



Township of Southgate Council Meeting Highlights September 16, 2026

- **Growing the Southgate Community Fund**

Council welcomed Community Foundation Grey Bruce for a presentation on the Southgate Community Fund and received the presentation for information.

- **Southgate to Host Multicultural Day in 2027**

Council welcomed YMCA Grey Bruce Immigrant Services for a presentation on its Annual Multicultural Day Celebration. Council also supported the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce in hosting the 2027 Multicultural Day Celebration in the Township of Southgate.

- **Moving the Elevation Subdivision Forward**

Council supported several important steps to move Signature Homes Elevation subdivision (formally known as Edgewood Greens Phase 9) forward. The Final Servicing Capacity Allocation Agreement was approved for the development and Council directed staff to update the Township's Service Capacity Allocation Policy. Council also determined that the conditions associated with the holding zone have been met and approved a by-law to remove the holding provision from the affected lands. Additionally, Council supported extending the draft plan approval for Elevation to November 10, 2029, providing additional time for the development to proceed through the required planning and development process.

- **New Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator**

Council supported appointing Lauren Chee-Hing of Gridin Advocates as the Township's Integrity Commissioner and Closed Meeting Investigator. The formal appointment by-laws will be considered at the October 7, 2026 Council meeting.

- **GRCA Board Representative Put Forward**

Council put forward Township of East Garafraxa Mayor Guy Gardhouse as the proposed joint representative to the Grand River Conservation Authority for East Garafraxa, Amaranth, Southgate, Melancthon and Grand Valley for the 2026–2030 term. If all participating municipalities agree, the appointment will be forwarded to the GRCA.

- **Supporting Continued Infrastructure Funding for Municipalities**

Council supported the Municipal Finance Officers' Association of Ontario's request to make the increased Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund funding permanent beyond 2026. The fund helps municipalities maintain and renew existing infrastructure while also supporting infrastructure needed for community growth.

- **General Announcements**

Members of Council shared community announcements and updates which can be viewed [here](#).

Upcoming Meetings:

- Southgate Public Library Board – Library Mill Room – Sept 17, 2026 @ **1:00 PM**
- Committee of Adjustment – Electronic Participation – Sept 23, 2026 @ **9:00AM**
- * Committee of Adjustment – Electronic Participation – Oct 7, 2026 @ **9:00AM**
- * Public Planning – Electronic Participation – Oct 7, 2026 @ **10:30 AM**
- * Council Meeting – Council Chambers - Holstein – October 7, 2026 @ **1:00PM**

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