



March 19th and 20th, 2025 Council Meeting Highlights

Highlights from the Regular Council Meeting on March 19th:

- Marjorie Emery took her Oath of Office and is now a Ward 3 Councillor. Welcome Councillor Emery.
- The four applications submitted to the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) program by local businesses were approved.
- A notice of motion was approved to direct staff to use Canadian companies and buy Canadian whenever possible.
- Drainage highlights:
 - A new drain petition for Church Street in Wardsville was received and Council appointed Spriet Associates to undertake the design and construction of the new municipal drain.
 - Court of Revision was held for the Eddie Drain - Branch D 2024 and the Keith Cameron Drain 2024.
- Planning highlights:
 - Zoning By-law Amendment Application P8-2022 - 2465 Longwoods Road was approved.
 - Zoning By-law Amendment Application P4-2025 - 4019 Switzer Drive was approved.
 - The request to amend the conditions of Consent Application B6-2023 was approved.

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Highlights from the Special Budget Meeting on March 20th:

Council approved the 2025 budget, balancing key infrastructure investments with fiscal responsibility. The budget approved a net 4.32% tax increase, translating to an additional \$5.72 per month for every \$100,000 in residential property value. For example, a home assessed at \$300,000 will see an increase of \$17.15 per month in taxes.

The budget includes \$3.8 million in essential capital investment across the municipality. This funding will support major sanitary and stormwater upgrades, providing improved service levels. The Glencoe Pool will receive \$240,000 for pump and filter replacements to maintain uninterrupted service. Recreational spaces will also see improvements, with new LED lighting installed at the Glencoe Ball Diamond and the completion of Simpson Park's revitalization, including a new gravel parking lot and accessible washroom deck. Additional funding has been allocated for critical infrastructure, including repairs to the Glencoe salt and sand storage shed and the closure of the Limerick Landfill in compliance with environmental regulations.

The final budget document will be approved via by-law at the April 9, 2025 Council Meeting.

The full budget discussion can be viewed on the Southwest Middlesex YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6oo98BZcAvuVMKLDx88I4A>

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Next Council Meeting: Wednesday April 9, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

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