



May 21, 2026 Council Highlights

On May 21, 2026, the Municipality of Bayham held a meeting of the Committee of Adjustment, a Public Planning Meeting, as well as the Regular Meeting of Council.

New Bayham Public Servants Taking the Stage!

Aaron Bell, Planner, was appointed to be the Secretary-Treasurer at the Committee of Adjustment Meeting and provided further planning support throughout the night.

Jeff Carsey, Water Systems Supervisor, made his first presentation to Council discussing treatment plant capacity.

Council as well as staff welcomed them to the team, as they both hit the ground running with exceptional presentations.

Committee of Adjustment

A Minor Variance at 48 Milton Street was approved. The approval was to allow lot coverage to be increased from 30% to 38% to accommodate the inclusion of a deck to an approved building.

Planning Meeting

The public had the opportunity to submit comments regarding a proposed Zoning By-law amendment located at 7923 Coyle Road. The purpose of the proposed by-law amendment was to provide a site specific designation of the property for residential use, with a reduced frontage.

Elgin County Planning

Recommendations from Municipal Council were forwarded to the Elgin County Land Division Committee for the following property locations:

- 22 Ann Street, Vienna
- 55424 Vienna Line, Vienna
- 6846 Plank Road, Vienna
- A yet to be numbered lot abutting 6846 Plank Road, Vienna

Road Work Ahead

Steve Adams, Manager of Public Works|Drainage Superintendent had multiple reports on the agenda.

Peters Paving Inc was selected to install the asphalt pavement at the Port Burwell Marine Museum, as well as the North Street reconstruction project.

Duncor Enterprises Inc. was selected for surface treatments on Murray Road as well as Chute Line.

Let's talk about Water

Jeff Carsey, Water Systems Supervisor re Wastewater provided and update on Treatment Plant Capacity.

Transparency and Related Cost Controls

A piece of correspondence initiated a spirited discussion about the cost of investigations conducted by provincially mandated entities and the extent to which those costs are ultimately paid by the rate payers. Concerns were raised that, in many cases, these investigations have found the Municipality to be in compliance, prompting questions about whether the community's oversight and accountability mechanisms are at times being weaponized albeit intentional or unintentionally.

A resolution was passed to include the correspondence as part of future discussions and negotiations for services such as the Integrity Commissioner, as well as in office escalation policies.

June Meeting Date Change

The June 18, 2026, Regular Meeting of Council, is being moved to June 25, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

**For further details, view the meeting agenda and minutes [HERE](#)
and watch the YouTube live-stream [HERE](#)**

DATED at the Municipality of Bayham this 15th day of May, 2026.

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