



## Spring Road Maintenance Underway



As part of the municipality's ongoing commitment to road safety and community upkeep, several important maintenance initiatives are now underway across local hamlets and rural routes.

A contractor has been secured to carry out street sweeping throughout the hamlets. This work will help improve road cleanliness, enhance safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and support stormwater management by clearing debris from curbs and catch basins.

Select gravel roads will receive fresh maintenance gravel to restore surface quality and ensure safe and smooth travel. This work is part of the municipality's regular upkeep schedule and addresses wear and tear from winter conditions.

To prepare for the dry months ahead, all gravel roads are scheduled to receive an application of calcium chloride. This dust suppressant helps improve driving visibility and comfort while also reducing road surface degradation.

Crews are actively addressing damage caused by snow plows over the winter. Repairs include pothole patching, grading, and culvert inspections to ensure proper drainage and safe road conditions.

Tree and brush cleanup efforts will also be taking place in various areas across the municipality. This work will address storm damage and support overall road safety. These seasonal efforts not only help extend the life of municipal infrastructure but also demonstrate the municipality's ongoing investment in the well-being of residents. Keeping roads safe, clean, and accessible is a shared priority, and staff appreciate the patience and cooperation of the community during these essential maintenance activities.

Residents are encouraged to use caution around maintenance crews and equipment, and to report any areas of concern through the municipal service portal. For updates on roadwork and other municipal services, **visit [adjtos.ca](http://adjtos.ca)**.

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### Land Acknowledgement

The Township of Adjala-Tosorontio is situated on the lands within Treaty 18 being the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg peoples, including the Ojibwe, Odawa and Pottawatomi Nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy. This land is home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples.

We acknowledge Indigenous Peoples as stewards of the land and we honour their resilience as well as their culture, and of our shared respect for the lands, plants, animals and waterways, which sustains us all.

We recognize the injustices against Indigenous Peoples and are mindful that the decisions of government impact our shared land and all the inhabitants.

We commit to reconciliation as a journey, foster Indigenous cultural awareness and educational opportunities; establish respectful and healthy relations with Indigenous Peoples; continue to steward the land and its inhabitants; and to cultivate an inclusive community for all.



## Message from Mayor Scott W. Anderson

Significant progress has been made since our last newsletter, with your Council continuing to focus on the goals outlined in the Township Strategic Plan. Efforts have been directed toward the municipal budget, planning for infrastructure and road needs, enhancing communication processes, and strengthening staff resources.

Council approved the 2025 Municipal Operating and Capital Budget with a net levy of \$10,301,700. This translates into a modest blended tax increase of 2.49%—

one of the lowest in Simcoe County. This equates to an estimated annual increase of \$105 for a property valued at \$500,000. I am extremely proud of Council and Staff for their diligence building a budget for now and for the future. The 2025 budget is not only a financial plan - it's a reflection of Council's commitment to infrastructure, environmental sustainability, and improving the quality of life for residents with community vitality. Capital investments include \$2.7 million in road and infrastructure construction, \$280,000 for fire department equipment and gear, \$138,000 in water and wastewater upgrades, \$418,000 for our parks and recreation, \$162,000 for office and technology upgrades, and the addition of four staff positions to improve the services we can provide to residents.

On behalf of Council, I was pleased to welcome our new Chief Administrative Officer Chris Kalimootoo to the Township. Mr. Kalimootoo brings a wealth of experience in the municipal sector to this role. Council is keen on working with our new CAO to keep moving forward with goals and providing excellent service for the community. I thank retired CAO Eric Wargel for returning to fill the role of Interim CAO during the recruitment period. His service and valued advice was appreciated, and his efforts advanced our Township in so many ways.

I wish to congratulate Chris Rutters on her retirement as Deputy Treasurer after 21 years with the Township. Chris's steadfast service to Adjala-Tosorontio showed in everything she did with the Finance Department, from serving customers at the counter or on the phone, to providing information and corporate knowledge to staff and myself. I wish her all the best as she enjoys more time with family and playing cards with friends.



*Deputy Treasurer Chris Rutters, centre, receives her 20-year service certificate in December 2024 from Interim CAO Eric Wargel (left) and Mayor Scott Anderson (right).*

As we enjoy the warmer weather and gear up for summer, please be mindful when you are driving through our community and keep a watchful eye on children and families biking/walking or playing in or near neighborhood parks. On behalf of Township Council and Staff, enjoy the summer months, stay active and stay safe.

## 2025 Regular Council Meeting Schedule

Regular Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month, with Closed Session starting at 5:30 p.m. when required, and Open Session starting at 6:30 p.m. Residents may attend the meeting in person in Council Chamber at the Township's Municipal Centre or watch the live stream on our YouTube Channel.

Council Meeting Agendas are posted Thursday before the Council meeting, with a Matters Ahead social media post highlighting top issues posted the day before the meeting. For a summary of all items, you can visit [adjtos.ca/macr](https://adjtos.ca/macr). After each meeting, a Council Recap will be posted to social media with full highlights posted on the Matters Ahead and Council Recap webpage.

- Wednesday, May 14, 2025
- Wednesday, June 11, 2025
- Wednesday, July 9, 2025
- Wednesday, August 13, 2025
- Wednesday, September 10, 2025
- Wednesday, October 8, 2025
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025
- Wednesday, December 10, 2025





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## Hamlet History

The community of Sheldon was first settled in 1834 when John Alexander was granted a parcel of land in Concession 1 of Mono Township. A creek ran through his property, flowing east into Adjala Township before eventually joining the Nottawasaga River. Recognizing the potential for water power, Alexander built a home and a large grist mill. This development attracted other tradespeople leading to the formation of a small hamlet.

George E. Parker later arrived, took over operation of the mill, and opened a general store. By the 1860s, Sheldon had grown into a bustling little settlement. In those early days, farmers often had to stay overnight while waiting for their flour to be milled. During the busy season, they sometimes remained for several days, and the mill-house was converted into a guesthouse to accommodate them. Sadly, the original mill was destroyed by fire on June 27, 1963, the cause of which remains unknown.



# Municipal Sewerage Decreased by 20%



Effective April 1, 2025, Council has approved a temporary change to the sewer use rate that will benefit residents throughout the community.

**What does this mean for you?**  
Starting in Quarter 2 (April 1 – July 1, 2025), residents will notice a 20% reduction in their sewer usage calculation.

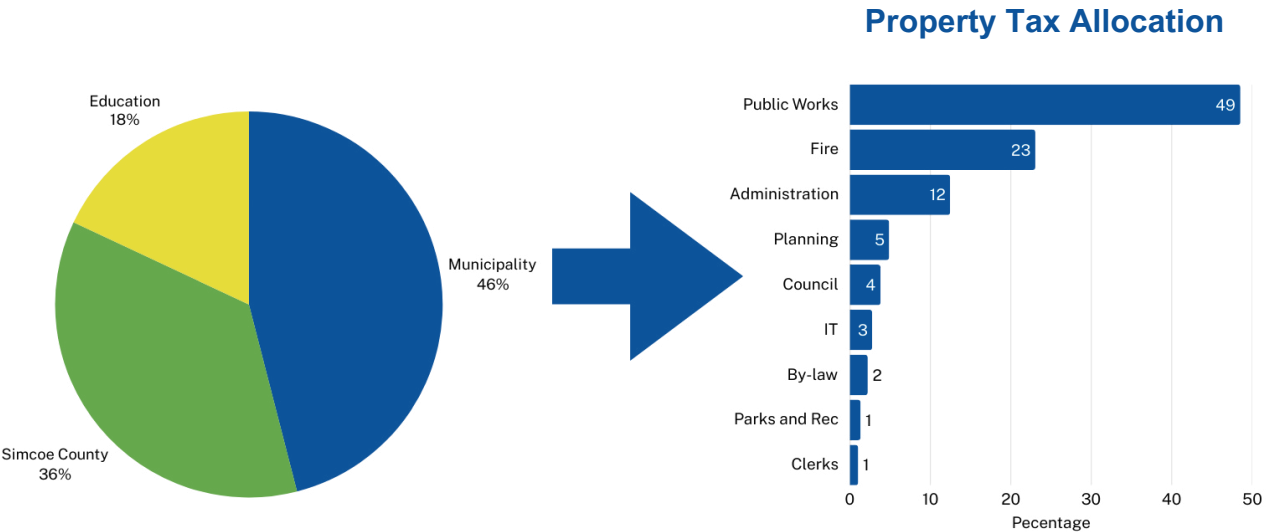
**Here’s how it works:**  
For residential properties connected to the wastewater system, the wastewater rate is applied to 80% of total water usage that is read by your meter.

**For example:**  
100 cubic metres x \$5.43 (current sewer rate) = \$543.00 x 80% = \$434.40.  
This adjustment reflects a savings of \$108.60/100^3.

Water and Wastewater charges are billed quarterly. The remaining 2025 Water and Wastewater due dates are July 31, 2025 and October 31, 2025.

# Municipal Property Tax Where Does it Go?

Ever wonder where your property tax dollars actually go? Even though your property tax bill is paid to the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, only 46¢ of every dollar stays right here in the Township. The rest? Take a look! Keep in mind: while the Township collects the full amount, we pay a portion to the County and Education for services not provided by the Township.



Property Tax Interim Installment Dates		Residential, Farm and Managed Forest	Commercial and Industrial
Final Bill	Installment 3 Due	July 31, 2025	August 29, 2025
	Installment 4 Due	September 29, 2025	October 31, 2025

# Spring Maintenance: A Friendly Reminder

As spring blooms and summer approaches, Adjala-Tosorontio residents are encouraged to turn their attention to an often-overlooked part of their property: septic systems. With many homes in the area relying on private septic systems, regular maintenance is essential to avoid costly repairs, system failures, and environmental damage. A properly maintained system runs efficiently and helps prevent contamination of groundwater and drinking water sources, protecting both your property and the surrounding environment. Residents are reminded that all new septic installations, upgrades, or repairs must be inspected and approved by the Township before any work begins to ensure compliance with safety and environmental standards. Taking the time now to care for your system can save money and stress down the road, helping to ensure a worry-free summer and a cleaner, healthier Adjala-Tosorontio. Simple practices like conserving water, spreading out laundry loads throughout the week, and avoiding the disposal of fats, oils, and harsh chemicals down the drain can go a long way in preserving the life of your septic system. By staying proactive and informed, residents can play a key role in safeguarding their homes and the natural beauty of the Township for generations to come.





# Automatic Aid Agreement

We've got some great news when it comes to keeping our community safe! This March, a new partnership between Adjala-Tosorontio Fire and Clearview Fire Services officially launched — and it's already making a difference.

Thanks to this Automatic-Aid Agreement, residents in the southern part of Adjala-Tosorontio (up to 100 metres south of Sideroad 30, from Concession 4 to the Mulmur-Tosorontio Townline) will now see Clearview fire trucks arriving first at most emergencies. This means even faster response times when every second counts. But don't worry — Adjala-Tosorontio Fire is still very much involved. Our team will continue handling major incidents, fire prevention, public education, and issuing burn permits.

This collaboration is all about working together to keep our residents safe — and that's something worth celebrating!

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to the Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department by email at [fire@adjtos.ca](mailto:fire@adjtos.ca).

# Spring Cleaning? Don't Forget Fire Safety!

As you dive into your spring cleaning, here are a few important fire safety tasks to add to your "to-do" list to help keep your home and family safe:

- Make sure your house number is easy to see from the road — this helps emergency responders find you quickly if needed.
- Clean the filters above your stove — built-up grease can be a hidden fire hazard.
- Vacuum the coils on your refrigerator — not only does this help prevent overheating, but it also keeps your fridge running more efficiently.
- Inspect outdoor electrical outlets and appliances — look for signs of animal nests and check wiring to make sure everything is in good shape.
- Check fuel containers — look for leaks and ensure they're stored safely, away from heat sources.
- Clear out carports and garages — remove dry leaves, trash, and anything that could catch fire. Combustible materials near hot vehicle parts (like mufflers) can pose a serious risk.

Taking a little extra time now can go a long way in preventing fires later. Stay safe!



Checking your smoke alarms regularly is a simple but crucial step in keeping your home and loved ones safe. These devices are often the first line of defense in alerting you.

If you are unable to check your smoke alarms, the Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department will visit your home.



**Above:** On March 15th members of the Adjala & Everett Firefighters Associations held their Annual Muscular Dystrophy Boot Drive. Thanks to the generous support from the community, there was a total of \$6,818.50 raised for this great cause. Many thanks to those who contributed.

# Canada Day in Adjala-Tosorontio!

Celebrating our True North  
Strong and Free!

- Live Music
- Kids Activities
- Raffles
- Information Booths
- Touch-A-Truck
- Refreshments
- Fireworks

Don't forget your lawn chair!

Personal fireworks, including sparklers are strictly prohibited. Parking is limited. The Township encourages carpooling.

**Tuesday, July 1, 2025**

**Warden's Park**

**7855 30th Sideroad, Alliston**

## ARTWORK SUBMISSIONS

We're inviting students to submit artwork to display for the Art Showcase on Canada Day.

**Kindergarten to Grade 3** - What does Canada mean to you?

**Grade 4- 8** - Iconic Canadian Symbols

On the back of the artwork, please include:

- Students first name and last name initial
- Grade
- School Name

A prize will be offered for 1st and 2nd for each grade division (e.g., K-3 and 4-8)

You can drop off your artwork at the Municipal Centre during business hours.

## Road Resurfacing

The Township is moving forward with several road resurfacing projects this season to improve driving conditions and extend the life of local infrastructure. The following roads are scheduled for upgrades:

- Concession Road 3 – from Line 6/7 to County Road 12: This stretch will undergo grinding, reshaping, and repaving to improve surface quality and safety.
- Mono-Adjala Townline – from 5 Sideroad to Highway 9: Full grinding, reshaping, and repaving will be completed to address wear and tear.
- Concession Road 8 – from Magnolia Ave to 5 Sideroad: Reshaping and new asphalt will create a smoother driving surface.
- 20th Sideroad (Tosorontio) – from Mulmur-Tosorontio Townline to Concession Road 2: This section will be reshaped and resurfaced using tar and chip to enhance durability.
- 17th Sideroad – from Concession Road 3 to Concession Road 4: Grinding, reshaping, and repaving will restore this roadway to a safer condition.

Drivers are asked to use caution and follow posted signage when traveling through construction zones. Thank you for your patience as we work to keep our roads safe and well-maintained.

## Upcoming Events In Our Community

The following events have been submitted by local community groups. For additional information on events listed, please contact the community group directly. Are you a local community group wanting to be featured in our Fall 2025 Newsletter Edition? Contact [customerservice@adjtos.ca](mailto:customerservice@adjtos.ca) to be added to our mailing list. Submissions are subject to review and discretion of the Editor.

### June

**Alliston & District Humane Society Woof Walk** - This annual fundraiser will take place at the Municipal Centre (7855 30<sup>th</sup> Sideroad in Alliston) on Saturday, June 7 at 11 a.m. All are welcome!

**Everett Legion 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - Held on June 21, the Legion will host a pancake breakfast, bike rodeo, parade, dinner, among many more other activities. Everyone is encouraged to attend and celebrate 75 years.

**CPR** - CPR Training will take place in the Public Room at the Municipal Office located at 7855 30<sup>th</sup> Sideroad in Alliston on June 28, September 20 and October 25. The event is held by Concerned Citizens of Adjala-Tosorontio.



### Official Plan Public Information Centre

You're invited to join us for an **Official Plan Public Information Centre** this June! Come learn more and share your input on the future vision for our community. Scan the QR code to read the latest Staff Report on the Official Plan. Stay tuned to our website and social media for the official date!



# Kids Corner!

School's almost out, and summer fun is just around the corner! Grab your crayons, markers, or pencil crayons and bring our Summer Fun Colouring Page to life with your brightest, most creative colours!

Show off your masterpiece! Snap a pic and send it to [communications@adjtos.ca](mailto:communications@adjtos.ca) OR drop it off at the Municipal Administration Centre (7855 30th Sideroad, Alliston)—we'll proudly display your artwork for everyone to see! Let's celebrate the start of summer with colour, creativity, and FUN!



# Community Contacts

## Township Services

### Report a Concern

705-434-5055  
[www.adjtos.ca/report](http://www.adjtos.ca/report)

### Ontario Clean Water Agency

1-866-775-7712 (Non-Emergency)  
1-800-461-9675 (After Hours Emergency)

### Canine Control

705-220-6890

## County of Simcoe

### Service Simcoe

705-735-6901  
Toll Free: 1-800-263-3199

### Garbage and Recycling

Tosorontio Landfill  
• 6815 Concession Road 4, Everett  
Hours:  
• Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Government Services

### Terry Dowdall, MP Simcoe-Grey

705-435-1809

### Brian Sauderson, MPP Simcoe-Grey

705-435-4087

## Education Services

### Simcoe County District School Board

705-728-7570

### Simcoe Muskoka Catholic District School Board

705-722-3555

## Health & Emergency Services

For Police, Fire and Ambulance  
Emergencies dial 9-1-1

### Nottawasaga O.P.P (Non-Emergency)

705-434-1939

### Health811 (Telehealth Ontario)

Dial 8-1-1

### Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Cookstown

705-458-1103  
Health Connection: 1-877-721-7520

## Community Services

### Nottawasaga Futures

705-502-0311

### 211 Ontario

Dial 2-1-1  
[www.211ontario.ca](http://www.211ontario.ca)



## Looking for a career in Municipal Government?

Review our Employment Opportunities at [www.adjtos.ca/employment](http://www.adjtos.ca/employment)

### Current Employment and Volunteer Opportunities:

- Fire Chief
- Volunteer/Paid On-Call Certified Firefighters

## Employment Services

### FOCUS Employment Services

705-435-9821

### Canada Employment Center

705-435-9391



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