



Regular Council Meeting Highlights – August 4, 2026

Council met on August 4, 2026, to discuss municipal operations, infrastructure improvements, community initiatives, financial updates, and matters impacting residents throughout the Township.

Council Recognition

- Council recognized Amanda Harris on the successful completion of the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) Municipal Administration Program with Honours. Council congratulated Amanda on this achievement and acknowledged her dedication to completing the program while working full-time with the Township.

Key Decisions

- Approved proceeding with improvements to the White Lake Park water system, including the procurement and installation of an upgraded submersible well pump and hydraulic fracturing of the rink well.
- Awarded Contract No. PW-2026-09 for Scheel Drive Repair to R.W. Tomlinson Limited in the amount of \$132,308.00 plus HST.
- Directed staff to proceed with preparing and issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) for audit services.
- Approved staff proceeding with an Expression of Interest to co-host a Taste of the Valley event with the Township's annual HerbFest in 2027 or 2028.
- Supported Xplore Inc.'s application to the CRTC Broadband Fund to improve reliable high-speed internet access for rural residents and businesses within the Township.
- Enacted By-Laws related to the assumption of Shady Maple Road for public use (Braeburn Estates) and the appointment of a Deputy Fire Chief.

Community & Development Updates

- Council discussed opportunities to identify potential municipal locations for community mailboxes and directed staff to review possible sites, historical information regarding the current location, and report back prior to further discussions with Canada Post.

- Recognized the Township's designation as a Bee City, highlighting ongoing efforts to support pollinator-friendly initiatives and environmental stewardship.
- Approved updates to the Employee Conduct Policy and directed staff to bring the policy forward for formal enactment.

Infrastructure & Public Works

- The Scheel Drive Repair project was approved to address road infrastructure needs and improve transportation assets within the Township.
- Continued investment in recreational infrastructure through approved improvements to the White Lake Park water system.
- Received updates on public works activities and ongoing infrastructure priorities.

Recreation & Community Services

- Received the Recreation Department activity report for June and July 2026, including updates on programs, facilities, and community events.
- Directed staff to review available Recreation Department funds to determine whether support can be provided for upcoming Seniors' Dances, including the September, November, and Christmas Gala events.
- Received an update on the 2026 Tour de Poutine event and supported further review of event operations, including the proposed addition of a walking event, donation options, and information regarding The Longer Table.
- Supported moving forward with the application process to participate in Taste of the Valley in partnership with HerbFest.

Financial Highlights

- Reviewed the June 2026 Financial Overview, 2026 Budget vs. Actuals – Q2 Report, and Q2 Council/CAO Expenses Report.
- Confirmed that the Township will not proceed with establishing an Integrity Commissioner complaint filing fee at this time.
- Directed staff to proceed with an RFP process for audit services.
- Approved funding allocations for the White Lake Park water system improvements through previously approved project funding.

Public Safety & Emergency Services

- Received May and June 2026 By-Law Services Report outlining enforcement activity and compliance matters.
- Considered amendments to the Backyard Chicken By-Law following public input and directed staff to finalize revisions for future enactment, including:

- o Exempting properties five (5) acres and larger from the by-law;
 - o Expanding permitted poultry to include chickens, ducks, quail, geese, turkeys, and guinea fowl, while continuing to prohibit roosters;
 - o Permitting home slaughter;
 - o Removing the reference to persistently clucking as a prohibited nuisance condition; and
 - o Increasing set fines from \$150 to \$200 per offence.
- Received public comments regarding the Backyard Chicken By-Law, including suggestions related to permitting a limited number of larger poultry on smaller residential properties with appropriate regulations.
- Supported improvements to rural broadband infrastructure through Xplore Inc.'s proposed CRTC Broadband Fund application.

Looking Ahead

Council remains focused on maintaining and improving Township infrastructure, supporting community programs, enhancing recreation opportunities, protecting public safety, and ensuring responsible financial management.

The next Regular Council Meetings are scheduled for:

Thursday, August 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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