

SWM WHAT'S NEW

The official newsletter of the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex

TODAY

IN BRIEF

General business of Council:

- Vouchers
- Meeting Minutes of September 25 & October 14, 2020
- Staff Information Building Permit Report & Brooke-Alvinston Fire Committee Minutes
- General Correspondence

Action Correspondence:

- Support of the resolution of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim on unlicensed and unmonitored cannabis grow operations and the City of Clarence-Rockland Resolution regarding regulations on cannabis retail stores

Adopted By-laws to:

- Adoption of James Court Outlet Drain
- Agreement for animal control services with Glencoe Animal Shelter
- Confirm the proceedings of Council - October 28, 2020

FUTURE

LOOKING AHEAD

Upcoming Council

Meetings:

- November 4, 2020
- Budget Meetings begin November 4, 2020

Please join us at 7:00 p.m. for our next virtual meetings viewable on YouTube - link to meeting is available at the top of the agenda

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DETAIL

DISCUSSION ON OCTOBER 28

The retirement of Robert Hansen as SWM Fire Chief was acknowledged for his years of service by council. Chief Hansen has led the SWM Fire Department since March 1, 2015.

Three planning applications were considered with two consent applications considered by the Committee of Adjustment for vacant land on Falconbridge Drive and for 23683 McArthur Road in SWM. A zoning amendment was provisionally adopted for 4317 Parkhouse Drive which fulfills a condition of consent for a surplus farm dwelling.

Council reviewed and adopted the 2021 regular council meeting schedule for 2021 with the first meeting being held on January 13, 2021.

Council reviewed the animal control contract with Glencoe Animal Shelter and renewed the contract with them that will begin January, 2021 and continue to the end of 2023.

In August of 2020 council received a residential property tax comparison of surrounding municipalities. The report received by council at this meeting updates that information by ranking the total residential property tax rate, the residential property tax amount based on the value of an average home, and the percentage of residential property tax based on average household income of Southwest Middlesex and its surrounding municipalities. It was noted that there are a large number of factors that contribute to a tax rate; each of these municipalities have differences in the amount of road surfaces, recreation services, landfill/transfer station, etc

Nine separate drain brushing and cleaning projects were awarded by council. Also council considered a request for a Section 78 improvement to the McFarlane Drain with council appointing Spriet and Associates to produce a report based on the request received on September 24, 2020.

Udates on County Council and the Tri-County Water Management Committee were provided to council by attending members. Through those updates staff were directed to initiate discussions with Strathroy-Caradoc and West Elgin in 2021 related to existing water agreements.

A notice of motion was given for the next meeting concerning the undercoating of equipment and vehicles.

Shop Local Businesses, they appreciate your support!

