



Township of Southgate Council Meeting Highlights March 18, 2026

- Fire Chief Derek Malynyk presented a report informing Council of the Township's successful application to the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant. Funding has been awarded to support the full implementation of a Digital Mobile Radio system, which will upgrade the Township's Public Works radio communications. Council approved the use of Hartman Communications to complete the work, in part due to the vendor's familiarity with the existing system.
- Treasurer Taylor McMann presented a report regarding a grant request from the Egremont Optimist Club for the Holstein Maplefest. Council approved the grant in the amount of \$3,000.
- Recreation Manager Kevin Green reviewed the Township's Recreation Plans, which are updated annually and serve as a guide for Council in directing recreation services. Council approved releasing the plans publicly to allow for community consultation.
- Recreation Manager Kevin Green also presented a report seeking approval for accessibility upgrades to the Swinton Park Community Centre. The approved improvements include relocating a fire exit door to the east side of the building, creating additional space to expand the existing washroom and convert it into a fully accessible facility.
- John Watson, Public Works Manager – Roads & Waste, presented a report regarding the tender award recommendation for the reconstruction of Main Street West. This project is being undertaken in partnership with the County of Grey and includes Main Street West, Osprey Street, and Ida Street South. Council approved awarding the tender to Moorefield Excavating Ltd. in the amount of \$4,163,949.91 (excluding HST), the County of Grey will contribute an additional \$2,704,866.69 toward the reconstruction of Main Street West for a total tender amount of \$6,868,816.60.
- HR Manager Kayla Best presented a report regarding Council remuneration for the 2026–2030 term. Council approved continuing the current compensation model of an annual stipend plus per diem, with an increase to the annual stipend for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and Members of Council. The per diem rate will remain unchanged, with the approved cost-of-living adjustment applied annually.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Council Meeting – *Holstein Council Chambers* – April 15, 2026 @ **1:00PM**
- Committee of Adjustment – *Electronic Participation* – April 22, 2026 @ **9:00AM**
- Public Planning Meeting - *Electronic Participation* – April 22, 2026 @ **10:30AM**
- Southgate Public Library Board – *Mill Room* – April 23, 2026 @ **6:00PM**