



March 7, 2024 Council Highlights

Solar Eclipse – April 8, 2024

The Fire Chief/CEMC presented a Report to Council regarding the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. This is a rare event in southern Ontario. Staff will be activating the Emergency Operations Centre on April 5 through April 8 for this event as a large influx of visitors to the area may impact municipal and emergency operations, including fire, ambulance, and road crews.

More information on the eclipse is available on the [Elgin County website](#).

Award of Quote for GPS Surveying Equipment

Council awarded the purchase of GPS surveying equipment to Horizon Measurement Solutions Inc. in the quoted amount of \$25,000 + HST. This item was approved in the 2024-2033 Capital Budget as Item PW-17. The equipment will be used primarily for public works and roads projects, and municipal drainage.

Planning Reports

Council received four rezoning reports and one report for an Official Plan Amendment:

- Rezoning – Silverthorn
- Rezoning – Underhill, R & L
- Rezoning – Wall
- Rezoning – Graham
- OPA – Underhill Farms Ltd.

Council resolved to adopt all five amendment requests. The rezoning applications were all approved by by-law. The Official Plan Amendment has been adopted by by-law and forwarded to the County for final approval.

Housing Enabling Water Systems Fund (HEWSF) Application

Council was supportive of a CAO Report identifying the opportunity to apply for a grant for the Eden Pumping Station expansion. This project was approved in the 2024-2033 Capital Budget as Item WW-04 (\$250,000). The project is currently with CJDL for design engineering and background works. If successful, the Municipality will receive up to 73.33 percent of the overall project value (up to \$183,000) to help fund construction and additional housing capacity in Eden, and assist the Province in their housing goals.

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

DATED at the Municipality of Bayham this 11th day of March, 2024.

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