



TOWNSHIP OF SOUTHWOLD

Report to Council

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SUBJECT MATTER: Strategic Plan Update #2 – 2025 Progress

Recommendation:

1. None – For Council Information.

Purpose:

The Township Strategic Plan was adopted in August 2023 and requires an annual review to determine if the plan is being implemented. This report serves as the update of the progress for the year ending 2025.

Background:

The Strategic Plan document is attached for reference (Appendix "A"). This plan was developed with community input to help guide Council and administration's efforts over the 4 year Council term (2022-2026).

In addition to the Strategic Plan, there is a Detailed Implementation Plan (Appendix "B") that can be used to track progress against the Goal Actions. The implementation plan includes a column where staff have added comments on progress against the Goal Actions. While the Strategic Plan is quite ambitious, many of the Goal Actions have seen some progress since the plan was adopted.

In addition to adding comments to the Implementation, a 2025 Highlights document (Appendix "C") has been attached. While this document includes some overlap with the Strategic Plan, it also includes other noteworthy projects and achievements over 2025.

Strategic Plan Goals:

The above recommendation helps the Township meet the Strategic Plan Goal of:

- Managed Growth

- Welcoming and Supportive Neighbourhoods
- Economic Opportunity
- Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability

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1. Introduction

The Township of Southwold’s Strategic Plan will guide Council and administration’s efforts over the next four years to support a high quality of life and economic opportunity in this growing community.

Southwold is a rural community of 4,990 people (July 2022) in Elgin County located west of the City of St. Thomas, south of the City of London and south of the primarily rural Middlesex County.

The background to the development of the Strategic Plan is detailed in a Key Findings Report issued in May 2023. The Key Findings Report includes the results from detailed economic and demographic analysis and broad-based community engagement.

This report represents Phase 3 of the Strategic Planning Process. The Strategic Plan builds on the Key Findings Report with a review of Strategic Priorities identified by Southwold Council in July 2023. The Strategic Plan includes the Township’s vision, mission, goals, objectives and actions.

Figure 1: Strategic Planning Process





2. Strategic Priorities

Strategic priorities are those issues that must be addressed to ensure a positive future for Southwold.

Southwold Council identified three main strategic priorities based on the research and analysis and community consultation conducted through the strategic planning process.

They are:

Managing growth/building community: Thoughtful planning and investment that balances the needs of current residents, newcomers and commercial development while protecting agricultural land.

Economic development: Investment readiness and support for new and existing businesses

Cost management/ accountability: Prudent financial management to address current needs and prepare for the future.



3. Vision and Mission

The vision statement is a short phrase describing the future that the Township of Southwold is ultimately working towards. The mission is a one sentence statement of what the Township of Southwold does and why. Together the vision and mission provide the foundation for a series of goals and objectives.

VISION The Township of Southwold is a vibrant, safe, and growing rural community recognized for its high quality of life and economic opportunity.

MISSION To provide quality municipal services that support growth, prosperity, and exceptional quality of life through prudent management.

4. Goals and Objectives

Goals and objectives provide further definition and direction for the strategic plan. **Goals** are the broad end states that the Township of Southwold wants to achieve. **Objectives** are the desired outcomes as a result of the goals.

| | Goal | Objective |
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| | 1. Managed Growth | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies and programs that manage growth, maintain community character, protect agricultural land, and align with community capacity. • Infrastructure to support identified residential and industrial growth areas. |
| | 2. Welcoming and supportive neighbourhoods | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive, resident-focused programs, services, and facilities throughout Southwold. |
| | 3. Economic opportunity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment readiness and support for new and existing businesses. |
| | 4. Fiscal responsibility and accountability | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prudent financial management to address current needs and prepare for the future. • Engaged and informed residents, businesses, and other interested parties. |



5. Strategic Actions

Strategic actions are the specific, measurable steps required to achieve the goals and objectives. The following section provides the rational and specific actions related to the four goal and objectives.

|  | Goal 1 | Managed Growth |
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| | Objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Policies and programs that manage growth, maintain community character, protect agricultural land, and align with community capacity.• Infrastructure to support identified residential and industrial growth areas. |

The Township of Southwold has experienced significant residential development of 9% over the past five years. It is also part of a region experiencing major industrial growth. The increased demand for serviced residential and employment land is creating an unprecedented need for expanded infrastructure. Wastewater infrastructure, in particular, is required to support investment in Southwold.

It will be critically important to focus the Township's resources with an infrastructure plan that will prioritize, stage, and scope its infrastructure investments. The infrastructure plan will allow the Township to determine the required capital and ongoing costs and the Township's capacity to fund these investments.

A wastewater infrastructure plan is one key component of the long-term vision required for the capital investment plan. The infrastructure plan will also help the Township's to advocate and apply for funding from the provincial and federal government.

The community engagement conducted through this strategic planning process highlighted the need for a greater range of housing formats and budgets to best support a growing, diverse population. There is also a strong desire to protect the agricultural land that is so vital to the local economy and community culture.

The Township should review its existing policies and provide additional supports and incentives to encourage a greater range of housing with more affordable and attainable housing options. Strategies to increase residential density will ensure that the residential development supports population growth with while retaining Southwold's finite resource of agricultural land.

High speed, reliable and affordable internet and cellular connectivity are also essential services for households and businesses in Southwold. The Township should continue to support initiatives that will expand services to underserved areas and provide the critical connections needed to support families and economic development.



GOAL 1 ACTIONS

- 1.1. Establish a wastewater infrastructure plan that includes the location, capacity, staging, and budget required to support projected residential and commercial growth.
- 1.2. Develop long-term plans and budgets for municipal infrastructure investment and operations.
- 1.3. Allocate sufficient resources and seek external sources of funding to address Southwold’s hard and soft infrastructure needs.
- 1.4. Establish policies and incentives to support mixed residential development with a focus on affordable and attainable housing within existing residentially zoned areas.
- 1.5. Continue to maintain policies that protect agricultural land and recognize agriculture’s contribution to Southwold’s economy and community culture.
- 1.6. Support and participate in initiatives to expand and enhance internet access throughout the Township.

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|  | Goal 2 | Welcoming and supportive neighbourhoods |
| | Objective | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusive, resident-focused programs, services, and facilities throughout Southwold. |

Community parks, programs and facilities are also important forms of infrastructure that contribute to residents’ quality of life. The Township has an important role in bringing residents together and creating a place that sustains and supports their social, physical, and emotional wellbeing.

The Township’s programs and services need to support demographic shifts and a growing population. The community consultation also revealed a desire for cycling trails and sidewalks to connect Southwold’s communities and bring residents to the Township’s parks, sports fields, and recreation centres. Childcare and active living activities for seniors were identified as important programs to support the needs of specific segments of the community.

Community festivals and celebrations, beautification efforts, sports programs, volunteering, youth engagement and environmental conservation are some of the ways Southwold can connect community members, celebrate community character, create welcoming and supportive neighbourhoods while building civic pride.

The Township’s support of local arts, heritage and cultural can provide economic benefits and add to residents’ wellbeing by building community identity and pride,



fostering social inclusion, connecting residents to the past, providing platforms for creative expression and establishing a unique Southwold identity.

GOLA 2 ACTIONS

- 2.1 Establish long-term plans to maintain and enhance parks, programs and facilities that support social interactions throughout Southwold.
- 2.2 Expand active transportation links between Southwold communities.
- 2.3 Explore opportunities to expand age specific programs and services such as childcare and active living programs for seniors.
- 2.4 Maintain and support events and programs that create civic pride, support community character, and encourage community involvement.
- 2.5 Support and promote local arts, heritage, and culture.

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|  | Goal 3 | Economic Opportunity |
| | Objective | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment readiness and support for new and existing businesses. |

Southwold’s Community Economic Development Plan established in 2020 includes five goals:

- 1. Community Engagement
- 2. Investment Readiness
- 3. Branding/Communication
- 4. Business Development
- 5. Enhanced Infrastructure

Since that time some of the specific actions have been addressed and others are no longer priorities. A review of the 2020 strategy will provide an opportunity to update the priority and timing of the strategic actions.

Since the strategy was adopted, Southwold Township has welcomed a new Amazon warehouse facility which is expected to create approximately 1,000 jobs. Other investments in neighbouring communities are expected to create thousands of new jobs in manufacturing and other supporting industries. Workforce development will be a critical consideration for new and existing businesses in Southwold and should be considered in the updated strategy.

There has also been increased interest and demand for large industrial sites since 2020. Southwold needs respond to this demand by compiling information on the



industrially zoned land, determining the owners' interest in selling and considering the costs and timing to provide the required infrastructure for development.

Another critical element in supporting investment inquiries will be compiling and providing local and regional economic development data. The economic and demographic data in the Key Findings Report includes 2021 Census data that was not available when the 2020 Strategy was completed. The Township needs to proactively compile local and regional data to respond to investment opportunities as they emerge.

The Township should also maintain regular contact with Elgin County and the Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus (WOWC) economic development committees efforts which could support Southwold Township's economic development goals.

Existing businesses are the foundation of Southwold's economy. Meetings with the business owners and operators can provide insights into how to retain and assist businesses to grow. It can also help determine the opportunities and barriers to attracting additional investment in the community.

Finally, community engagement participants shared their dissatisfaction with the appearance and limited use of Shedden's four corners. There were several suggestions including establishing a small business resource centre, commercial business location or additional community services. Southwold Township should ensure that current zoning provides the maximum flexibility to support a variety of uses to revitalize this important intersection. Community Improvement Plan incentives could also be an important consideration to support the rehabilitation and redevelopment of the area.

GOAL 3 ACTIONS

- 3.1 Update and implement the 2020 economic development strategy to reflect the emerging challenges and opportunities related to major regional investments.
- 3.2 Engage with industrial landowners to determine their interest in selling and the property specifications required for development.
- 3.3 Compile and share local and regional economic development data to ensure Southwold is investment ready.
- 3.4 Identify opportunities to attract commercial service providers to meet local demand in urban settlement areas.
- 3.5 Establish a business visitation schedule to assess and address local business opportunities and barriers.
- 3.6 Leverage and partner in County and other regional economic development programs and initiatives.



3.7 Explore opportunities for additional, alternative uses that will enhance Shedden’s four corners.

|  | Goal 4 | Fiscal responsibility and accountability |
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| | Objectives | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prudent financial management to address current needs and prepare for the future.• Engaged and informed residents, businesses, and other interested parties. |

Council and Southwold residents are keenly aware that the infrastructure needed to support growth is both essential and expensive. Supporting economic development efforts will help to expand and diversify Southwold’s tax base which will help to support this investment.

Southwold Council has been wise stewards of the Township’s financial resources. It has maintained healthy reserves and managed its debt to minimize the risk associated with escalating interest rates. Southwold Township has low tax rates compared to neighbouring jurisdictions and is committed to remaining competitive. It will need to monitor its tax rates in comparison with its peers to balance its competitive tax rates with the investment in infrastructure to support the community’s current and future needs.

Southwold Township has a team of loyal, hardworking staff members, many with very long tenures that are key to efficient Township operations. Providing competitive wages, investing in employee training, and maintaining a supportive work environment will be important considerations to continue to attract and retain a high performing staff.

The need for regular communications with Southwold’s constituents was a key theme during the community consultations. Residents and businesses want to be informed about the strategic plan and its implementation. Southwold needs to continue to explore and identify the most effect methods and channels for providing regular updates to its constituents including online and more conventional communications tools. A formal communications plan with established goals and outcomes and regular review and refinement will help to identify the most effective methods for connecting and deepening the relationship with residents and businesses.



GOAL 4 ACTIONS

Financial management

- 4.1 Support economic development efforts to expand and diversify Southwold's tax base.
- 4.2 Support the long-term sustainability of municipal finances through stable, healthy reserves and thoughtful borrowing.
- 4.3 Protect and sustain Southwold's infrastructure while retaining competitive tax rates.
- 4.4 Recruit, develop and retain a high performing workforce with competitive salaries, training programs and a supportive work environment.

Engaged and informed stakeholders

- 4.5 Develop a communications plan to introduce the strategic plan and provide updates on its implementation.
- 4.6 Explore additional channels and strategies to increase and expand communications with residents and businesses.

6. Next Steps

This Strategic Plan is intended to guide Southwold Council for the next four years to achieve its vision of a vibrant, safe, and growing rural community that offers a high quality of life and economic opportunity.

The implementation plan is the final element in the strategic planning process. It will be developed following approval of the Strategic Plan vision, mission, goals, objectives, and actions. The implementation plan will identify the priority level, timing, and related performance measures of the strategic actions. Together the strategic plan and the implementation plan will provide the Township of Southwold with the tools to plan and measure its progress towards its goals. Providing regular updates to Southwold's ratepayers will help to continue the positive momentum and encourage greater engagement with the community.



Strategic Plan - Implementation Plan Update #2 – 2026-02

Detailed Implementation Plan

| Goal 1 | Managed Growth |
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| Objective | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policies and programs that manage growth, maintain community character, protect agricultural land, and align with community capacity. • Infrastructure to support identified residential and industrial growth areas. |

| Goal 1 Actions | Partners | Time Frame | Priority | Updates |
|--|--|-------------------------|----------|--|
| 1. Establish a wastewater infrastructure plan that includes the location, capacity, staging, and budget required to support projected residential and commercial growth. | Elgin County, ICI developers, residential developers | Short term and ongoing | Critical | Shedden and Fingal Sanitary Sewer Construction started. Talbotville WWTP – exploring options in conjunction with successful HSWS Grant Application |
| 2. Develop long-term plans and budgets for municipal infrastructure investment and operations. | Southwold, third party consultants | Medium term and ongoing | High | Roads Needs Study Adopted – 5 Year Financial Phase-In Plan to bring Investment to Required Levels 10 Year Capital Plan lays out a methodical investment strategy aligning with Asset Management Principles Water Rate Study Completed – adopted rates and plans align with asset management principles |

| Goal 1 Actions | Partners | Time Frame | Priority | Updates |
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| | | | | <p>Stormwater Rate – provides a sustainable funding source to responsibly manage our Urban Stormwater Assets</p> <p>Comprehensive Asset Management Plan approved.</p> |
| 3. Allocate sufficient resources and seek external sources of funding to address Southwold’s hard and soft infrastructure needs. | Southwold, provincial, federal governments, Federation of Canadian Municipalities | Medium term and ongoing | High | CHIF and HSWS Grant Applications for Talbotville Wastewater – HSWS successful |
| 4. Establish policies and incentives to support mixed residential development with a focus on affordable and attainable housing within existing residentially zoned areas. | Residential developers, Elgin County, Ministry of Housing | Short term and ongoing | High | Use of Subdivision Process to encourage the inclusion of mixed density developments (towns, semis and condos in Shedden and Fingal) |
| 5. Continue to maintain policies that protect agricultural land and recognize agriculture’s contribution to Southwold’s economy and community culture. | Ontario Federation of Agriculture, OMAFRA, Elgin County | Short term and ongoing | High | Engaging with agricultural community on major capital projects ie. Fingal Reconstruction |

| Goal 1 Actions | Partners | Time Frame | Priority | Updates |
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| 6. Support and participate in initiatives to expand and enhance internet access throughout the Township. | Elgin County, private internet providers, WOWC, SWIFT | Ongoing | Medium | Support of the ASHIP Fiber installation, expedient approvals for ROW use. |

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| Goal 2 | Welcoming and supportive neighbourhoods |
| Objective | Inclusive, resident-focused programs, services, and facilities throughout Southwold. |

| Goal 2 Actions | Partners | Time Frame | Priority | Updates |
|--|---|---------------------|----------|--|
| 1. Establish long-term plans to maintain and enhance parks, programs and facilities that support social interactions throughout Southwold. | Elgin County, community associations, sports clubs, school boards | Medium | High | Parks and trails master plan nearing completion Worked with community partners on expansion of conservation areas (LTVCA/Stoss) Working with developers to expand trails and nature-based park features |
| 2. Expand active transportation links between Southwold communities' | Elgin County, community associations, Province | Medium to long term | Medium | Actively working with community partners to link Shedden and Fingal with a Trail Facilitated additional conservation land (LTVCA/Stoss Property). Parks and Trails Master Plan identified potential trail connections. |
| 3. Explore opportunities to expand age specific programs and services such as childcare and active living programs for seniors. | Elgin County, community associations, public health, province | Ongoing | High | Young at Heart Committee grant application for seniors programming, exploring additional options for more services and opportunities |

| Goal 2 Actions | Partners | Time Frame | Priority | Updates |
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| 4. Maintain and support events and programs that create civic pride, support community character, and encourage community involvement. | Community associations, local businesses | Ongoing | Medium | Southwold 175 Planning Committee was established to celebrate the 175 th Anniversary of the Township – Successful event held in August 2025 Continued support for events like Family Day/Winterfest and other community events such as Rosy Rhubarb, Tractor Pull, Fair, etc. |
| 5. Support and promote local arts, heritage, and culture. | Community associations | Ongoing | Medium | Southwold 175 celebration supports local artists. Support plays in partnership with the History Committee |

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| Goal 3 | Economic Opportunity |
| Objective | Investment readiness and support for new and existing businesses. |

| Goal 3 Actions | Partners | Time Frame | Priority | Updates |
|--|--|----------------------|----------|---|
| 1. Update and implement the 2020 economic development strategy to reflect the emerging challenges and opportunities related to major regional investments. | Southwold Economic Development Committee, Elgin County, Elgin/St. Thomas Small Business Centre | Short term | High | Application to ROD Program September 2025 for funding to update plan. |
| 2. Engage with industrial landowners to determine their interest in selling and the property specifications required for development. | Property owners | Short term | High | Held a landowner meeting, two owners agreed to combined marketing Third landowner in process of developing a commercial industrial subdivision |
| 3. Compile and share local and regional economic development data to ensure Southwold is investment ready. | Southwold Economic Development Committee, Elgin County, Elgin/St. Thomas Small Business Centre | Short to medium term | High | County completed the Investment profile booklet Industrial Lands Maps Compiled servicing data and one sheets for individual properties |
| 4. Identify opportunities to attract commercial service providers to meet local demand in urban settlement areas. | Southwold Economic Development Committee, Elgin/St. Thomas Small Business Centre | Medium term | Medium | Leveraged surplus Township holdings to keep an anchor business in Shedden. Commercial plaza redevelopment will provide |

| Goal 3 Actions | Partners | Time Frame | Priority | Updates |
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| | | | | up to 6 spaces for new businesses |
| 5. Establish a business visitation schedule to assess and address local business opportunities and barriers. | Elgin County | Short term and ongoing | High | Through the County, the BR&E visits |
| 6. Leverage and partner in County and other regional economic development programs and initiatives. | Southwold Economic Development Committee, Elgin/St. Thomas Small Business Centre, Elgin County, WOWC | Short term and ongoing | High | Working with the County to bring property to the Certified Site inventory with the province |
| 7. Explore opportunities for additional, alternative uses that will enhance Shedden's four corners. | Southwold Economic Development Committee, Elgin/St. Thomas Small Business Centre, community groups | Medium term | Medium | Redevelopment of the Commercial Plaza and Firehall properties proceeding Options for streetscape improvements for the area |

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| Goal 4 | Fiscal responsibility and accountability |
| Objective | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prudent financial management to address current needs and prepare for the future.• Engaged and informed residents, businesses, and other interested parties. |

| Goal 4 Actions | Partners | Time Frame | Priority | Updates |
|--|--|------------|----------|--|
| 1. Support economic development efforts to expand and diversify Southwold's tax base | Economic Development Committee, Elgin County | Ongoing | High | Support of new industrial commercial subdivision Support of water servicing for Marcell in Talbotville Liaise with interested developers to sell the Southwold Advantage Redevelopment of the Commercial Plaza and the Firehall Support of Village Commercial in the East Section of Shedden |
| 2. Support the long-term sustainability of municipal finances through stable, healthy reserves and thoughtful borrowing. | NA | Ongoing | High | Asset Management Plan finalized and adopted by Council. One Water Rate Study, Parks Master Plan, Development Charges Update, Road Needs Study, Capital Plan and Asset Management Plan all support long-term sustainability Leveraging Land Sale dollars to supplement the grant funding Established Stormwater User Rates and Reserve |

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| 3. Protect and sustain Southwold's infrastructure while retaining competitive tax rates. | NA | Ongoing | High | Capital Plans and smart investments with overlapping components get best value for dollar Purchasing partnerships on roads paving and treatment projects leverage purchasing at scale. |
| 4. Recruit, develop and retain a high performing workforce with competitive salaries, training programs and a supportive work environment. | NA | Ongoing | High | Addition of Infrastructure and Development Technologist position to assist with high level of construction and development activity. |
| 5. Develop a communications plan to introduce the strategic plan and provide updates on its implementation. | NA | Short term and ongoing | High | Project PIC's, Website, posting of the Capital Plans, ongoing use of social media and other communication tools Added Voyent Alert to the communication "tool box" Implementation of PSD Citywide to report issues through service requests |

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| 6. Explore additional channels and strategies to increase and expand communications with residents and businesses. | Community associations, Elgin County | Medium term | High | Continue to investigate new communication tools and strategies to reach additional residents, especially for emergency purposes. |
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Other Noteworthy Accomplishments and Highlights from 2025

Staff Report CAO 2026-03 Appendix "C"

Miscellaneous

- Added Voyent Alert to communication options – about 350 subscribers have signed up to date – continue to promote to increase numbers
- Southwold 175 – Major Township led Community Event in August 2025
- H&S Program – engaged contracted assistance with funds available from WSIB rebate – starting to make progress with JHSC, facility inspections and H&S Program
- Budget finalized earlier than past years – 3.87% increase, maintains lowest tax rate in County
- Started using the Elgin County Planning Department for local Planning Administration Services
- Major water main break February 19, 2025 affecting most areas of the Township
- Completed the move of the AP process to Laserfiche, engaged Ricoh to create/implement online AP program through Laserfiche. Train staff on new process, roll out program, complete payment runs etc.
- Rural Ontario Development (ROD) Grant Application
- OCWA Agreement Negotiation and Renewal
- Started process of updating AMP with Watson & Associates Economists with January 2026 adoption anticipated

Human Resources:

- CAO/Clerk change in February
- Several significant grievances and staffing changes in the Public Works Department
- PW Superintendent Paul Van Vaerenbergh retired October
 - Extensive recruitment for replacement – 7 + 4 interviews about 20 hrs worth
 - Cassandra Loewen appointed as PW Superintendent, which created a GIS/AM vacancy
- Brought Matt Criel on for GIS/AM
- 2 new PW employees brought on in June
- 1st year for one road employee moving to parks for the summer
- New position created to assist with significant capital and development work – Infrastructure and Development Technologist
 - Mac McConnell was recruited for the position

- Community Services and Communications Clerk position vacancy – Allison Duncan recruited for the position

Properties

- Closed the Stoss Property Sale to DHP – development has started
- Teetzel Property – working towards milestones to finalize the sale to DOMUS Developments
- Shedden Commercial Plaza – tentative sale to DHP in progress, should close in 2026
- Sold former Shedden Firehall to Evelyn’s Sausage Kitchen for retail and restaurant space – development in progress
- Evelyn’s Sausage Kitchen – New Development – new production facility and residence in progress at the east side of Shedden
- Purchased property to west of Municipal Office for future development opportunities

Fire Department:

- Implementation of Fire Prevention and Training Divisions
- Talbotville Station Completion and Grant Opening
- Reimbursements for MVCs (Motor Vehicle Collisions) on Township Roads outside of MTO roadways.

Building/By-law

- New Building By-law – updated to reflect some OBC and BCA (building Code Act) changes, implemented timeline of permit file and possible revocation of refundable permit deposits for permit holders who don't call for all inspections and close out files. seems to be working, so far this year, major increase in percent of permits closed without extra man hours chasing people.
- Several significant by-law matters
- Have seen an increase in property standards complaints and amount of time required to resolve

IDS Department:

- Installed Sanitary Sewers on Union Road in Shedden, opening the way for new housing and businesses in Shedden
- Replacement of the Horton Drain on Union Road
- Implementation of the Storm Water Reserve and Monthly Fee for Urban Areas, eliminating the need for individual assessments

- Passage of the One Water Rate Study and implementation of monthly billing in Urban Areas
- Passed the Integrated Water Systems Management Bylaw, a comprehensive review and update to over 32 different bylaws.
- Work Order Software Adoption, usage expansion to date over 400+ workorders issued and completed to date, over 450 service requests, 390+ completed,
- New Public Works Building completed, competitively delivered, neighboring municipalities are now looking to Township for Guidance
- John Wise Line and Longhurst Line rehabilitated and improved, under budget
- Over \$30,000 in development review billings
- Received 3 Draft Plan of Subdivision submissions in Shedden, one is heading for servicing this winter
- Shedden WWTP started construction in November of 2025
- Fingal Reconstruction started November 2025
- Parks and Trails Master Plan substantially completed
- DC Update Underway, target Q1 2026 completion
- Completed Site Plans for Marcel Equipment welcomed them as a new business to Southwold
 - Site Plan for neighboring commercial property underway
- Received and processed 13 consent applications
- Processed 22 road occupancy permits, for hundreds of kilometers of fiber to the home installation.
- Replaced the Iona Road culvert and completed road improvements there, under budget
- Updated watermain mapping, zoning mapping
- CHIF Grant Application for Talbotville Sanitary Wastewater
- HSWS Grant Application for Talbotville Sanitary Wastewater – successful
- Extensive interaction and consultation with MTO on Highway 3 By-pass project
- Closed Ford Road
- Installation of 5 smart hydrants to monitor system pressures, enabling faster response time, better system modelling and decision making.