



Township of Southgate Council Meeting Highlights June 3, 2026

- Council approved the Township purchase 5 Keppel Street, Dundalk. The acquisition of this property presents a unique opportunity to strategically reorganize and enhance Municipal facilities and services across the Township. The current vision for the property includes the relocation of the Administration Office, Dundalk Depot, and Fire Hall into a centralized municipal services facility. Consolidating these operations at a single site would create opportunities for improved coordination, operational efficiencies, and enhanced service delivery to residents.
- Members from the Rotary Club of Southgate attended Council and introduced the new Rotary Club that has been established in Southgate. The Rotary members presented their vision for serving the community through volunteerism, partnership and local service projects and were available to answer questions from Council.
- Grey County CAO Randy Scherzer presented Council with an update on key Grey County initiatives including growth and infrastructure, strategic planning and partnership and services that impact the local communities.
- CAO Jim Ellis presented a report to Council regarding the Grey County Hybrid Planning Services Model following County Council on June 11th asking for municipalities to make a final decision regarding the Joint Hybrid Planning Services Model. Council discussed and directed staff to bring back a final report that will provide direction to either opt in or opt out.
- On June 1, 2026, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) announced the Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP) in support of the Canada-Ontario Partnership to Build partnership. Council received a report from CAO Jim Ellis regarding the DCRP, discussed the application requirements and supported the recommendation to not apply for the program.
- Junior Planner Victoria Mance presented a report on the potential regulatory changes to backyard chickens. Seven (7) options were presented, and Council approved the recommendation that staff not make any changes to the current Zoning By-law respecting where backyard chickens are permitted or prohibited. Council also directed staff to prepare amendments to the Exotic Animal By-law and supported the continued enforcement of the Township Zoning By-law provisions related to backyard chickens.
- Public Works Manager of Water Operations Cory Henry presented the 2026 Dundalk Water and Wastewater Reserve Capacity Report as prepared by Triton Engineering. Council approved the reports and will be forwarded to the Ministry of Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) District Office in Owen Sound and the Grey County Planning Department for their review and comment.
- Members of Council shared General Announcements which can be viewed [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings:

- Southgate Public Library Board – *Mill Room – Library* – June 18, 2026 @ **6:00PM**
- Committee of Adjustment – *Electronic Participation* – June 24, 2026 @ **9:00AM**
- Council Meeting – *Council Chambers - Holstein* – **Thursday July 2, 2026 @ 9:00AM**