



June 19, 2025 Council Highlights

Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity

Council received a lengthy information Report from the Manager of Capital Projects / Water & Wastewater regarding current and remaining capacity at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in Port Burwell.

The Report identified that significant development interest and increased wet weather events have increased the allocated capacity at the WWTP to near the 90-percent threshold established by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). This threshold is 90 percent of the WWTP's design capacity and necessitates expansion or development moratorium discussions. The Report also noted a number of subdivision applications having been received by the Municipality so far in 2025, which, if approved, will put the WWTP around 93-94 percent.

Further information will be coming to Council later this year from staff and Arcadis regarding mechanisms to address the remaining capacity, including the potential for allocation to certain serviced areas of Bayham, enforcement of private sump pump connection removal from the sanitary system, and process for implementing a development cap on the system, if necessary.

Development Applications

Council received three (3) reports regarding development applications:

- Consent Application E24-25 Heritage Grown Inc. 57238 Light Line
- Rezoning Application ZBA-15/25 Neufeld 56132 Howey Line
- Rezoning Application ZBA-27/24 1498855 Ontario Inc. 92 Edison Drive

Council recommended the Heritage Grown Inc. consent application for approval to Elgin County Land Division Committee. The two rezonings were approved by Council, with by-laws adopted later in the meeting.

The 1498855 Ontario Inc. rezoning by-law was a repeal-and-replace of the by-law adopted on May 15, 2025 to remove a permitted use from the property. The Official Plan Amendment associated with the file will be considered by Elgin County later this month.

2025 Municipal Assistance – Second Intake

The Clerk advised that only one Municipal Assistance application was received during the second and final official intake for 2025.

Council approved the request from the Port Burwell Legion in support of their Remembrance Day Parade, scheduled for November 9, 2025.

CAO Reports

The CAO presented two Reports to Council:

- Site Plan and Development Agreement – 32 Robinson Street, Port Burwell
- 2026 Bag Tag Program

The site plan and development agreement Reports was presented to Council as an information item as the CAO has delegated authority to enter into site plan and related development agreements under By-laws No. 2025-008 and 2024-049.

Regarding the 2026 bag tag program, Council resolved to move Bayham to a non-expiring bag tag, and increase the price of additional bag tags from \$2.00 to \$2.50. Council did not change the allocation of bag tags for 2026. Eligible residential properties will still receive 52 tags. Eligible commercial properties will receive 86 tags. Eligible agricultural properties will receive 16 tags.

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

DATED at the Municipality of Bayham this 20th day of June, 2025.

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