March 5, 2026
Council Highlights

On March 5, 2026, the Municipality of Bayham held three meetings, inclusive of a Statutory Public Meeting, the Committee of Adjustment, as well as the regular Meeting of Council.

Planning

A Statutory Public Meeting was held to discuss and overview Phase Four – Final Draft of the Official Plan Review. Arcadis Professional Services presented a slideshow to go over proposed updates, as well as to clarify that this Official Plan review is a conformity exercise. A key takeaway was that this is meant to bring the Municipality in conformity with the recently updated Elgin County Official Plan, as well as the Provincial Planning Statement, not to be a holistic comprehensive review of the Official Plan.

After the Official Plan Meeting was completed, the Committee of Adjustment held a meeting to consider the following Minor Variance:

- COA-03/26 – 6356 Plank Road

  A variance was passed to permit a Minimum Side Yard Width of 1.2m on the north side and 0.9m on the south side for a two storey dwelling, whereas, where a garage or carport is attached, 1.2m plus 0.5m for each additional or partial storey above the first storey on each side of the combined building is required. The variance was also inclusive of permitting a Minimum Lot Frontage of 12.8m (with Public Water & Sanitary Services, whereas 15.0m is required.

During the Regular Meeting of Council, Council reviewed a Consent application to sever a parcel from lands located at 56649 Heritage Lane. Council recommended approval of this application to the Elgin County Land Division Committee.

Financial Reports

The Treasurer provided a report to Council recommending a short-term investment strategy. The analysis went through multiple financial institutions offerings, as well as opportunities to provide maximum benefit to the community by lumping cash on hand with Cemetery reserves into a single proposal.

Council provided direction to purchase a 1-year GICs from the Royal Bank of Canada for all investment accounts, including those of the Calton and Straffordville

cemetery boards.

Drainage

Two drain improvement petitions were considered by Council.

Little Jerry Creek Drain, as well as the Bartley Drain Smith Branch Extension had major improvement requests. Council having received these requests appointed Spriet Associates Ltd. to prepare reports for consideration.

Site Plan Agreements

CAO, Thomas Thayer, provided an update regarding site plans for the property at 56149 Glen Erie Line, Port Burwell. The agreement was put in place to identify the location of a large-scale supplementary farm dwelling.

The report included information about delegation of duties by-laws that give the CAO the responsibility to oversee this process. As the CAO was conducting his duties as assigned, the report was received for information.

For further details, view the meeting agenda and minutes HERE and watch the YouTube live-stream HERE

DATED at the Municipality of Bayham this 10th day of March, 2026.

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