



Township of Southgate Council Meeting Highlights August 5, 2026

- **Solar Project Update**

Connor, Clark & Lunn Infrastructure presented an update to Council on the Southgate Solar LP project. The presentation provided information on the project's site overviews.

- **New Digital Engagement Platform Approved**

Council received a live demonstration of the Social Point Digital Engagement Platform and further Council approved Social Point as the Township's new public engagement platform. This online tool will make it easier for residents to stay informed, participate in surveys, provide feedback, and engage with Township projects and initiatives.

- **Land Exchange with Grey County**

Council approved moving forward with a land exchange agreement with Grey County for lands within Dundalk in the block of Proton Street N and Dundalk St. The exchange will help support future municipal and County planning for the area.

- **Land Agreement with Mid-West Co-operative**

A Memorandum of Understanding with Mid-West Co-operative Inc. was approved to move forward with a series of land transactions in Dundalk. The proposed transactions would support future business expansion opportunities, enhance downtown parking and revitalization initiatives, and create more cohesive land ownership within Dundalk.

- **Updated Workplace Safety Policies**

To ensure Township workplaces remain safe and compliant with current legislation, several important workplace health and safety initiatives were approved by Council, including:

- A new First Aid Policy.
- An updated Health and Safety Policy Manual.
- Updated Terms of Reference for the Township's Joint Health and Safety Committees.

- **Downtown Dundalk Façade Improvement**

Council approved \$5,000 in Community Improvement Plan (CIP) funding for façade improvements at Dundalk Team Town Hall, located at 80 Main Street East, Dundalk. The investment supports continued revitalization of Dundalk's downtown

- **Investing in Township Equipment**

Council awarded the backhoe purchase to Toromont Caterpillar in the amount of \$291,046 (excluding HST), including a four-year extended warranty. The equipment will support road maintenance, infrastructure projects, and municipal operations.

- **Reuse Building to be Replaced**

Council approved replacing the reuse building at the Dundalk Transfer Station. The new building will improve the facility for residents using the reuse program.

- **Financial Updates**

Council:

- Approved routine tax adjustments as permitted under the Municipal Act.
- Approved the Township's 2024 Trust Fund Financial Statements.

- Supported applying to the Building Strong Communities Fund for eligible improvements to the Township's new municipal building.
- Approved using a collection agency to recover long-outstanding municipal receivables.

- **Legislative Updates**

Council approved:

- Appointments to the Grey County Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2026–2030 Council term.
- A new Video Surveillance Policy to guide the responsible use of municipal security cameras.
- A new Exotic Animal By-law to regulate the keeping of exotic animals within Southgate.

- **Preparing Land for Future Sale**

Council declared half a block of the unopened portion of Southgate Sideroad 15, between Southgate Road 24 and Southgate Road 22, surplus to municipal needs and directed staff to begin the process required to prepare the land for sale.

- **Supporting Township Employees**

Council approved:

- A new Short-Term Disability Policy to support employees during periods of illness or injury.
- An updated Staff Conference, Education and Training Policy to support ongoing professional development for Township employees.

- **General Announcements**

Members of Council shared community announcements and updates which can be viewed [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings:

- Special Council Meeting – Electronic Participation – August 14, 2026 @ **9:00 AM**
- Committee of Adjustment – *Electronic Participation* – August 26, 2026 @ **9:00AM**
- Council Meeting – *Council Chambers - Holstein* – September 2, 2026 @ **9:00AM**
- Special Council Meeting – *Council Chambers - Holstein* – September 2, 2026 @ **1:00 PM**