

TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA - Amended

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

via teleconference and online

Youtube Channel for listening in: Blandford-Blenheim Township

<https://youtube.com/channel/UCdKRV0GAEuFaGbwHRPzoEXA>

4:00 p.m.

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of the Agenda

Recommendation:

Mover: Balzer

Seconder: Banbury

That the agenda for the May 6, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted with the addition of item 16 a.

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

5. Adoption of Minutes

a. April 15, 2020 Minutes of Council

Recommendation:

Mover: Balzer

Seconder: Banbury

That the minutes of the April 15, 2020 Meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

7. Delegations / Presentations

8. Correspondence

a. General

b. Specific

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- i. Town of Gravenhurst, re: Declaration of Garden Centres and Nurseries as essential services.

Recommendation:

Mover: Balzer
Secunder: Banbury

That the correspondence from the Town of Gravenhurst and of the District of Muskoka requesting that the Province of Ontario declare Garden Centres and Nurseries as essential services be received.

- ii. Township of Mapleton, Re: Request to the Province to review the Farm Property Class tax rate program.

Recommendation:

Mover: Banbury
Secunder: Demarest

That the Council for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim supports the Township of Mapleton resolution requesting that the Province of Ontario review the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Program.

9. Staff Reports

a. Rick Richardson – Director of Protective Services

- i. FC-20-09– Monthly Report

Recommendation:

Mover: Banbury
Secunder: Demarest

That Report FC-20-06 be received as information.

b. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

- i. PW-20-07 – Monthly Report

Recommendation:

Mover: Banbury
Secunder: Demarest

That Report PW-20-07 be received for information.

- ii. PW-20-06 – Solar Light for mail boxes

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Recommendation:

Mover: Banbury

Seconder: Demarest

That Report PW-20-06 be received for information; and,

That Council direct the Public Works Director to proceed with the purchase and installation of Solar Light(s) for the Drumbo mail boxes.

d. Trevor Baer – Manager of Community Services

i. CS-20-05 – Monthly Report

Recommendation:

Mover: Demarest

Seconder: Balzer

That Report CS-20-05 be received as information.

e. John Scherer – Manager of Building Services/CBO

i. CBO-20-06 – Monthly Report

Recommendation:

Mover: Demarest

Seconder: Balzer

That Report CBO-20-06 be received as Information.

10. Reports from Council Members

11. Unfinished Business

12. Motions and Notices of Motion

13. New Business

14. Closed Session

15. By-laws

a. 2189-2020, Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

Recommendation:

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Mover: Demarest
Secunder: Balzer

That first and second reading be given to the following by-law:

- *2189-2020 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.*

Recommendation:

Mover: Demarest
Secunder: Balzer

That third and final reading be given to the following by-law's:

- *2189-2020 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.*

16. Other

a) Penalty on Dog Tags

Recommendation:

Mover: Demarest
Secunder: Balzer

That Whereas By-Law 2165-2019 provides for a late fee of \$10 to be applied to dog tags purchased after April 30th,

Be It Resolved That Council agrees to waive that fee for tags purchased in the year 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

17. Adjournment and Next Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 4:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Recommendation:

Mover: Demarest
Secunder: Balzer

That Whereas business before Council has been completed at _____ pm;

That Council adjourn to meet again on Wednesday May 20, 2020 at 4:00 pm through electronic means.

Wednesday, April 15, 2020
via teleconference and online

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4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Council met at 4:00 p.m via teleconference and online.

Present: Mayor Peterson, Councillors Balzer, Banbury, Demarest

Staff: Baer, Bell, Borton, Krug, Harmer, Matheson, Mordue, Richardson, Scherer.

Regrets: Councillor Read

Mayor Peterson in the Chair.

1. Welcome

2. Call to Order

3. Approval of the Agenda

RESOLUTION #1

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

Be it hereby resolved that the agenda for the April 15, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council be adopted.

.Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None.

5. Adoption of Minutes

RESOLUTION #2

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

That the minutes of the March 4, 2020 Meeting of Council, the March 13, 2020 Special meeting of Council and the April 15, 2020 3:45 pm Special meeting of Council be adopted, as printed and circulated.

.Carried

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Delegations/Presentations

None.

8. Correspondence

a. General

- i. City of Woodstock, Re: Oxford County Report No. 2020-01 Leading Oxford to 100% Housed Future

RESOLUTION #3

Moved by – Councillor Balzer

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

That the general correspondence be received.

.Carried

b. Specific

- i. Village of Merrickville-Wolford, Re: Provincially Significant Wetlands Designation

RESOLUTION #4

Moved by – Councillor Balzer

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

That the Township of Blandford-Blenheim supports the Village of Merrickville-Wolford and requests that the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry review its practices and procedures to include a requirement to provide supporting evidence to impacted municipalities when designating Provincially Significant Wetlands within their boundaries.

.Carried

- ii. City of Woodstock, Re: Woodstock Public Library Board – Request for Municipal Resolution Supporting Provincial Public Library Funding

RESOLUTION #5

Moved by – Councillor Balzer

Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

That the Council for the Township of Blandford-Blenheim supports the City of Woodstock resolution encouraging the Province of Ontario to maintain existing funding for Ontario's public libraries.

.Carried

- iii. Norman J Pigeon, Re: Wagner Subdivision Project for East Bright Community

RESOLUTION #6

Moved by – Councillor Balzer
Seconded by – Councillor Banbury

That the correspondence from Norman J. Pigeon be received and considered along with staff report DS-20-04 – Bright Subdivision Phase II Drainage issue.
.Carried

9. Staff Reports

a. Rick Richardson – Director of Protective Services

- i. FC-20-06 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #7

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That Report FC-20-06 be received as information.

.Carried

b. Jim Harmer – Drainage Superintendent

- i. DS-20-03 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #8

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That Report DS-20-03 be received as information.

.Carried

- ii. DS-20-05 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #9

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That Report DS-20-05 be received as information.

.Carried

- iii. DS-20-04 – Bright Subdivision Phase II Drainage issue

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That Report DS-20-04 be received as information.

.Carried

c. Jim Borton – Director of Public Works

- i. PW-20-05 - 2020 Gravel Tender Results

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That Report PW-20-05 be received for information; and,

That Council accept the tender submitted by Willson Sand & Gravel Ltd. of Cambridge, ON for the supply, crushing and placement of approximately 27,000 Tonnes of granular “A” at a unit price of \$12.50/tonne and 3,000 Tonnes of granular “B” at a unit price of \$11.25/tonne.

.Carried

d. Trevor Baer – Manager of Community Services

- i. CBO-20-04 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Banbury
Seconded by – Councillor Demarest

That report CBO-20-04 be received as information.

.Carried

e. John Scherer – Chief Building Official

- i. CBO-20-05 – Monthly Report

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

That report CBO-20-05 be received as information.

.Carried

f. Denise Krug – Director of Finance/Treasurer

- i. TR-20-07 – 2019 Development Charges Annual Report

RESOLUTION #10

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

That Report TR-20-07 be received as information, and is posted on the website for public information.

.Carried

g. Rodger Mordue – CAO/Clerk

- i. CAO-20-03 – Purchasing Policy Update

RESOLUTION #11

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

That Report CAO-20-03 be received; and,

That a by-law be prepared and presented to Council to update the Township's Purchasing Policy to incorporate provisions to allow for electronic bidding.

.Carried

10. Reports from Council Members

Councillor Balzer spoke about the possibility of aiding local businesses through our social media and website platforms. Council agreed it is a trying time and could be a good tool to assist local businesses. Councillor Demarest also spoke of a centralized effort to help local businesses in accessing assistance. Mayor Peterson spoke of the food bank and its smooth operation. Councillor Banbury thanked staff for their efforts during this time.

11. Unfinished Business

None.

12. Motions and Notices of Motion

None.

13. New Business

None.

14. Closed Session

None.

15. By-laws

RESOLUTION #12

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that first and second reading be given to the following By-laws:

- By-law 2182-2020, Being a by-law with respect to noise and vibration;
- By-law 2183-2020 Being a by-law to regulate matters related to the health safety and wellbeing of the inhabitant of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim (Public Nuisance);
- By-law 2184-2020 Being a by-law to regulate animal care and control;
- 2186-2020 Being a by-law to provide for procurement procedures;
- 2188-2020 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

RESOLUTION #13

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Be it hereby resolved that third and final reading be given to the following By-laws:

- By-law 2182-2020, Being a by-law with respect to noise and vibration;
- By-law 2183-2020 Being a by-law to regulate matters related to the health safety and wellbeing of the inhabitant of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim (Public Nuisance);
- By-law 2184-2020 Being a by-law to regulate animal care and control;
- 2186-2020 Being a by-law to provide for procurement procedures;
- 2188-2020 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

.Carried

16. Other Business

- a. Council meeting schedule due to COVID-19

Motion deferred as may proceed with meetings as scheduled, waiting for provincial guidance.

17. Adjournment and Next Meeting

RESOLUTION #18

Moved by – Councillor Demarest
Seconded by – Councillor Balzer

Whereas business before Council has been completed at 5:12 p.m.;

Be it hereby resolved that Council does now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m through electronic means.

.Carried

Mark Peterson, Mayor
Township of Blandford-Blenheim

Rodger Mordue CAO / Clerk
Township of Blandford-Blenheim



Transmitted via Email

April 22, 2020

RE: TOWN OF GRAVENHURST RESOLUTION – Province of Ontario add Community Gardens, Garden Centres and Nurseries as essential services during the COVID-19 Pandemic

At the Town of Gravenhurst Committee of the Whole meeting held on April 21, 2020, the following resolution was passed:

Moved by Councillor Cairns
Seconded by Councillor Morphy

WHEREAS the Town of Gravenhurst Council fully understands, upon the direction of the Provincial Government, that only businesses and services deemed to be essential are to remain open during the COVID-19 Pandemic;

AND WHEREAS our Not for Profit Community Partners rely on Community Gardens for the ability to grow vegetables that assist in meeting the food related needs as well as providing physical and mental health benefits for our most vulnerable citizens;

AND WHEREAS physical distancing measures would still be needed for those working in Community Gardens;

AND WHEREAS Garden Centres and Nurseries could be required to provide curb-side car drop off service to reduce the risk;

AND WHEREAS the Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, supports the continuation of Community Gardens throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Gravenhurst Council requests that the Province of Ontario add Community Gardens, Garden Centres and Nurseries as essential services;

AND FINALLY THAT this resolution be circulated to Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Premier Ford and all Ontario Municipalities requesting their support.

CARRIED

We trust the above to be satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Melanie Hakl

Melanie Hakl
Administrative Clerk 2, Legislative Services

**District Council – Electronic Meeting
April 20, 2020**

The District Municipality of Muskoka

Moved By: S. Cairns

Seconded By: K. Terziano

WHEREAS Muskoka District Council fully understands, upon the direction of the Provincial Government, that only businesses and services deemed to be essential are to remain open during the COVID-19 Pandemic;

AND WHEREAS our Not for Profit Community Partners rely on Community Gardens for the ability to grow vegetables that assist in meeting the food related needs as well as providing physical and mental health benefits for our most vulnerable citizens;

AND WHEREAS physical distancing measures would still be needed for those working in Community Gardens;

AND WHEREAS Garden Centres and Nurseries could be required to provide curb-side car drop off service only to reduce the risk;

AND WHEREAS the Medical Officer of Health for the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, supports the continuation of Community Gardens throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Muskoka District Council requests that the Province of Ontario add Community Gardens, Garden Centres and Nurseries as essential services;

AND THAT this resolution be circulated to Scott Aitchison, MP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, and all Ontario Municipalities requesting their support.

Carried ✓

Defeated _____


District Clerk

**Ministry of Agriculture,
Food and Rural Affairs**

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April 25, 2020

Dear Friends;

Nothing is more important than protecting the health and well-being of Ontarians.

Since first learning of COVID-19, Ontario has taken decisive action to stop the spread of this virus, while ensuring the continuity of critical operations and services.

Given the evolving situation, the government has made an amendment to the emergency order under the [Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act as set out in O Reg. 104/20](#). This decision is endorsed by the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

Effective immediately, the Ontario government is allowing the use of allotment and community gardens across Ontario, provided that people practice physical distancing and do not gather in groups of more than five.

Those taking part in community and public allotment gardens are required to follow the advice of their local medical officer of health and adhere to the requirements that pertain to the use of any facilities.

The order is available at the following link, which will be updated within the next few days: www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/200104

During these unprecedented times, I'm so proud to see Ontarians coming together to defeat this ruthless virus and to witness the awakening of an incredible spirit of duty and volunteerism. Community and allotment gardens play an important role in supporting people vulnerable to food insecurity amid this outbreak and I look forward to seeing community gardens across Ontario open as soon as possible.

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If you require further information, please contact Service Ontario: 1-866-532-3161 or Stop the Spread Business Information Line – 1-888-444-3659.

I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernie Hardeman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

Ernie Hardeman
Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

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Le 25 avril 2020

Chers amis,

Rien n'est plus important que protéger la santé et le bien-être de la population ontarienne.

Depuis que nous avons appris l'existence de la COVID-19, l'Ontario a adopté des mesures décisives pour freiner ce virus tout en garantissant la continuité des activités et des services essentiels.

Étant donné l'évolution de la situation, le gouvernement a apporté une modification au décret d'urgence adopté en vertu de la [Loi sur la protection civile et la gestion des situations d'urgence de la manière précisée dans le Règl. de l'Ont. 104/20](#).

Cette décision est appuyée par le médecin hygiéniste en chef.

Dès à présent, le gouvernement de l'Ontario permet l'utilisation des jardins familiaux et des jardins communautaires partout en Ontario, pourvu que les personnes exercent la distanciation physique et ne se rassemblent pas au sein de groupes de plus de cinq personnes.

Les personnes qui participent à des jardins communautaires et familiaux publics doivent respecter l'avis de leur médecin hygiéniste régional et les exigences liées à l'utilisation de toutes les installations.

Le décret est disponible en consultant le lien suivant, qui sera actualisé au cours des prochains jours : www.ontario.ca/fr/lois/reglement/200104

Durant cette période sans précédent, je suis très fier de voir les Ontariennes et les Ontariens s'unir afin de lutter contre ce virus virulent et d'être témoin du réveil d'un incroyable esprit du devoir et d'entraide. Les jardins communautaires et familiaux jouent un rôle important en aidant les personnes vulnérables à vaincre l'insécurité alimentaire



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malgré la présente éclosion et je suis impatient de voir les jardins communautaires ouvrir dès que possible partout en Ontario.

Si vous avez besoin de plus amples renseignements, veuillez communiquer avec Service Ontario en composant le 1 866 532-3161, ou la Ligne Info-Entreprises pour mettre fin à la propagation en composant le 1 888 444 3659.

Je vous souhaite tout le meilleur du monde.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ernie Hardeman', with a large, stylized initial 'E'.

Ernie Hardeman
Ministre de l'Agriculture, de l'Alimentation et des Affaires rurales



April 21, 2020

To: Municipalities of Ontario – by email

Re: A Resolution to Request the Province of Ontario Review the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme in Light of Economic Competitiveness Concerns between Rural and Urban Municipalities

Please be advised that at its March 10, 2020 meeting, the Council of the Township of Mapleton carried the following Resolution 2020-04-14:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario implemented changes to property assessment and introduced taxation reform which came into effect in 1998;
AND WHEREAS prior to 1998 farm properties were subject to taxation at the base residential tax rate and qualified farmers applied annually to the province to be reimbursed 75% of the farm portion of the taxes paid to the local municipality;
AND WHEREAS the province changed the method of delivering farmer's rebates by creating the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA);
AND WHEREAS rather than apply annually and wait for property tax rebates, the delivery of the programme shifted to local municipal governments and onto the property tax system;
AND WHEREAS eligible farmland assessment values are now locally subsidized by 75% of their full current value assessment (CVA) to produce a lower weighted assessment base which is used for tax rate setting purposes;
AND WHEREAS the effect of the locally subsidized weighted assessment shifts an increased burden of tax onto all other property classes within the municipality;
AND WHEREAS these taxation reforms were originally supposed to be revenue neutral and offset by funding from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) and its predecessor the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF);
AND WHEREAS the province has been reducing support from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund while the cost of the farm tax rebate programme is continuously increasing;
AND WHEREAS an economically competitive agricultural industry provides affordable food and agricultural products to all Ontarians and is a provincial objective that should be cost shared amongst all of its citizens;
AND WHEREAS the cost of this programme disproportionately falls upon property taxpayers in rural municipalities;
AND WHEREAS higher property taxes in rural municipalities is creating economic competitiveness issues between rural and urban municipalities;

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Page 2 of 2, Mapleton Resolution
Re: Prov. Review of Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme

AND WHEREAS the province hasn't undertaken a review of this programme since it was implemented in 1998;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Township of Mapleton requests that:

1. The Province of Ontario undertake a review of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Programme to determine:
 - a. The appropriateness of the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Programme falling disproportionately amongst rural residential and business property owners when the benefit of an economically competitive agricultural industry and affordable food and agricultural products is a provincial objective that should be shared amongst all taxpayers in Ontario;
 - b. The adequacy of funding being provided to rural municipalities to offset the cost of the Farm Property Tax Class Rate Programme;
 - c. The differences between the amount of property taxes paid in rural and urban municipalities and the root causes of those differences;
 - d. Economic competitiveness concerns with disproportionately higher average property taxes being paid in rural municipalities;
 - e. Other methods of delivering the farm tax rebate programme to farmland owners where the cost can be shared province-wide.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be sent to Hon. Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Hon. Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Hon. Ernie Hardeman, Minister of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs, MPP Randy Pettapiece, Hon. Ted Arnott, all Ontario Municipalities, Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Attached you will find the County of Wellington Committee Report dated January 16, 2020 regarding the 'Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme' for review and consideration.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely

Larry Wheeler
Deputy Clerk

Attach. (1)



COUNTY OF WELLINGTON

COMMITTEE REPORT

To: Chair and Members of the Administration, Finance and Human Resources Committee
From: Ken DeHart, County Treasurer
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2020
Subject: **Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme**

Background:

The Province of Ontario implemented changes to property assessment and introduced taxation reform which came into effect in 1998. Prior to this, farm properties were subject to taxation at the base residential tax rate and farmers applied annually to the Minister of Finance to be reimbursed 75% of the farm portion of taxes paid to the local municipality.

As part of assessment reform, the Province changed the method of delivering farmer's rebates by creating the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme under the jurisdiction of the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). Under the new programme, rather than apply annually and wait for property tax rebates, delivery of the programme shifted to local municipal governments and onto the property tax system. Eligible farmland assessment values are now discounted by -75% of their full current value assessment (CVA) to produce a lower weighted assessment base which is used for tax rate setting purposes. With residential tax rates being the benchmark ratio of 1.0, farmlands have been set in legislation to have a 0.25 ratio or lower. The effect of the discounted weighted assessment shifts an increased burden of tax onto all other property classes in the County by way of increasing the benchmark tax rate. Doing so has a pronounced effect on the residential sector which comprises 78% of the County's levy base. By comparison, farmland taxes comprise 7% of the total levy base.

	2019 CVA	% raw CVA	WTD CVA	% Wtd CVA	2019 Levy	% of Levy
Residential	12,584,607,345	68.02%	12,584,474,157	77.91%	77,709,877	77.91%
Multi Residential	86,932,592	0.47%	165,171,925	1.02%	1,019,946	1.02%
Farmland	4,499,862,369	24.32%	1,124,965,592	6.96%	6,946,730	6.96%
Commercial	863,761,038	4.67%	1,287,867,708	7.97%	7,952,660	7.97%
Industrial	368,081,028	1.99%	882,959,280	5.47%	5,452,326	5.47%
Pipeline	41,303,954	0.22%	92,933,897	0.58%	573,872	0.58%
Managed Forest	55,959,714	0.30%	13,989,929	0.09%	86,389	0.09%
County Total	18,500,508,040	100.00%	16,152,362,486	100.00%	99,741,800	100.00%

Challenges facing Rural Municipalities

Shifting of farmland discounted assessment onto residential taxpayers is specific to rural municipalities. Schedule A shows the difference between raw (unweighted) assessment roll values and resulting weighted assessment in Wellington County as compared to a typical urban municipality. In 2019 the residential tax class comprised 68.02% of Wellington County's assessment base, but the residential class pays 77.91% of property taxes once tax ratios are factored in. The farmland ratio of 0.25 has the effect of increasing the residential tax burden by approximately 10% across the County.

Conversely, in an urban municipality with very little farm tax class, the residential assessment base of 78.50% is reduced to 66.27% of total weighted assessment used for tax rate setting purposes. A reduction of more than 12% off the residential tax burden. This causes Wellington County economic competitiveness issues for the County's southern municipalities that border a number of urban municipal centres. Tax policy treatment greatly favours urban municipalities in Ontario.

Since the cost of providing the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme was downloaded by the province in 1998; provincial funds have been allocated annually to rural municipalities to offset the tax loss. This was supposed to be a revenue neutral allocation. However, each year transfer amounts from the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) continue to decline. The Table below shows that a total tax levy of \$34,669,691 was necessary in order to provide the farmland tax incentive rebate benefiting 5,807 farm property owners in Wellington. The OMPF allocation county-wide in 2019 was \$7,065,800 leaving a shortfall of more than \$27 million in levy which is shifted onto every other property owner in Wellington County. This translates to \$754 per property in the County or 15.7% of total taxes for the typical homeowner. This is a significant amount of additional property tax burden that our residents continue to bear annually and which are subject to increase depending on market value of farmlands.

In essence, County residents are providing the -75% rebate instead of the Province for the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme, creating significant financial hardship amongst our ratepayers and limiting the County's economic competitiveness with neighbouring jurisdictions.

**WELLINGTON COUNTY - 2019 FARMLAND PROPERTIES
OMPF FUNDING TO MITIGATE COST OF FARM PROPERTY CLASS TAX REBATE**

Municipality	Municipal Rebates	Municipal OMPF Grant	Municipal Levy Impact	County Rebate* Distribution	Total Additional Levy Required
Puslinch	\$ 232,040	\$ 415,700	\$ (183,660)	\$ 2,846,353	\$ 2,662,693
Guelph/Eramosa	\$ 1,137,235	\$ 490,300	\$ 646,935	\$ 3,120,713	\$ 3,767,649
Erin	\$ 890,468	\$ 593,300	\$ 297,168	\$ 2,852,697	\$ 3,149,866
Centre Wellington	\$ 1,987,127	\$ 319,600	\$ 1,667,527	\$ 5,553,231	\$ 7,220,758
Mapleton	\$ 5,235,570	\$ 837,400	\$ 4,398,170	\$ 1,961,338	\$ 6,359,507
Minto	\$ 1,446,483	\$ 1,604,600	\$ (158,117)	\$ 1,153,001	\$ 994,884
Wellington North	\$ 2,900,554	\$ 1,296,800	\$ 1,603,754	\$ 1,844,780	\$ 3,448,534
Wellington County	\$ 20,840,213	\$ 1,508,100	\$ 19,332,113		
Total	\$ 34,669,691	\$ 7,065,800	\$ 27,603,891	\$ 19,332,113	\$ 27,603,891

Additional levy required to provide farm rebate after OMPF grant

Total Properties **	36,607	Tax per property	\$754
Less # of Farms	5,807		
	30,800	Excluding farms	\$896
Population	97,610	Tax per resident	\$283

* County farm rebate distribution based on local municipal levy % share

** excludes special/exempt properties

Farm Application Deadline Requirements

Another challenge faced by rural municipalities is how the farm application and deadline requirements are administered by OMAFRA (now by AgriCorp). In any given year, many farm owners do not submit their applications within the specified deadline. The result is that many bona fide farm properties end up ‘flipping’ out of the discounted farm class and into the full residential tax class upon the next roll return. The assessment of these farm values are no longer discounted when calculating total weighted assessment, which is used for tax rate setting purposes.

This creates two distinct ongoing problems for rural municipalities. One is that the benchmark residential tax rate is lower than it otherwise would be; and two, upon approval of the late applications by OMAFRA, municipalities must refund the -75% difference in farm taxes retroactive to January of the current or sometimes even the preceding taxation year. There is no administrative or monetary penalty for late applications. Each year Wellington County finds approximately \$20,000,000 of farmland valuation excluded from the farmland discount programme due to late applications.

This year staff identified a major anomaly with farmland assessment loss of close to \$90,000,000. Upon enquiry, it was reasoned that the extremely high change in farm CVA was due to administrative changes as programme delivery shifted from OMAFRA to AgriCorp. County staff expect that most of the outstanding farm applications will be approved and revert back to the farm tax rate during 2020. Staff have included an additional \$300,000 in estimated property tax write-offs into the 2020 budget to set aside additional funds in preparation for the County’s share of potential write-offs as tabled below:

2019 FARMLAND CVA CHANGE OVER TO RESIDENTIAL RT CLASS

(Between September 25 in-year growth and final November 2019 growth)

Possible write-off amounts IF all properties revert back to AGRICORP approved FTIP

	PUSLINCH	GET	ERIN	CTR WELL	MPLTN	MINTO	WN	COUNTY
Est Prop Count	-20	-24	-26	-18	-22	-19	-28	-157
Farm CVA Loss	8,500,000	17,500,000	13,000,000	10,000,000	19,000,000	5,000,000	16,500,000	89,500,000
Res Tax Rate	0.00167135	0.00260652	0.00295749	0.00321969	0.00476387	0.00544891	0.00481749	0.00617506
Res Taxes	14,206	45,614	38,447	32,197	90,514	27,245	79,489	552,668
Farm Tax Rate	0.00041784	0.00065163	0.00073938	0.00080492	0.00119097	0.00136223	0.00120437	0.00154376
Farm Taxes	3,552	11,404	9,612	8,049	22,628	6,811	19,872	138,167
Potential w/o *	(\$10,655)	(\$34,211)	(\$28,835)	(\$24,148)	(\$67,885)	(\$20,433)	(\$59,616)	(\$414,501)
							Grand Total*	(\$660,285)

* excludes Education Tax Component

Farmland Property Assessment Valuation

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for placing current market value assessment (CVA) on all properties in Ontario. The most recent province-wide reassessment updating the base year to January 1, 2016 was returned for the 2017 tax year. As mandated by the Province, any assessment increases are phased-in over a 4-year cycle. MPAC reported the average farmland increase province-wide was 64% and residential CVA increased by 18%. By comparison, Wellington County CVA has increased by 68% and 13% respectively.

In the 2016 Assessment Update Summary, MPAC reports they have strengthened the accuracy and equity of farm valuations by improved sales verification processes of bona fide farmer-to-farmer sales along with undertaking a comprehensive review of vacant farmland sales as far back as January 2008. They report that upward trends continue to increase provincially as demand for farmland outweighs the supply and non-agricultural buyers continue to purchase farmlands creating competition. Agri-Food Canada reported the net worth of an average farm was expected to reach \$2.8 million in 2017.

Staff conducted a preliminary review of open market farm sales in Wellington County during 2018 and 2019. The data reveals that the current 2016 base year CVA of farm properties sold continue to be under-assessed by 27.43%. Sale prices ranged from \$26,000 to \$4,200,000.

Wellington County	2019 Farm Sales	2018 Farm Sales	Total Sales
Number of valid farm sales	97	108	205
Total CVA of farm sales	90,515,500	89,366,400	179,881,900
Combined sale prices	130,333,790	117,533,356	247,867,146
Difference sales to assessment	39,818,290	28,166,956	67,985,246
As a percentage	30.55%	23.97%	27.43%

* source MPAC Municipal Connect

Assessment Act Considerations

Current value assessment is defined as “the amount of money the fee simple, if unencumbered, would realize if sold at arm’s length by a willing seller to a willing buyer.” For farm properties, the province has clearly indicated that farm properties are to be treated different from the concept of current value. Section 19(5) of the Assessment Act requires that current value of the land and buildings should only be used when sales are for farm-purposes only and reflect the productivity of the land for farming purposes.

MPAC assessment methods must only consider farmer-to-farmer sales. In this case, the Assessment Act requires MPAC to exclude any sales to persons whose principal occupation is other than farming. This has the effect of excluding any other type of buyer and highest and best-use considerations from current value assessment.

From a land productivity perspective, land classes are adjusted for their productivity. For example, Class 1 farmlands are the most productive for crops, while on the other end of the scale, Class 6 is for swamp and scrublands that are the least productive. Lands in Wellington County and in particular, the southern portion of the County sell for far more per acre than what farms are assessed at for farm purposes. Analysis undertaken with regard to current assessment appeals shows that the best lands (Class 1) are currently being assessed in the \$14,000 to \$16,000 per acre range for farms. Sales of larger land holdings are selling in the range of \$20,000 to \$25,000 per acre range.

The intent of Section 19(5) of the Assessment Act is to limit and protect farm property from current value considerations outside of farming. This means that generally speaking, farms are naturally under-assessed from general market considerations – providing favourable assessments to the farming community in comparison to true market value.

Other Assessment Considerations

- Farm owners who reside on the property do pay a residential tax component for their home plus one acre of land at the farmland rate. However, the valuation is based on a replacement cost method that produces a much lower value (\$223,125) than non-farm residences (\$424,187) as shown here on the average (County) property value and tax comparison.

Average 2019 Farm and Residential Value and Taxes

2019 farm house CVA	223,125	2019 Average Residential Property CVA	\$424,187
2019 Farmland CVA	901,900		
Average 2019 total farm CVA	\$1,125,025		
2019 farm house taxes	\$2,526		
2019 farmland taxes	\$2,553		
2019 total farm taxes	\$5,079	2019 Average residential taxes	\$4,803

- As seen above, while the average farm value is assessed at over 2.6x the value of the average residential property, overall taxes are comparable.
- According to MPAC’s 2019 Market Change Profile report, of the 6,465 properties classified as farms, 1,892 are owned and/or occupied by non-farmers. Although the property owners are not engaged in farm activity or business, their properties are valued as if they are. These non-farmers benefit from lower residential structure values and lower land values, which translate to lower taxes simply by nature of leasing their land to a bona fide local farmer. This treatment can be perceived as rather unfair to typical residential property owners in Wellington County.
- Many owners of farmland also enjoy other property tax discounts if they are eligible to enter into either the Managed Forest Tax Incentive Programme (0.25 ratio) or the Conservation Land Programme which is fully exempt from property taxes.
- In order to receive the farm class tax discount, the owner must have a Farm License and be in the business of farming. Municipal taxes paid are then able to be written off as a business expense on annual income tax returns. Whereas residential property owners are not able to do so.

Impacts of Assessment Increases on the Farming Community

Being predominantly a rural community with strong roots planted in farm trades, Wellington County farmers observed significant increases in their farmland valuation. It is acknowledged that farmland values have increased significantly in the County of Wellington. In the 2012 base year valuation, farmland made up 19.8% of the County’s assessment base and 5.4% of the taxable assessment base. For the 2016 base year valuation, farmland now makes up 25.1% of the Wellington County assessment base and 7.2% of the taxable assessment base.

Recently, groups such as the Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (see correspondence received on this agenda) and the Ontario Federation of Agriculture began approaching local Councils to lower the farmland ratio below 0.25 in order to help offset property tax increases. Their efforts have been successful in some municipalities. Schedule B lists the municipalities that have implemented farmland ratio reductions in Ontario as reported to BMA Consultants in the 2019 Municipal Study Report.

When reviewing the list of municipalities on Schedule B, the majority of those municipalities have very little farmland valuation. Many of the urban municipalities that have granted farm ratio reductions have a much higher commercial and industrial base and farmland makes up a much lower percentage of their assessment base than Wellington County.

Many of the other Counties and rural municipalities that have granted ratio reductions (Brant, Chatham-Kent, Dufferin, Grey, Lambton and Oxford) are located further away from the GTA. These municipalities generally have lower residential assessment values and are not competing with GTA municipalities for business to the same extent as Wellington County.

Property Taxes as a Percentage of Income

- OMAFRA reported that in 2018, Wellington County farmers generated \$804,000,000 of revenue at the farm gate. The table below shows farm property taxes as a percentage of farm income to be 1.49%. Average household income in Wellington County for the same period was \$118,474. Average property tax as a percentage of residential income was significantly higher at 4.02%.

<u>Average Farm and Residential Assessment and Taxation</u>	<u>2018</u>
County average residential value	409,368
Total average property taxes *	4,764
Average income	118,474
Portion of residential income devoted to property taxes	4.02%
Total farm taxes paid in Wellington County *	11,971,488
County farmers income **	804,000,000
Portion of farm income devoted to property taxes	1.49%

* total taxes include County, local and Education

Closing Comments

Farmland values have been increasing significantly in the County of Wellington, much like other areas of the province. However, there does not appear to be an imbalance in the level of property tax burden shared by the local farming community in comparison to the average residential taxpayer in Wellington County. Under current legislation, farmland benefits from favourable property tax and assessment treatment.

The County’s current assessment base cannot bear a further shift from farmland taxes onto other property types and maintain its economic competitiveness. Wellington County does not have a comparable commercial and industrial assessment base to neighbouring urban municipalities that would support such a shift without significantly burdening our residential and business class owners. Provincial grants such as the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund, which were originally setup to compensate rural municipalities for the loss in farm taxes has been declining, leaving Wellington County taxpayers to support the industry without adequate province-wide cost sharing.

Wellington County is supportive of its local farming community. We recognize the importance of the agricultural industry on the County and in the Province of Ontario. Wellington supports the farming communities’ interests in remaining economically competitive. The County is supportive of returning

the responsibility of funding the farm property class tax rebate programme back to the Province where it could be shared province-wide. Residents in urban municipalities, while retaining the benefits of cheap food and agricultural products, are not contributing financially to the economic competitiveness of the industry.

Recommendation:

That the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme report be received for information; and

That Wellington County support agricultural industry efforts in lobbying the Province to provide adequate funding to rural municipalities; and

That County Council pass a resolution in support of returning the responsibility of administering the Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme back to the Province.

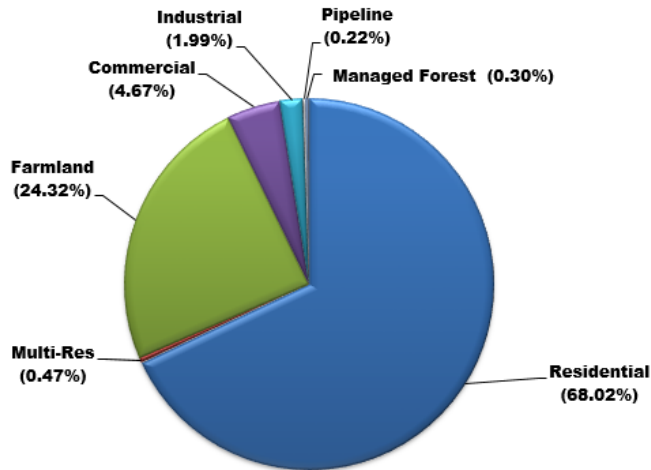
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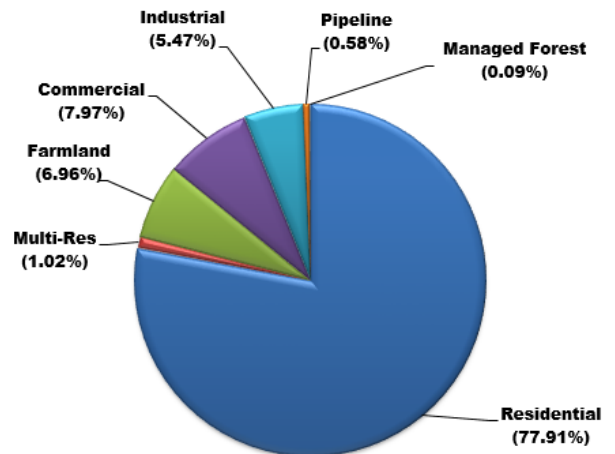
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SCHEDULE A Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme

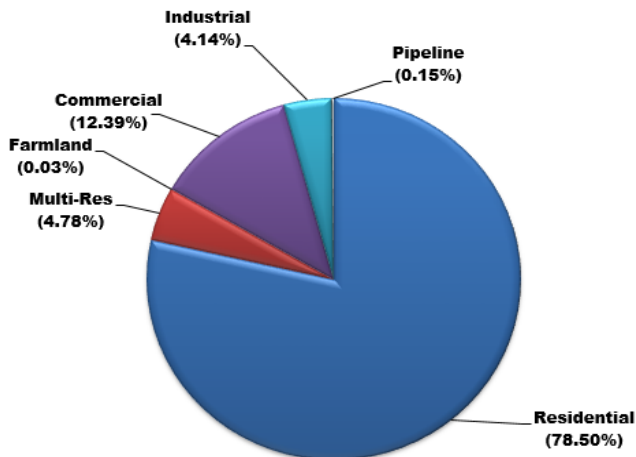
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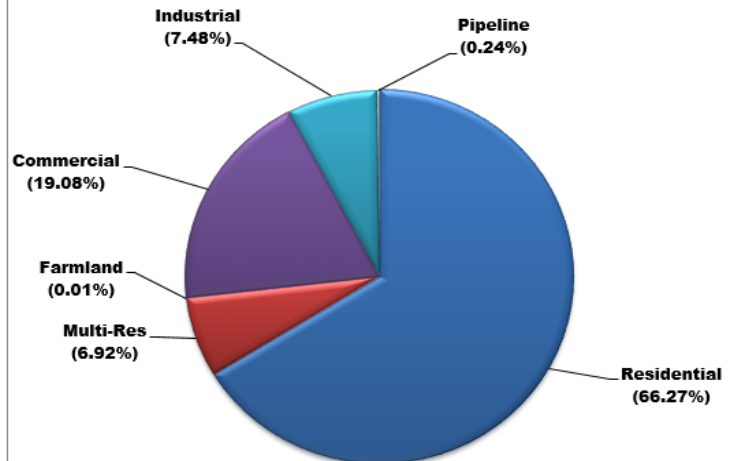
**Weighted Assessment by Property Tax Class 2019
(Share of Property Taxes - Wellington - Rural)**



**Unweighted Assessment by Property Tax Class 2019
(Share of Property Value - Urban)**



**Weighted Assessment by Property Tax Class 2019
(Share of Property Taxes - Urban)**



SCHEDULE B

Farm Property Class Tax Rate Programme

Municipalities with Farmland Ratio Reductions Implemented - 2019

Municipality *	Ratio	Farmland CVA **
Brant County	0.2400	1,319,886,818
Caledon	0.1708	998,099,123
Chathan-Kent	0.2200	5,281,633,220
Dufferin County	0.2300	1,174,945,084
Durham Region	0.2000	2,416,491,305
Greater Sudbury	0.2000	30,618,833
Grey County	0.2400	2,659,127,624
Halton Region	0.2000	971,078,709
Hamilton	0.1767	1,390,781,027
Kingston	0.2125	81,575,403
Lambton County	0.2260	4,794,630,528
London	0.1028	425,488,846
North Bay	0.1500	605,465
Ottawa	0.2000	1,561,813,865
Oxford County	0.2350	5,665,102,027
Prince Edward County	0.2319	401,646,726
Sarnia	0.2260	181,579,114
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Average Ratio & CVA	0.2036	1,726,770,807
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Wellington County	0.2500	4,464,961,956

* 2019 BMA Study Report - participating municipalities

** from MPAC Provincial Market Change Profile Report



TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

Agenda Item

To:	Members of Council	From:	Rick Richardson – Director of Protective Services
Reviewed By:	Rodger Mordue	Date:	April 22 nd , 2020
Subject:	March Monthly Report	Council Meeting Date:	May 6 th 2020
Report #:	FC-20-09		

Recommendation:

That Report FC-20-09 is received as information

Background:

To provide Council with an update regarding the activities of the Protective Services Department, for the month of March 2020

Analysis/Discussion:

Fire:

- (9) burn permits were issued in March
- March 2020 monthly fire calls (attach)

Meetings, Courses and Training Attended:

- Mar 3 evening meeting with Plattsville tanker committee to discuss RFP
- Mar 4 attended Council meeting
- Mar 12 attended RFSOC meeting in Norwich to discuss upcoming recruit training
- Mar 12 attended staff meeting to discuss COVID 19 and staffing of Township office
- Mar 17 staff decided to suspend all controlled burns in the Township with the advent of COVID 19. We spoke to a number of farmers who requested to have large burns and they totally understood the situation .We will contact each person to proceed with their burn once we get a handle on this pandemic. Camp fires are still permitted.

March 2020 Fire Call Report**Bright**

8 26-Mar Twp Rd 14 Structure Fire

Drumbo

15 10-Mar Oxford Rd 3 Medical Call
16 12-Mar Twp Rd 4 Controlled Burn
17 12-Mar Hwy 401 Km 246 Vehicle Fire
18 13-Mar Hwy 401 Km 246 MVC
19 15-Mar Oxford Rd 29 MVC
20 16-Mar Centre St Fire Alarm
21 25-Mar Twp Rd 14 Structure Fire - Assist

Plattsville

13 03-Mar Isabella St E Medical Call
14 10-Mar Oxford Rd 8 CO Alarm
15 25-Mar Twp Rd 14 Structure Fire - Assist

Princeton

12 07-Mar Hwy 403 Km 11 MVC
13 12-Mar Twp Rd 4 Controlled Burn- Assist
14 12-Mar Hwy 401 Km 246 Vehicle Fire - Assist
15 26-Mar Twp Rd 14 Structure Fire - Assist

EZT

1 03-Mar Twp Rd 4 Medical Call
2 03-Mar Twp Rd 6 Water Rescue

North Dumfries

0 calls to date

Wilmot

1 call to date

By-Law Enforcement – March 2020

In Progress-2020

- 19-16 - Dirt Dumping – assigned to MEU/lawyer (transferred from 18-24)

In Progress-2020

- 20-01 – Noise & Dogs at Large
- 20-02 – Dogs at Large
- 20-03 – Noise
- 20-04 – Dogs at Large
- 20-05 – Dumping Complaint
- 20-06 – Dog Excrement
- 20-07 – Chickens
- 20-08 – Dogs at Large
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CEMC-March 2020

- COVID-19
 - Daily conference calls with Southwestern Public Health
 - 2-3 times per week, webinars with PEOC
 - Continuously updating, sharing, posting information on social media

Respectfully submitted by:

Rick Richardson
Director of Protective Services



TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

Agenda Item

To:	Members of Council	From:	Jim Borton Director of Public Works
Reviewed By:	Rodger Mordue	Date:	April 29, 2020
Subject:	Monthly Report	Council Meeting Date:	May 6, 2020
Report #:	PW-20-07		

Recommendation:

That Report PW-20-07 be received as information.

Capital

- Township Road 12, Bridge 20 – The bridge is OPEN! Coco Paving will be back in the month of May to finish up the deck sealing, paving and cleaning up the site. They have approximately 2 weeks of work to do.
- Blenheim CN Bridge – Dufferin Contracting will be back to work hauling in the fill to build the road back up. Work has been at a standstill due to the seasonal load restrictions that are in place from March 1 till April 30.
- 2019 Tandem Dump truck – The truck has been delivered and licenced. Unit 7-09 will be put up for auction in the fall with the hope of getting the best price at that time.
- 2020 Tandem Dump Truck – Metro Truck was awarded the contract on January 22nd, the order for the chassis has been placed and expected delivery is the end of April. This means we should see delivery of the truck in November.
- The Township will be doing a joint tender for our 2020 surface treatment needs with the County and other Municipalities that are interested. Staff has provided this information to the County.
- The 2020 gravel and dust control is scheduled to start on May 4.

Working during Covid-19

- Staff continues to work through these difficult times. All staff is assigned dedicated vehicles and are the only ones using it. Each vehicle/staff member has been supplied with cleaning products for keeping the vehicle clean and sanitary, hand sanitizer and nitrate gloves. Staff have only been given limited access to the shops, if they have to get something they are instructed to wear gloves, wipe any surface with cleaning solution and wash hands/sanitize after exiting. We currently have staff split into two shops to also help with the 2 meter distancing. So far staff has adapted well and work is being done in a timely manner.

- Staff has been removing high shoulders on the roads in preparation for the spring gravel.
- Grading with the retriever has been done on some roads that aren't scheduled for gravel.
- Staff has been through all villages cleaning up after the winter. This included fixing any sod damage with top soil and seed. The contractor has also been through all the villages with their sweepers to remove the excess sand left from winter operations.
- Summer students will start May 11. We have arranged vehicles for them to maintain social distancing. They will be using my work truck and the Building department truck for the month of May. After gravel is completed we will have access to a Community services vehicle and the Building department truck will be returned. Thank you to both Trevor and John for the assistance.

County Shared Service/Road Association/Training

- Shared Services meeting – We met in April via conference call. All training has been put on hold for now. We continue good communication through emails to see how each other are making out with this ever changing landscape.
- Road Association & AORS – This has effected AORS with the cancellation of training, the 2020 Trade show has been postponed till 2021 and any in person meetings of the board have been moved to on line or conference call. The Oxford County Road Supervisors Assoc. has put everything on hold until the fall.
- Training – All training is currently on hold or has been moved to eLearning.

Other

- Staff is still continuing to meet with land owners at outdoor sites to discuss ditch or road issues.
- I am working from home using the VPN connection at least half the time. I am driving around the Township checking on the crew and dealing with any issue's that may arise.
- Most meetings being held are by conference call or video chat.
- I have also been attending some webinars and eLearning sessions.
- I meet with public works staff every 2 weeks to discuss how they are making out and if there are any changes that have come from Southwest Health, the provincial Government or the Federal Government.
- I have been very impressed with the way staff has handled themselves during this stressful time. Although there has been lots of questions and uncertainty, staff has remained professional and continue to do a great job.

Attachments:

Respectfully submitted by:



Jim Borton CRS-I
Director of Public Works



TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

Agenda Item

To:	Members of Council	From:	Jim Borton Director of Public Works
Reviewed By:	Rodger Mordue	Date:	April 29, 2020
Subject:	Solar Light(s) for Drumbo Mail Boxes	Council Meeting Date:	May 6, 2020
Report #:	PW-20-06		

Recommendation:

That Report PW-20-06 be received for information;

And further that Council allow the Public Works Director to proceed with the purchase and installation of Solar Light(s) for the Drumbo mail boxes.

Background:

In 2016 when the Drumbo municipal parking lot was constructed, 2 solar lights were installed. At the time it was more cost effective than running hydro into the parking lot. They have performed well. In 2019 the Drumbo mail boxes were relocated onto a concrete pad at the back of the municipal lot. Staff and council have had complaints about the lack of lighting for safety and being able to see the contents of the mail boxes. Council in the 2020 budget approved the purchase and installation of solar light(s). Staff have been exploring different options and looking at different costs associated with the project.

Analysis/Discussion:

Staff first contacted the supplier of the 2016 solar lights. The technology has changed quite a bit since the original lights had been installed. To get the same specifications and same style light that is currently in the parking lot the cost will be \$12,014.00 for the supply and installation.

Through the LAS purchasing program staff contacted ATS Traffic to review their solar options. They have 2 options that would suit the Townships needs. The first model is the SCL2 series. It sits on a 16 foot pole and projects different patterns out approximately 50 feet and that would cover the Mail box pad. The cost is \$5,200.00 for the unit and pole, we would have to find a local contractor to install at an approximate cost of \$1,200-\$1,500.00. The second model is the IPL series. It sits on a 10-12 foot pole and will also project different patterns out approximately 35 feet. The cost is \$2,500.00 for the unit and pole, with this unit staff would be able to install on the current concrete pad. In order to ensure lots of light at the mail boxes staff would

recommend using 2 lights of the IPL series. Both the SCL2 and IPL series are aesthetically pleasing and have many options for the length of time the lights can remain on. Battery life expectancy is 8-10 years for both models. Delivery time is 6-8 weeks, installation on any of the units would depend on contractor availability for the current model and the SCL2. The IPL series would be done by public works staff and would be completed as soon as it was delivered. Staff is recommending the purchase of 2 of the IPL series on 12 foot poles. This option is the most cost effective and will provide the Drumbo mail boxes with the best coverage.

Financial Considerations:

Approved Capital Budget: \$14,000.00.

ERTH Quote to match current lights: \$12,014.00. Installation included.

ATS Traffic Quote SCL2 16 foot: \$5,200.00 for unit & \$1,200.00 for installation.

ATS Traffic Quote IPL 12 foot: \$2,500.00 for 1 unit \$5,000.00 for 2 units. Staff to install.

Attachments:

Fact sheet for SCL2 series & IPL series.

Respectfully submitted by:



Jim Borton
Director of Public Works

Project: _____

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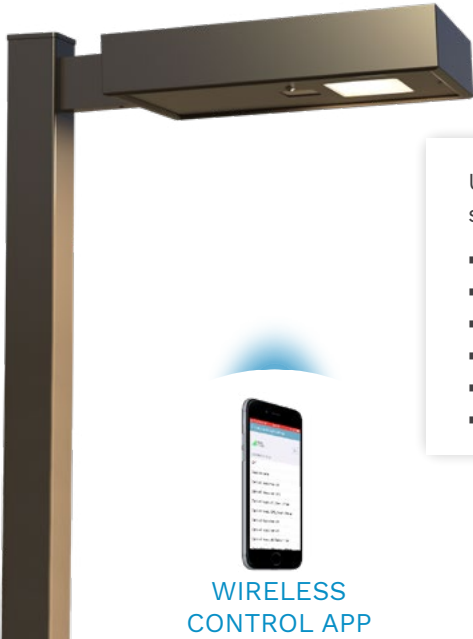
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The SCL2 Series solar LED luminaire is a great fit for commercial, parking lot, recreational bikeway/pathway and public space lighting applications. The self-contained, unobtrusive design integrates its solar power, adaptive control and LED technologies into a compact and efficient form. With robust construction, and unequalled performance the SCL2 series is an excellent fit wherever cost effective, full cutoff lighting is required.

Utilizing solar power and LEDs, the SCL2 series is completely self-contained and offers significant benefits:

- Cost effective design ships fully assembled and installs in minutes
- Smart Connect provides wireless control & communication with your light
- Low installation cost and minimal site impact with no trenching, cabling or wiring
- Minimal ongoing costs with no electrical bills or bulbs to change
- Operates entirely independent from the grid and is immune to power outages
- A sustainable choice without recurring carbon emissions

All of our solar powered lights are enabled by our innovative Solar Lighting Controller (SLC). The SLC in each light is “self-learning” and allows the lights to predictively adapt to their surroundings, providing an unsurpassed level of lighting performance and reliability.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- Solar Module:**
- High-efficiency mono-crystalline cells
 - Inconspicuously integrated into the top of luminaire
 - Used for day/night detection (no photocell required)

- Solar Lighting Controller (SLC):**
- High-efficiency, temperature compensated maximum power point tracking (MPPT)
 - Micro-controller based technology
 - Includes high-efficiency LED driver
 - Multiyear data logging
 - Integrated into luminaire housing
 - Designed to automatically and adaptively manage lighting performance based on environmental conditions and lighting requirements
 - Patent Pending

- Battery:**
- High performance lithium (LiFePO₄)
 - Exceptional 8 – 10 year life cycle
 - High temperature tolerance
 - Contained within luminaire housing
 - Designed for easy battery changes when required

- LEDs and Optics:**
- 100,000 hour L70 lifetime
 - Warm (3000K) and neutral (4500K) white color temperatures available
 - High efficiency Type 2, 3, 4 and 5, full cut-off optics
 - Typical lumen output from 2250 to 2830 lumens

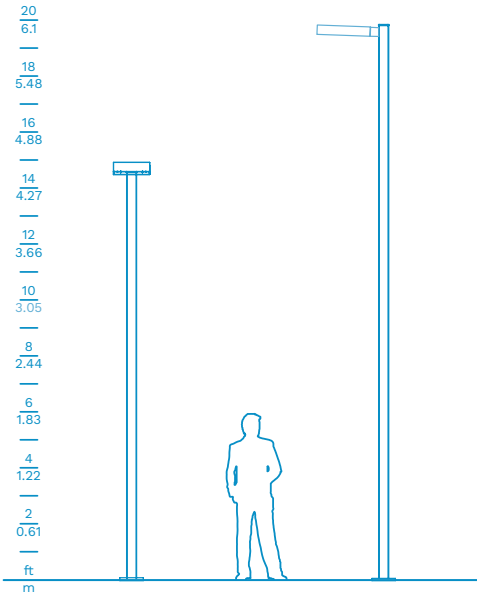
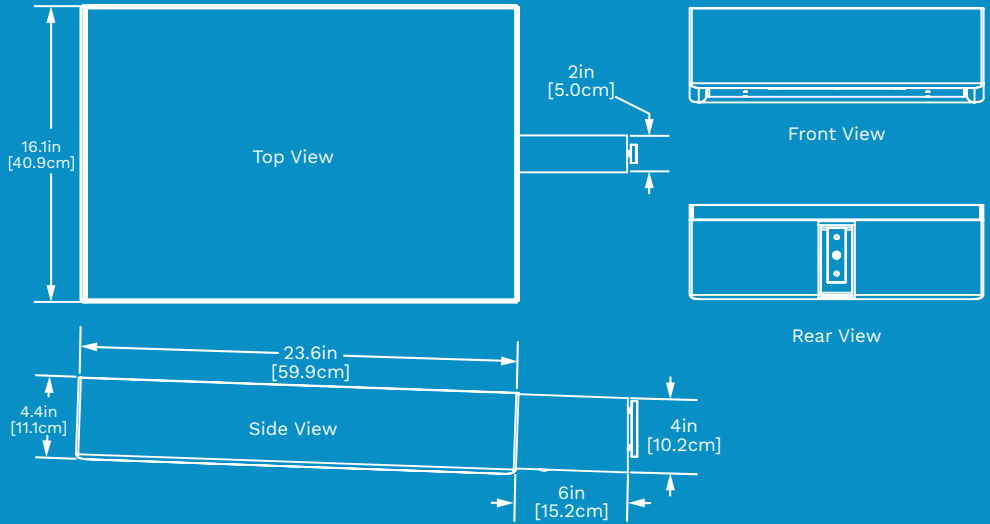
- Mechanical Construction:**
- Extruded and formed, low copper aluminum enclosure, and mounting arm
 - Stainless fasteners with security fastener option
 - Architectural grade, super durable, TGIC powder coat
 - Four standard colors with custom colors available

- Factory Set Lighting Profiles:**
- 11 standard duration profiles available
 - Real-time lighting profile options available
 - See lighting profile sheet for all options
 - Lighting profiles and motion sensing options are field configurable with app
 - Motion sensing capabilities optimise performance based on usage

- Wireless Controls:**
- Bluetooth low energy interface with iOS app
 - Provide configuration and control of lighting profiles
 - Adjustment over dusk and dawn thresholds

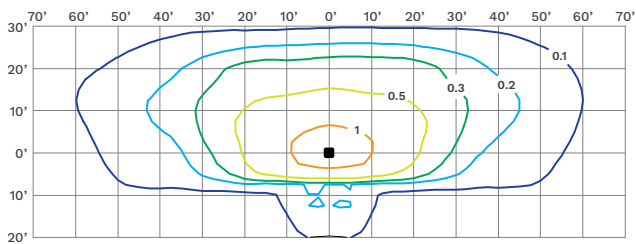
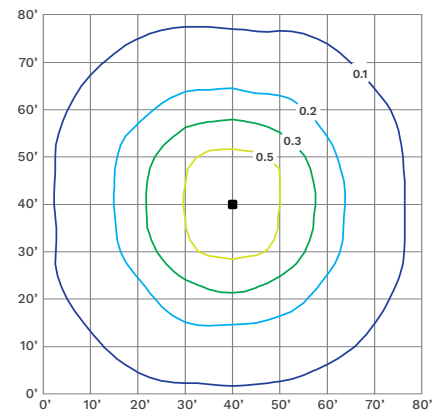
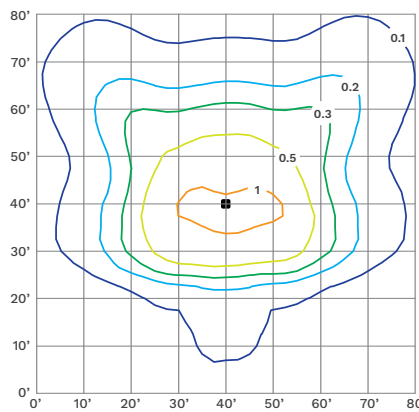
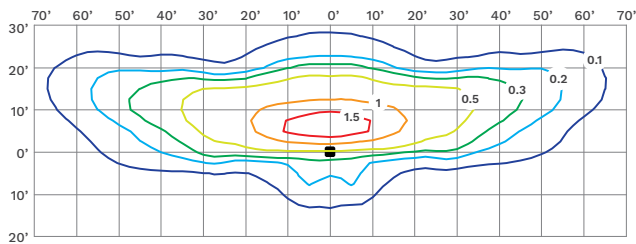
EPA: 0.99ft² (0.09m²)

Weight: 34 lbs (15.4kg) including battery



PHOTOMETRICS (IES files available on request)

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call us toll free at 1-844-279-8754 (USA & Canada).



ORDER MATRIX

Series	Mounting	Finish	Distribution	LED Color	Lighting Profiles (See Profile Sheet)	Options
SCL2	SPMS - Side Pole Mount Square	BK - Black	T2 - Type 2	WW - 3000K	00 - Dusk till dawn	SEC - Security Fasteners
	SPMR - Side Pole Mount Round	BZ - Bronze	T3 - Type 3	NW - 4500K	09 - On at dusk, 100% for 3 hours, dim to 30%, brighten to 100% one hour before dawn, off at dawn (DEFAULT)	MSO - Motion Sense Off
	NMNT - No Mount	SV - Silver	T4 - Type 4			TX0000 - On at dusk until time between 1800 & 0600. X = O (Off) or D (Dim). 0000 = time to dim or turn off.
		WH - White	T5 - Type 5			
		CC - Custom				

- Notes:
- Photometrics based on 20 ft mounting height
 - All light levels in foot candles (fc) with 4500K color temperature and 2000 lumen output
 - To convert to lux multiply light level by 10.7
 - Contact FLT for help choosing the right lighting profile
 - Motion sensing is ON by default
 - Specifications subject to change without notice



SOLAR LED INTEGRATED ARCHITECTURAL AREA LIGHT

Project: _____

Type: _____ Quantity: _____



The IPL series solar LED luminaire is an ideal choice for architectural, commercial, recreational pathway and public space lighting applications. The self-contained, contemporary, rectilinear design smartly embraces modern solar power, adaptive control and LED technologies. With robust construction and unequalled performance, the IPL series is an excellent fit wherever high-quality, full-cutoff lighting and minimal visual clutter is required.

Using solar power and LEDs, the IPL is completely self-contained and offers significant benefits over grid-based lights including:

- Cost-effective design that ships fully assembled and installs in minutes
- Wireless control & communication with your light
- Low installation cost and minimal site impact with no trenching, cabling or wiring
- Minimal ongoing costs with no electrical bills or bulbs to change
- Operates entirely independent from the grid and is immune to power outages
- A sustainable choice without recurring carbon emissions

All of our solar powered lights are enabled by our innovative Solar Lighting Controller (SLC). The SLC in each light is “self-learning” and allows the lights to predictively adapt to their surroundings, providing a level of lighting performance and reliability unavailable in other solar lighting products.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- Solar Module:**
- High-efficiency monocrystalline cells
 - Inconspicuously integrated into the top of luminaire
 - Used for day/night detection (no photocell required)

- Solar Lighting Controller (SLC):**
- High-efficiency Maximum Power Point Tracking (MPPT)
 - Micro-controller based technology
 - Includes high-efficiency LED driver
 - Multiyear data logging
 - Integrated into luminaire housing
 - Designed to automatically manage lighting performance based on environmental conditions and lighting requirements
 - Potted weatherproof construction

- Battery:**
- High-performance lithium (LiFePO₄)
 - Exceptional 8 – 10 year lifecycle
 - High-temperature tolerance
 - Contained within luminaire housing
 - Designed for easy battery changes when required

- LEDs and Optics:**
- 100,000 hour L70 lifetime
 - Warm (3000K) and neutral (4000K) white color temperatures available
 - High-efficiency type 2, 3, 4 and 5, full cut-off optics
 - Typical lumen output from 814 to 1130 lumens

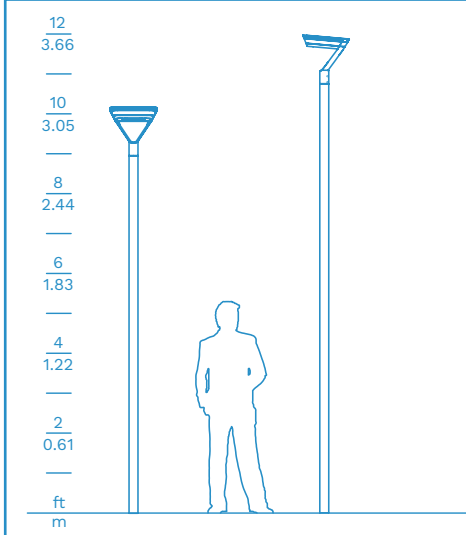
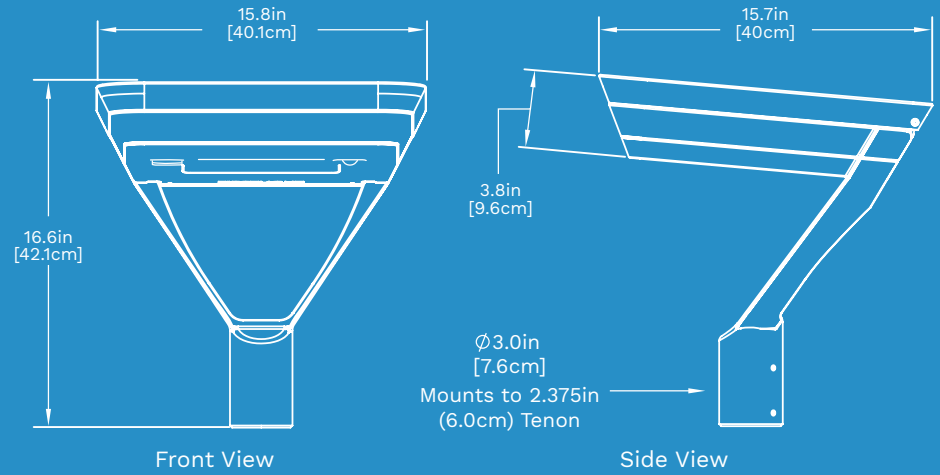
- Mechanical Construction:**
- Cast, low copper aluminum design
 - Stainless fasteners with security fastener option
 - Architectural grade, super-durable, TGIC powder coat
 - Four standard colors with custom colors available

- Lighting Profiles:**
- 11 standard profiles options
 - Real-time based lighting profiles available
 - See lighting profile sheet for all options
 - Motion sensing capabilities optimize performance based usage
 - Lighting profiles and motion sensing options are field configurable with app

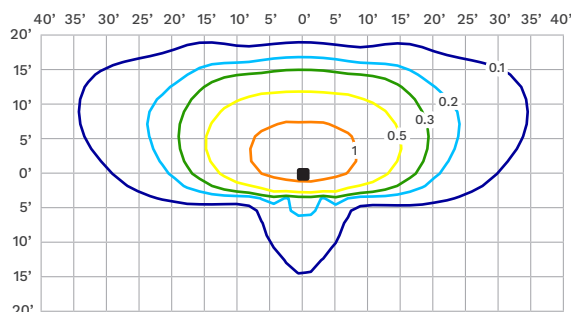
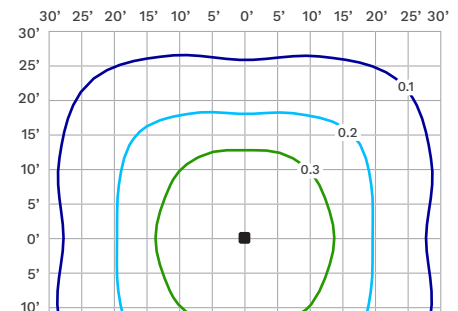
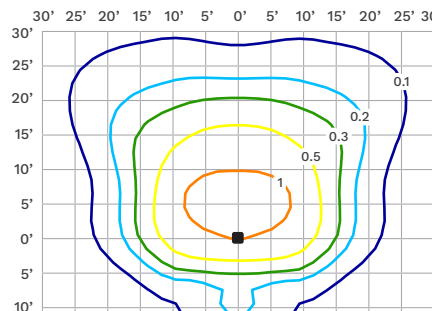
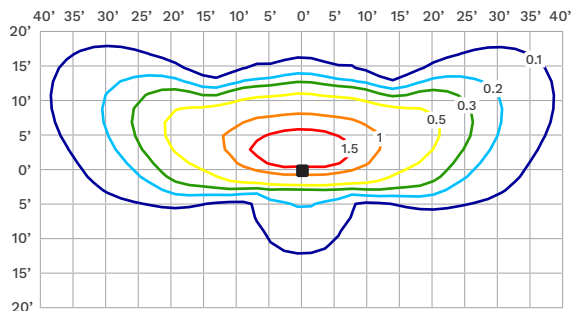
- Wireless Controls:**
- Bluetooth low energy interface with iOS app
 - Provide configuration and control of lighting profiles
 - Adjustment over dusk and dawn thresholds

SOLAR LED INTEGRATED ARCHITECTURAL AREA LIGHT

EPA: 0.65ft² (0.06m²) | Weight: 24.7 lbs (11.2 kg) including battery



PHOTOMETRICS (IES files available on website)



ORDER MATRIX

Series	Mounting	Finish	Distribution	LED Color	Lighting Profile (Full list on website)	Options
IPL	PTM - Post Top Mount	BK - Black	T2 - Type 2	WW - 3000K	00 - Dusk till dawn	SEC - Security Fasteners
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		CC - Custom				

Notes:

- Photometrics based on 12 ft mounting height
- All light levels in foot candles (fc) with 4500K color temperature and 968 lumen output
- To convert to lux multiply light level by 10.7
- Motion sensing is ON by default
- Specifications subject to change without notice





TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

Agenda Item

To: Members of Council **From:** Trevor Baer

Reviewed By: Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk **Date:** April 29 2020

Subject: Monthly Report – April **Council Meeting Date:**
May 6 2020

Report #: CS-20-05

Recommendation:

That Report CS-20-05 be received as information.

Background:

The following will provide Council with an update regarding the activities of the Community Services Department, for the month of April.

Analysis/Discussion:

Arena

Staff have been doing yearly shut down in the arena, which consist of deep cleans, repairing any major problems, and painting.

Administration

I am in constant discussion with other Townships. The focus is on COVID 19 and how each community is coping with problems, and talks of new trends when we come out of this pandemic.

Parks

We have been completing some work in our baseball diamonds that is hard to do without closing them to the public. With government regulations staff can complete this work, and the grass has time to grow back, before the general public is allowed back on the fields.

Lawn Care

Staff will be starting to cut the grass at all township locations the week of May 4 2020.
The grass maintenance will be completed as a regular season.

Respectfully submitted by:

Trevor Baer



TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM

Agenda Item

To: Members of Council **From:** John Scherer, CBO/
Manager of Building Services

Reviewed By: Rodger Mordue, CAO/Clerk **Date:** April 15, 2020

Subject: Monthly Report to Council **Council Meeting Date:** May 6, 2020

Report #: CBO-20-06

Recommendation:

That Report CBO – 20 - 06 be received as information.

Background:

To provide Council with an update, regarding the monthly Building activities for the period ending March 31, 2020.

Building Updates:

1. Various other day to day responsibilities regarding Building Services, Property Standards & Zoning.
2. Supplementary sheet added to permit packages explaining what can be constructed during the Provincial Emergency Order.
3. No Inspections are being completed on occupied dwellings.

Legislative Updates:

1. None

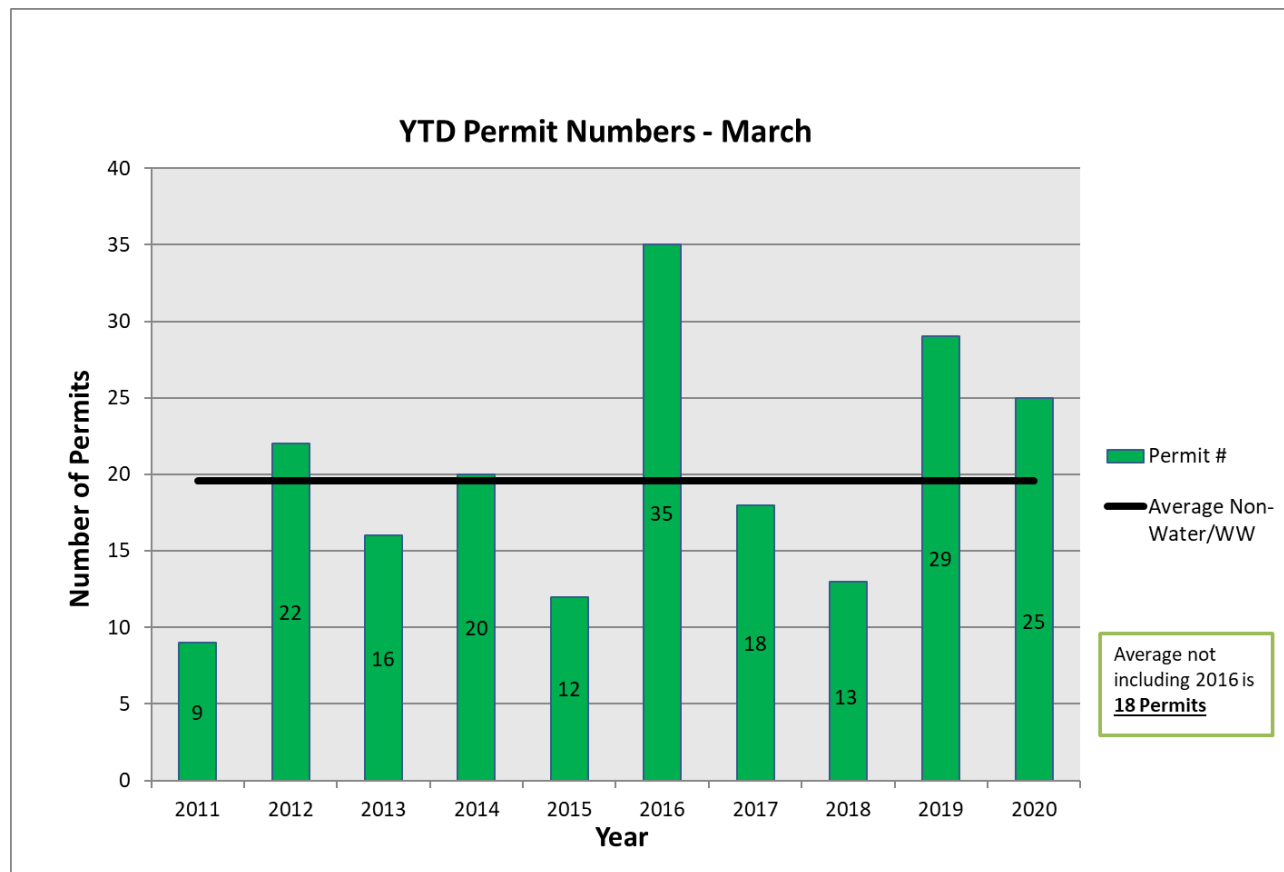
Property Standards/By-Law Updates:

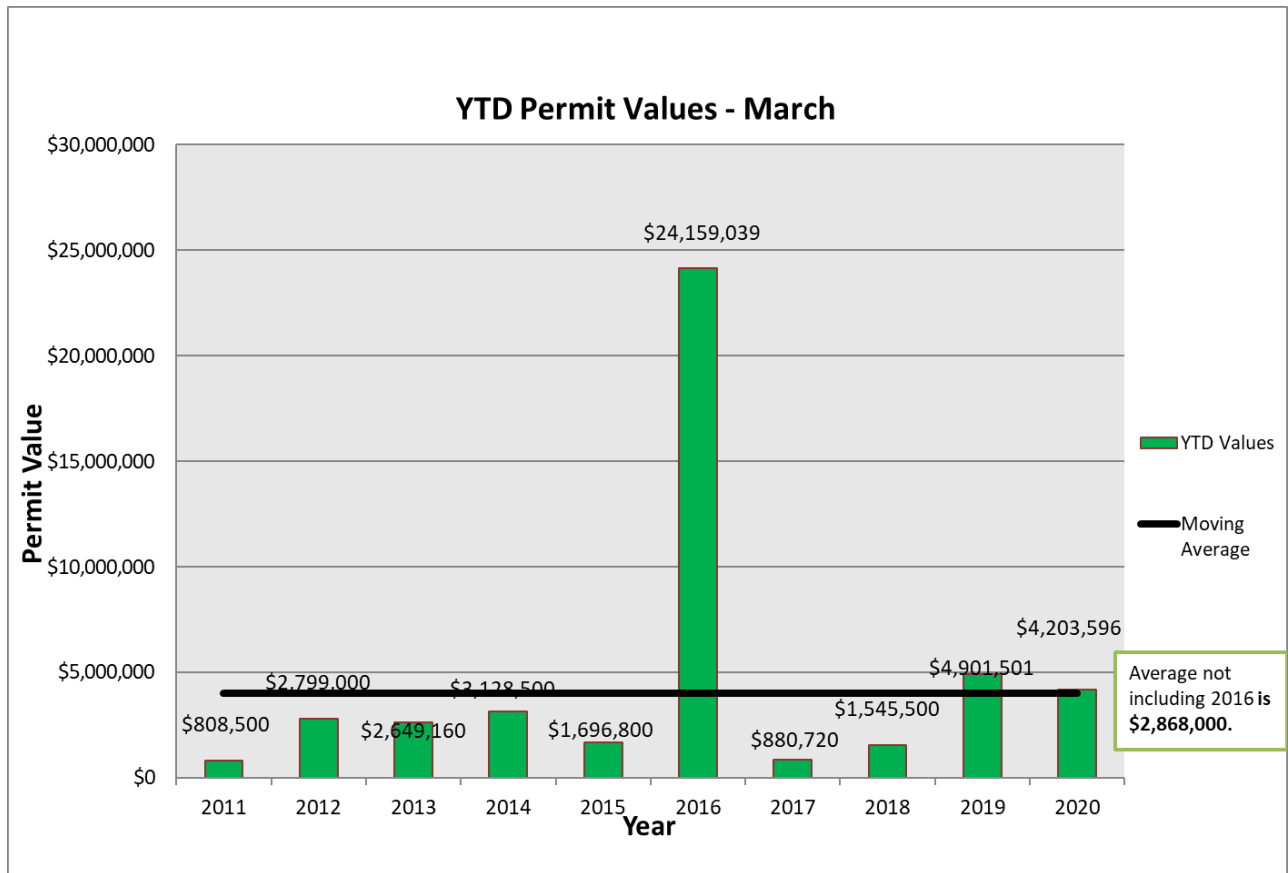
OPEN PROPERTY STANDARDS ISSUES			
Ref Number	Area	Type	Notes
January 2020			
PS2020-01	Plattsville	Property Standards	Order issued (site progress noted)
PS2020-02	Princeton	Clean Yard/Fence	Site Visit completed. Order Issued
February 2020			
PS2020-03	Drumbo	Clean Yard	Sent to MEU
PS2020-06	Rural	Noise	Reviewing File. Subject Property under SPC app.
March 2020			
PS2020-07	Princeton	Property Standards	File Received.

Monthly Permit Activity

	# Permits	Const. Value	Permit Fees
March 2020	11	\$2,868,000.00	\$18,397.35
Year to Date - March 31, 2020	25	\$4,203,596.00	\$32,711.84

Building Description	Permit Value	Permit Fee
New Dairy Barn	\$1,950,000.00	\$9,218.60
New Manure Pit	\$95,000.00	\$750.00
Bunker Silo	\$150,000.00	\$600.00
Garage	\$70,000.00	\$943.75
New SDD	\$400,000.00	\$ 4,635.00
Roof Solar	\$130,000.00	\$500.00
House Reno	\$50,000.00	\$500.00
SDD Demo	\$0.00	\$100.00
House Reno	\$5,000.00	\$500.00
Septic	\$18,000.00	\$550.00
House Demo	\$0.00	\$100.00
	\$2,850,000.00	\$18,397.35





Respectfully submitted by:

John Scherer
Manager Building Services/CBO

THE CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BLANDFORD-BLENHEIM
BY-LAW NUMBER 2189-2020

Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council.

WHEREAS by Section 5 of the *Municipal Act* 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its Council.

AND WHEREAS by Section 11 of the *Municipal Act* 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, the powers of every Council are to be exercised by by-law;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim hereby enacts as follows:

1. That the actions of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim in respect of each recommendation contained in the reports of the Committees and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim, at this meeting held on May 6, 2020 is hereby adopted and confirmed as if all such proceedings were expressly embodied in this by-law.
2. That the Mayor and proper officials of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the actions of the Council referred to in the proceeding section hereof.
3. That the Mayor and the CAO / Clerk be authorized and directed to execute all documents in that behalf and to affix thereto the seal of the Corporation of the Township of Blandford-Blenheim.

By-law read a first and second time this 6 day of May, 2020.

By-law read a third time and finally passed this 6 day of May, 2020.

MAYOR
MARK PETERSON

CAO / CLERK
RODGER MORDUE