

JULY 14, 2026

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COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

2026 Budget

The 2026 Budget was adopted in April with an overall increase of 3.1%. Total expenses for all municipal services are estimated at \$5,869,936. After accounting for \$1,649,324 in revenue from grants and user fees, the Township requires a tax levy of \$4,220,612. A breakdown of what this means for residents will be mailed with tax bills at the end of July and posted on the Township website. Be sure to review it.

Council also received the budget-to-actual report last night. This report outlines progress on capital projects and year-to-date operating costs for all departments. It is a lengthy read, but it is a valuable way to stay informed about the work underway to improve the community. Overall, expenses are tracking as projected, with a few exceptions related to unplanned activities. Some unplanned revenues are also helping to offset the additional costs. The budget and related reports are available [here](#).

Level of Service for Calcium

At Council's request, the Public Works Manager presented a report last night on the level of service for calcium. Click [here](#) for the short report. The current and historical practice has been to apply calcium to the centre of the road; as traffic travels over it, the calcium moves toward the sides. Under normal conditions, this is an effective way to control dust. This season, road projects around the hamlet have created excessive dust, and Public Works has made every effort to water the roads, including on weekends. Council has also taken steps to reduce dust over time through the gravel program and by choosing Quarry A granular instead of finer granular materials, improving the overall level of service.

The level of service is based on traffic counts and vehicle types. According to the 2014 Roads Needs Study, Shayer Road and Shields Point Road are the most-travelled gravel roads, averaging 350 vehicles. Shields Point Road received 2 inches of Quarry A in 2025. However, Council recognized at the meeting that the data is outdated and needs to be refreshed. As a result, Council approved renting or purchasing the necessary equipment to collect accurate information and support future decisions.

Fire Permits

Council waived the fees for brush and windrow fire permits last month. Property owners still need a valid four-day fire permit approved by the Fire Chief, but there is no fee for these permits. Because these fires are larger, permit holders must make arrangements with the Fire Chief in advance to ensure the burn is properly managed. The bylaw amendment also states that fire permits are not required outside Fire Season, which runs from April to November. There were no changes to residential campfire permits. Fire safety is everyone's responsibility, and responsible burning helps keep the entire community safe.

New Bylaws – Procurement and Procedural

Council adopted [Bylaw 2026-30](#), which updates the Township's procurement procedures, and [Bylaw 2026-31](#), which updates Council's procedural practices for governance. Together, these bylaws modernize Township business practices and provide clear direction. They are mandatory policies under Section 270 of the Municipal Act. The Procurement Bylaw also includes new requirements related to recent provincial legislation on Buy Ontario and Buy Canada initiatives.