



## **Township of Southgate Council Meeting Highlights January 21, 2026**

- A special Council meeting was held at 10:30AM where the third draft of the 2026 Mayor's Budget financial forecasting presentation was received. For further information about the 2026 Mayor's Budget, please visit the Township of Southgate website [here](#).
- Watson & Associates presented the Dundalk Water and Wastewater Rate Study, outlining the financial impacts required to sustainably deliver water and wastewater services and meet lifecycle funding needs from 2026 to 2035. Council approved the rate study and the Dundalk Water System Financial Plan.
- Public Works Manager of Roads and Waste, John Watson, presented a report requesting exemptions from non-eligible curbside collection fees for not-for-profit organizations and places of worship. Under the new Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) program, these organizations were classified within the industrial, commercial, and institutional (IC&I) category and deemed ineligible for recycling services. Staff recommended waiving the annual curbside collection fee in recognition of the community services these organizations provide.
- Fire Chief Malynyk presented a report seeking authorization to enter into a transfer payment agreement with the Province of Ontario to receive funding through the Ontario Fire Protection Grant for cancer prevention equipment. The funding will support a joint initiative with the Town of Hanover, the Municipality of Grey Highlands, and the Municipality of Meaford to purchase a respirator fit-testing machine. The funding will also purchase two positive-pressure air respirators for fire investigations, and spare helmet liners for each firefighter's structural helmet for the Dundalk Fire Department.
- Treasurer McMann presented a report to Council regarding an additional donation request for the Grey County Truck Show. Council approved a \$500 donation to support operational costs associated with the event.
- Clerk Green presented a report to Council for information and approval of the Township to enter into agreements of purchase and sale with the Dundalk Lions Club for the purchase of the Dundalk Lions Medical Centre building and adjacent parking lot. The Townships purchase of the building would ensure that the availability of critical medical services currently provided by the building's tenants remain accessible to the community, particularly in absence of any confirmed timeline or updated information regarding provincial funding for the construction of a new medical clinic in Dundalk. More information can be found [here](#).
- CAO Ellis presented a report outlining the accomplishments of the Township in 2025. The full report can be viewed [here](#).

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

- Committee of Adjustment – *Electronic* – January 28, 2026 @ **9:00AM**
- Public Planning Meeting - *Electronic* – January 28, 2026 @ **10:30AM**
- Council Meeting – *Holstein Council Chambers* – February 4, 2026 @ **9:00AM**