



April 23rd, 2025 Council Meeting Highlights

- Strong Mayor Powers have been given to the Municipality by the Ontario government effective May 1st, 2025. Council directed staff to send a letter in opposition, to Premier Ford, Minister Flack, MP Rood and MPP Pinsonneault. The Mayor will be bringing a report to a future meeting regarding his view on Strong Mayor Powers.
- Council endorsed reducing the size of council to five members, consisting of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and one councillor per ward, to be implemented for the 2026 Municipal Election. Another report will be coming to a future Council meeting.
- Council endorsed an updated funding model for applications to the Southwestern Ontario Development Fund and the County of Middlesex Loan Program to service the Southwest Middlesex Industrial Park. They approved a municipal contribution of up to 25% of the project cost (up to \$787,500), contingent on grant and loan approval. Further to this, any funds from the sale of lands with the Industrial Park Lands will be allocated toward paying the municipal portion of servicing the industrial lands.
- For the month of May, blue and green lights will be displayed in support of Community Living Month.
- Drainage highlights:
 - Engineer reports were received for the Gardiner Drain 2025, Gould Drain 2025 and the Stinson-McCallum Drain 2025, with all three by-laws receiving their first and second readings.
 - The Stinson Drain project contract was awarded to Bruce Poland and Sons Trucking Inc.

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- Council declared the subject lands described below as surplus to the needs of the Municipality;
 - Unnumbered Lot, 34PL223, Part 4, 34R962; Wardsville, being all of PIN 08562-0040 (LT);
 - LTS 6 & 7, PT LT 5, 34PL223, PART 2, 34R962, Wardsville, being all of PIN 08562-0041 (LT)

Council authorized the finalization of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with Halide Emulsion Labs Inc., c/o Leonhard Schuko, for the municipal property described above in accordance with the Municipality's Sale and Disposition of Land Policy. A by-law to authorize the disposition of the lands will be brought to a future council meeting.

- The following by-laws were approved:
 - Third and final readings were given to the Eddie Drain - Branch D 2024 and the Keith Cameron Drain 2024.
 - Zoning by-law amendment application P5-2025 - McCallum Farms and Sales Ltd. and 1000101474 Ontario Inc. - 5722 Longwoods Road
 - Zoning by-law amendment application P6-2025 - Weber Farms Ltd. - 4587 Parkhouse Drive
 - Appointment of Southwest Middlesex Animal Shelter for the purpose of enforcing Animal Control effective May 1, 2025.

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