



Township of Southgate Council Meeting Highlights October 7, 2026

- **Celebrating Southgate with Communities in Bloom**

Council welcomed the Communities in Bloom evaluation report and judges' feedback. The report provides valuable insight and ideas for continuing to enhance Southgate's community spaces and local pride.

- **Exploring the Future of the Keppel Street Municipal Facility**

Council reviewed concept designs for the municipal facility at 5 Keppel Street. Council's comments and ideas on the proposed renovation and conversion will be shared with R.J. Burnside & Associates for consideration.

- **Supporting Local Business Improvements**

Council approved one-year extensions for four Community Improvement Plan (CIP) grant projects. The extensions give these projects additional time to be completed and remain eligible for reimbursement, subject to the approved deadlines.

- **Planning and Development Updates**

Council approved an extension of the Part Lot Control exemption for Edgewood Greens Phase 11. Council also passed a zoning by-law to permit a proposed parochial school at 112191 Grey Road 14, with site plan approval required. Council supported draft street names for the Glenelg Phase 3 subdivision. The names will return for consideration through a future by-law.

- **Looking Into Local Rabies Vaccination Clinics**

Council directed staff to explore the possibility of offering or helping coordinate local rabies vaccination clinics. The review will look at potential veterinary partnerships, costs and logistics, with a report expected before the end of March 2027.

- **Keeping Municipal Services Ready**

Council adopted updated policies for winter control coverage and waterworks personnel coverage, helping guide staffing arrangements for these important municipal services.

- **Council Addresses OPP Detachment Board Funding**

Council authorized Southgate's \$3,311 share of the Grey Bruce OPP Detachment Board's projected 2026 operating deficit, while raising concerns about rising board costs. Council also called on the Province to contribute toward the board's administrative levy.

Upcoming Meetings:

- Southgate Public Library Board – Library Mill Room – Oct 15, 2026 @ **6:00 PM**
- Inaugural Council Meeting – Council Chambers - Holstein – Nov 16, 2026 @ **6:00 PM**
- Southgate Public Library Board – Library Mill Room – Nov 19, 2026 @ **6:00 PM**