



Township of Southgate Council Meeting Highlights March 18, 2026

- Council received a presentation from Savannah Myers, Director of Economic Development, Tourism and Culture, regarding a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Team Grey. The proposed MOU aligns with the County of Grey's economic development strategy and formalizes collaboration between the County and its member municipalities to support investment attraction and regional growth. The framework includes shared data, coordinated marketing efforts, and joint initiatives, enabling municipalities to make informed decisions and strengthen their local economies. Council endorsed the MOU and authorized the Township to enter into the Team Grey agreement with the County of Grey.
- Director of Development Services, Ken Melanson, presented a report to Council regarding an Official Plan Amendment that would allow the Township to utilize Alternative Measures policies under the Planning Act. These provisions permit alternative approaches to providing notice of applications and public meetings or hearings for most planning applications. Council approved the Official Plan Amendment, which will be forwarded to Grey County for review and approval as the approval authority.
- Council approved the Use of Corporate Resources During an Election Year policy. The policy provides guidance for Members of Council, candidates, Township staff, local boards, and the public on the appropriate use of corporate resources. The Use of Corporate Resources During an Election Year policy can be viewed [here](#).
- Council received correspondence from the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team outlining how municipalities can assist residents in accessing primary care. Residents who do not currently have a family doctor or nurse practitioner are encouraged to register with Health Care Connect, a provincial program that matches patients with local providers who are accepting new patients. Residents may register whether they currently have a provider or are seeking one. The Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team correspondence can be viewed [here](#).
- In accordance with the Municipal Act, Treasurer McMann provided Council an itemized statement on remuneration and expenses paid to each member of Council in the previous year. The 2025 Council remuneration report, and attachments can be viewed [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings:

- Committee of Adjustment – *Electronic Participation* – March 25, 2026 @ **9:30AM**
- Public Planning Meeting - *Electronic Participation* – March 25, 2026 @ **10:30AM**
- Southgate Public Library Board – *Mill Room – Library* – March 26, 2026 @ **6:00PM**
- Council Meeting – *Holstein Council Chambers* – April 2, 2026 @ **1:00PM**