (4.92 ft) in diameter and 1.5m (4.92 ft) in height; and
- iii) The burn drum is situated securely on level ground; and
- iv) Neighbours are not negatively impacted by smoke; and
- v) The burn barrel is in good condition and contents are contained within; and
- vi) The outlet is covered with a screen of not more than 5mm; and
- vii) The fire is controlled such that flames and hot embers do not pose an undue risk of fire to nearby combustible materials; and
- viii) The fire is attended at all times by a competent person.

**Please see the Township Website for complete details.**