

SOUTHWEST MIDDLESEX

Quarterly Newsletter



WHAT THIS ISSUE CONTAINS:

- Infrastructure Investment & Funding Announcements
- Help for the Holiday Season & Beyond



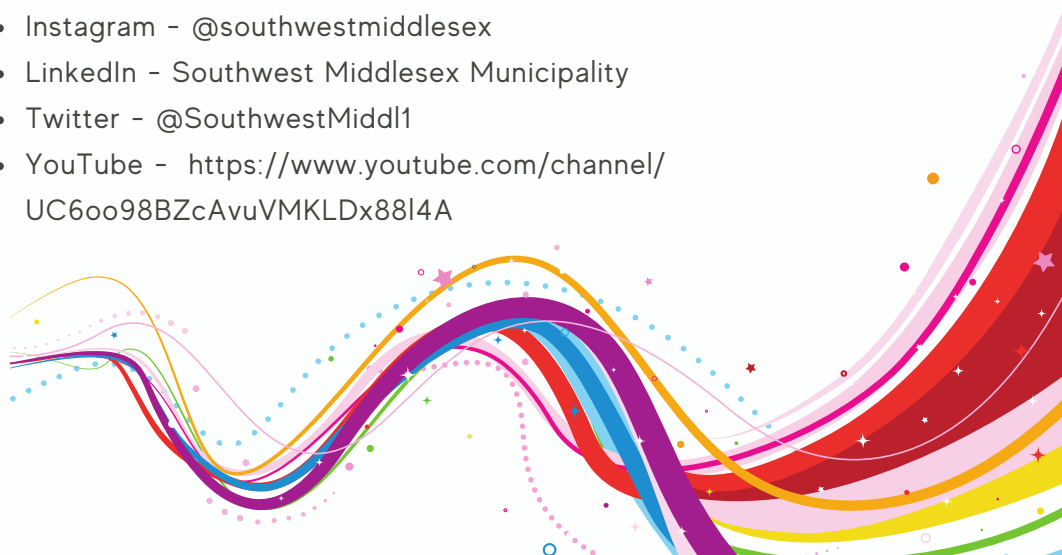
CELEBRATE THE GOOD

It has been a busy year!

This edition is a celebration of all the great things that have happened in Southwest Middlesex throughout 2021. Included is a breakdown of the funding received and the resulting benefit to our community. You will also learn about some of the great things that council has been working on that will carry over into 2022. Most of all Southwest Middlesex wishes you a safe and happy holiday season.

You can also find us on the following social media channels (linked at the top of our webpage):

- Facebook - Municipality of Southwest Middlesex
- Instagram - @southwestmiddlesex
- LinkedIn - Southwest Middlesex Municipality
- Twitter - @SouthwestMiddl1
- YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6oo98BZcAvuVMKLDx88l4A>





A Year of Projects with Outstanding Financial Support!

2021 has been a year to be truly grateful for all the funding opportunities that came our way. SWM was successful in most of the applications put forward. The funding that is pursued during the year helps to keep services available to you and help to take the cost of expensive and necessary replacements out of the taxpayers wallet.

In support of local projects, SWM received more than \$3,600,000 for much needed projects through the Federal and Provincial Governments, County of Middlesex & Other Supportive Organizations. Without the financial support received, these projects would not be possible without a massive impact to the taxes paid by our ratepayers. Thank you to everyone who made these necessary upgrades and programs possible!

Over the next few pages you will find a breakdown of projects undertaken this year! As you will see, 2021 has been a very busy year with multiple projects underway (or starting soon).





Progress can be Difficult at Times!

We certainly have seen our share of progress this year. Waterline, fibre optic internet services being installed, a new daycare, and construction sites all around have been a bit of a bother over the past few months but with the pain comes the pleasant realization that we are growing and moving forward. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding during construction.

The Projects!

**Glencoe Main Street Watermain Replacement (new water pipes, 12 new fire hydrants, replacement of existing connections/services) through Green Infrastructure portion of ICIP funding program
Federal & Provincial contribution \$1,432,575**

The watermain replacement along Main Street, Glencoe was long overdue.

The watermain replacement project replaced the watermain along Main Street from Parkhouse Drive to Graham Street and Symes Street north to the town limits in Glencoe. The work involved replacing approximately 1.5 kilometers of watermain with a new and larger pipe, as well as replacing existing water services to residential and commercial properties which includes approximately 1 kilometer of water service pipes, reattaching the side street interconnections, installing 12 new fire hydrants and main line water valves. The affected roadway, curbs, sidewalks and driveways were also replaced.

This replacement is not only to allow for growth of our community but was necessary due to continual line breaks in the roughly 50 year old pipe that was in the ground. All cost related to the waterline repairs goes back to the customer on their billing so this has been a welcomed opportunity.





The Projects! continued

Municipal Office HVAC Replacement through ICIP Covid-19 Resilience Infrastructure Stream

Federal & Provincial contribution \$124,349

The replacement of the HVAC system at the municipal office is to replace an outdated system that was requiring excessive repair and for the health and safety of anyone entering the office. The HVAC system being over 20 years old had been patched up numerous times, continued to require costly maintenance, and did not allow for proper circulation of air throughout the building.

This project will increase air flow in the office to minimize risk of virus transmission and increase general air quality. It will provide a ventilation upgrade and replace the roof to accommodate HVAC units as a result of an air quality and building envelope report.

This project will also replace the roof of the administration office at 153 McKellar Street, Glencoe and install 4 new rooftop HVAC units. This project will address building issues to conform with Provincial Airflow Standards for office space and help protect staff and the general public from contracting viruses.

With COVID-19 the replacement became a higher priority due to the poor air circulation.

Asset Management Plan Development through FCM \$50,000

The Asset Management Plan is mandated by the upper levels of government and is a key tool for funding opportunities. The Plan lists all municipal assets, including their age plus their quality is determined through tracking repairs which aids in the budget process. This has been a huge project for staff and having additional funding for it offsets the cost of the program used to track the assets including staff time.





The Projects! continued

Arena & Curling Club Upgrades through ICIP funding program Federal & Provincial contribution \$1,984,592

Arena Renovations Project, ICIP Community, Culture & Recreation Stream, Rehabilitation & Renovation Intake was applied for through a 2019 Federal and Provincial government grant program. The original application included major update work required at the arena, as well as at the Glencoe Curling Club who signed on as a partner for the project. The application was accepted and approved through the ICIP program as applied for in 2021. The original application included the following proposed work:

- replace refrigerated concrete floor in the arena and the curling club
- replace/upgrade other components of arena's mechanical and refrigeration system that are at or near the end of their life cycle
- renovate arena in various ways to meet/exceed AODA requirements
- replace/upgrade other components at the end of their life cycle at the arena including electrical panel, condenser fan & soft starters, compressors, change from water-based to glycol-cooled compressor heads, upgrade ammonia chiller to plate frame unit, upgrade ammonia detection and ventilation system, upgrade hot water system
- improve arena accessibility with new washroom, two new dressing rooms, sound system, cafeteria counter, railing

Original market estimates as submitted with the application came in as a total of \$2,706,385 broken down as follows:

- curling club - engineering \$44,000
- curling club - floor replacement \$197,450
- arena - engineering/architectural \$104,500
- arena - floor replacement \$950,000
- arena - infrastructure \$375,000
- arena - accessibility \$789,400
- contingency \$246,035



The total cost based on the estimates was approved to be split as follows:

- Federal government 40% \$1,082,554
- Provincial government 33% \$902,038.12
- Recipient 26.7% \$721,792.88



The Projects! continued

The project as described above was included in the original application and prices were sourced from the private market. The next step in the process was securing engineering services and council approved Cornerstone Architectural as the successful company. Cornerstone conducted a review of both the curling club and the arena to determine the scope moving forward and provided updated market estimates for the work.

The updated numbers came back with surprisingly much higher amounts. Cornerstone in preparing for the project began gathering updated market estimates with the actual market costs coming in as follows:

- Curling Club \$416,799 (HST incl.)
- Arena \$4,415,879.43 (HST incl.)

At this point the Glencoe Curling Club/Glencoe Ag Society made the hard decision not to proceed with the replacement of the floor and Southwest Middlesex chose to remove Glycol as the main refrigerant for the floor replacement at the arena. With these changes, additional needs/legislative requirements at the arena were then able to be included in the updated project scope. All of the changes to the scope of the approved project necessitated notification of the changes with the Ministry of Infrastructure who approved the original project. We are currently awaiting the response from the Provincial and Federal government on our updated application.

Additions to the project scope include:

- installation of new fire/sprinkler system
- installation of new emergency lighting system
- complete building electrical upgrade including a new feeder system
- installation of new flooring skate tile
- concession conversion to vending machines
- new HVAC and dehumidification systems for complete building
- interior and exterior cosmetic improvements



At present, prices are being obtained from a third party for the additions and a complete set of drawings is being prepared by Cornerstone and will be shared with council as soon as they are available.

Once approval is given to proceed with the project scope changes from the Provincial and Federal governments, the project will be tendered with the results coming back to council for approval to move forward. The plan is to stay on track and schedule construction to start March 15, 2022 and to complete construction by September 1, 2022. Keep watching for information about this project!





The Projects! continued

Certified Site Marketing Funding (MEDJCT) Provincial Contribution \$4,543.45

We received a grant from the Provincial government to help with the cost of advertising our certified site lands. This funding was used to purchase and install signs at the Industrial Park Site and to develop a video of the site plus a brochure for prospective purchasers. These tools have generated a lot of interest in the Industrial Park lands from near and far. We look forward to selling these lands to create local employment opportunities for the community.

Heritage Trail Sign Refurbishment/Update through Middlesex Tourism Funding \$2,000

If you haven't noticed the updated Heritage Trail signs throughout Southwest Middlesex, take the self-guided tour and see how great they look! There are 20 signs in total that tell a story about our history - take a few hours and learn more about our ancestors. For details visit <https://www.middlesex.ca/heritagemap/> and choose the Southwest Middlesex tab.

Canada Summer Jobs through the Federal Government \$11,976

The Canada Summer Jobs grant helped to employ local students that provided recreational programs for you and your family. They also helped with the care of our beautiful hanging flower baskets this year. This year it has helped us to provide additional recreational opportunities to you to help you keep active during COVID-19.

Canada Day funding through the Federal Government \$750

Various additional funds were obtained through the AMP It Up Program Consultant Support through the Provincial Government, multiple Municipal Drainage Grants through the Provincial Government, Community Improvement Program Support and education funding for the arboreta through Middlesex County.





Other Forward Movements!

Building Services

2021 has been an exciting year for our building services with not only changes to our inter-County building service agreement but with a new progressive permit program. In 2021, to date, staff have processed 92 permits with a building value over \$9,000,000.00 - fees collected are over \$56,500.00

It was a busy year of building plus we were able to introduce a new online building permit system called Cloudpermit. The newly implemented Cloudpermit allows permit holders to log in and schedule their own inspections which has greatly increased efficiency since it enables us to keep the applicant up-to-date on application status and often provide next-day inspections. Contractors and homeowners have noted the convenience of the new permitting system as it allows them to submit materials at their convenience which includes after hours and on the weekend.

We offer full assistance to anyone who needs help with getting started with the program or need documents scanned or printed. Staff love that the program saves the public time and find the program to be an excellent tool that produces all of the reports required and keeps track of on going building activities.

We know it is important to ensure that you have accurate building records when selling a property as it gives your buyer the details that they need to make you a great offer. We are currently following up on older open building permit applications - if you believe that you may have an outstanding permit matter such as a final inspection, please contact our office to schedule an inspection, especially before you sell. We are happy to help.

Cloudpermit 





Other Forward Movements!

Administration, Fire, Finance, Operations Services

- Finalization of the new 9,000 square foot daycare centre which is under contract with ELM for a period of 5 years allowing for the operation of a licensed child care centre for ages 0 to 6 years of age.
- Book King software for Facilities and Recreation bookings
- Recreation Master Plan approved by Council found on our website at <https://www.southwestmiddlesex.ca/services/parks-and-recreation>
- Extended the certified site certification expiration date from April , 2021 to April 4, 2023.
- In our first year of availability, Community Improvement grants were approved for 214, 216, 218 and 247 Main Street, Glencoe. All applications were for facade and signage improvements with each application making a lasting impact on the downtown core.
- Agreement with Strathroy-Caradoc for continued fire protection in the Melbourne area
- Questica budget software which will improve tracking and reporting in budgeting
- Main Street, Glencoe clean up including new streetlights, benches installed on our main street in Glencoe
- Multiple housing projects have been approved to move forward including:
 - ViBrent Subdivision (Melbourne) is in the build stage and continues to progress toward completion
 - Tanya Subdivision (Glencoe) is near completion and the assumption will take place early 2022
 - Dobie Subdivision continues to progress toward the next steps in the subdivision process (Site Plan submission) and has recently been re-named to Lochlin Glen Subdivision
 - Kemptopia Developments have recently had their site plan approved for housing units at the north end of Glencoe (across Main Street from No Frills)
 - Glen Meadows subdivision agreement recently approved
 - Plus more in the works!





SWM Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

Submit Your Application February 1-21, 2022

Get Ready! Now is the time to start getting your CIP application ready for submission. 2022 CIP applications will be received February 1 to 21, 2022. Download CIP details and application form from our website <https://www.southwestmiddlesex.ca/services/economic-development>

2021 CIP Project
214-218 Main Street, Glencoe



Who is Eligible to Participate?

Owners of multi-unit residential properties, mixed-use buildings, commercial businesses, and industrial businesses within the urban boundary of Glencoe or Wardsville, as well as hamlet commercial uses within the Hamlet Areas or agricultural-business owners within municipality may be eligible to apply.

Additional applications or permits may be required prior to the submission of a CIP Application. Please contact the Municipality for more information.

What Incentives are available?

Grant programs offer up to 75%* of eligible project costs, up to \$5,000!

- ✓ Design and Study Grant
- ✓ Commercial Conversion / Rental Housing Grant
- ✓ Planning and Building Permit Fee Grant
- ✓ Façade Improvement Grant
- ✓ Signage Improvement Grant
- ✓ Building, Property, and Accessibility Improvement Grant
- ✓ Tax Increment Grant (TIG)
- ✓ Pop-up Business Construction Grant
- ✓ Public Safety Improvement Grant
- ✓ Farm Gate Grant
- ✓ Public Art Grant
- ✓ Technology Expansion Grant
- ✓ Multiple Properties Supplemental Grant

How to Apply?

- ✓ Meet with the Economic Development & Communications Officer
- ✓ Fill out an application form
- ✓ Get cost estimates
- ✓ Submit your application

Application forms and more information can be found online: <https://www.southwestmiddlesex.ca/Public/Building-And-Planning-Department>



The Municipality of Southwest Middlesex has developed a Community Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP is a tool that allows the Township to contribute financially to help fund physical improvements to private businesses and properties.

Our Goal...

- Retain and support existing businesses;
- Attract new investment, partnerships, and funding to the community;
- Reduce the number of vacant or under-utilized or non-performing buildings and properties;
- Promote Southwest Middlesex's agricultural heritage and character;
- Revitalize local streetscapes and gateways into the community to create a vibrant and stimulating public realm that attracts outside people and businesses; and,
- Increase opportunities for attainable housing options.



More Information

For further information regarding this initiative please contact:

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For full program details of each program, please visit:
<https://southwestmiddlesex.ca/services/economic-development>



2021 CIP Project
247 Main Street, Glencoe



Local Resources for Business



www.investinmiddlesex.ca | 519-434-7321



Community Futures
Middlesex 
The Business Help Centre

www.cfmiddlesex.ca | 519-641-6400



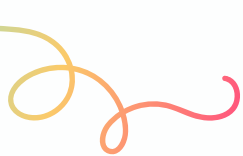
All Businesses Eligible - Big or Small, including home based business!

There is no better time to take advantage of free opportunities to promote your business! Sign up today to the Invest in Middlesex business directory including your location on the County's digital map where you will have added business exposure. This will give you the opportunity to showcase your products and services not only in Southwest Middlesex but throughout Middlesex County and beyond. Sign up today at https://www.breken.com/ylm/ylm/ylm_home.aspx?f=MiddlesexCounty

Advantages:

- be part of an online business map
- shop local campaigns
- tourism trails
- showcase your business by getting the word out about what you offer
- news and available opportunities get to you promptly
























2-1-1 Ontario

2-1-1 Ontario is a great place to find tons of helpful information during stressful times.

Below is a list of topics that are on their website that you can access if you are not sure of the types of programs and services that exist to help you. Each topic has a subtopic to help you understand the types of help that are available across Ontario.

 Abuse / Assault	▼	 Francophones	▼	 LGBTQ+	▼
 Community Programs	▼	 Government / Legal	▼	 Mental Health / Addictions	▼
 Disabilities	▼	 Health Care	▼	 Newcomers	▼
 Emergency / Crisis	▼	 Homelessness	▼	 Older Adults	▼
 Employment / Training	▼	 Housing	▼	 Youth	▼
 Family services	▼	 Income Support	▼		
 Food	▼	 Indigenous Peoples	▼		

Once on their site, they ask you to refine your search to the community you are interested in. If you still cannot find a program or service to help you, please call them at 2-1-1. They are happy to double check and may be able to suggest other services that could help. You can also reach them by emailing 2-1-1 or through a live chat on their website. Take a look today or before you need their help.

Local Help Lines

The holidays can be hard, but these resources can help. All you have to do is call.

Canada Suicide Prevention Service: 1-833-456-4566

Indigenous Hope for Wellness Help Line: 1-855-242-3310

Reach Out Crisis Line: 1-866-933-2023

Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868

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