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Questions Not Asked

Due to the tight schedule at the meet the candidates meeting, the number of people who had questions and every candidate sharing the microphone, several questions went unasked. Here is a list of things people wanted to know.

- Did each candidate purchase their signs and campaign materials in the township?
- Will the proposed new medical centre be up for tender, despite having costing through the NRC? (Netherland Reformed Congregation)
- Do the mayoral candidates favour strong mayor powers?
- Why is the sign in front of NCC (Norwich Community Centre) not functioning properly? The scrolling marque has not been changed for years.
- What is the cost per grass cutting for township properties?
- What is the cost of having portable washrooms per site?

Candidates, please feel free to answer these questions by sending your response to nwn@execulink.com.

Township of Norwich

Municipal Election Information

Advance Poll: Saturday October 17, 2026

Voting Hours 9:00am – 3:00pm

Norwich Community Centre, 53 Stover St. S. Norwich

Election Day: Monday October 26, 2026

Voting Hours 10:00am – 8:00pm

Voting Locations:

Ward 1

Springford Community Hall

429 Main St. W., Springford

Ward 2

Norwich Community Centre

53 Stover St. S., Norwich

Ward 3

Heritage Reformed Congregation

685 Main St. S., Burgessville

Ward 4

Oxford Centre Community Hall

505386 Old Stage Rd., Oxford Centre

DDSS Under Hold and Secure

This item does not fit into the Noteworthy mandate of featuring Township of Norwich and Oxford County content, many Norwich youths however, go to Delhi District Secondary School, including two of my grand children.

The securement situation on October 9th started at about ten AM, as the OPP investigated an incident of threats. The all clear given after lunch.

West Region OPP Norfolk detachment, stated the incident was an unfounded threat. Student and staff safety was not an issue.

The Ontario Provincial Police thanks the public, students and staff for their patience.

Town Talk



Oliver and Arshara, Australian exchange students

The Whitcroft's hosted a full house for Thanks Giving including international exchange students from Australia attending Brock University in St-Catherines, Ontario.



Not Found

[NWN] was not found in the September 30/26 issue of Noteworthy. That contest is over. Better luck next time. Look for it again in the October 28/26 issue.

It was located on page 9 under the heading Logo Hunt.

Highlights from the October 14 Oxford County Council agenda

Winter snow and ice removal, boards and committees for 2026-2030 council term, and more

Boards and committees for 2026-2030 Council term

County Council is being asked to re-establish existing boards and committees for the upcoming 2026-2030 County Council term: Accessibility Advisory Committee, Land Division Committee, Library Board, Agricultural and Planning Advisory Committee, Active Transportation Advisory Committee, and Striking Committee. Updated terms for Oxford County's Emergency Management Program Committee are also before Council. On Council's approval, the County will begin recruiting for board and committee members to serve over the new term of County Council. Oxford's new County Council will be sworn in on November 25, 2026.

CAO 2026-18 - Boards and Committees Terms of Reference and Term Reports

Winter operations update

A review of Oxford County's winter operations shows that even with experienced staff, established facilities and equipment, and local and technical knowledge, the County's ability for snow and ice removal has been increasingly challenged by changing traffic demands, population growth, added roads to the County's network, changing weather patterns and other factors. In response, Public Works is developing a modernized Level of Service (LOS) framework to establish winter response procedures, target road conditions, response times, and priority networks during severe winter events, while ensuring the

County continues to meet minimum maintenance standards for snow removal set out under Ontario's *Municipal Act.*

PW 2026-35 - 2026 Winter Operations and Maintenance Review | Presentation

Other reports and presentations

- Delegation: Cheque presentation to Oxford County hospitals – Steve Oliver and Rich Fleming, Oxford County Road Supervisors Association
- Delegation: Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) Council term accomplishments - Nicole Langois and Travis Allison
- Delegation: Request for extension of Draft Plan Approval SB 21-07-7 and SB 22-07-7 - Claire Stevenson-Blythe, MDTR Group
- Public meeting and Report CP 2026-164: Application for Official Plan Amendment OP 25-14-7 – Sycamore Holdings Inc.
- Report CP 2026-301: Application for Amendment and Extension of Draft Plan of Subdivision SB 26-01-7- Lindprop Corp.

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Source County of Oxford

Community Input Will Help Shape the Future of Tourism in Oxford County

Annual surveys seek feedback to strengthen the visitor experience across Oxford County

Oxford Tourism is inviting residents, visitors and local businesses to complete one of its annual tourism surveys to provide feedback about tourism in Oxford County.

Launched in 2025, the surveys examine the economic, social and environmental impacts of tourism, along with the quality of customer service. The findings will help Oxford Tourism better understand local priorities and inform policies that reflect community needs.

Residents, businesses and visitors are encouraged to complete the survey that best reflects their experience:

- Tourism Business Operator survey (open until Nov 14)
- Resident survey (open until Nov 14)
- Visitors survey (open until Dec 31)

By taking a few moments to respond, participants can help Oxford Tourism make practical, positive changes that reflect the needs of both local communities and visitors. Source County of Oxford

At The Museum

Lunch and Learn featuring Arthur McClelland was well attended, the house was full. Arthur's presentation "A tale of Two Brothers" took the audience on a history lesson about the Bedford Brothers, who grew up in Norwich and ended up being arrested for treason after the rebellion of 1837. Their lives took different tracks. One was executed while the other was selected for transport to VanDiemen's Land, now Tasmania.

Lunch and Learn sessions are scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month for Oct through May.

Wed Nov 18th Note this day is not the third Wed.
Wed Dec 9th
Wed Jan 13
Wed Feb 10th
Wed Mar 10th
Wed Apr 14th
Wed May 12th





Letters to the Editor

The Editor,

Thank you for doing the interviews again this election. It helps some folks get a feel for who and what the candidates are all about.

I would also like to say, I did not think it was mudslinging at all but more of blunt truth, for which many folks are not prepared. No one ever said Mayor Palmer has vast social graces but what he says he means; he is honest and well researched. He is not full of bluster and does not suffer with vocal diarrhea like some. He just says what he knows and it's up to the listener to take it or leave it.

Thanks for listening.

Victorine

The Editor,

I do so hope that Mayor Palmer gets your noteworthy and reads it, as I swear he has no idea he is such a rude person. I think he put the nail in his own coffin and I give Adrian praise for not laying him out on the ground. I knew Jim was rude, but that was too much. Also when you interviewed him he was rude and when he said he didn't know why anyone would run against him. Oh my! It takes all kinds.

Anonymous by request
Editor has all needed identification



Payables Distribution Report

Payment Dates From Aug-01-2026 to Aug-31-2026

Vendor Name	Payment Date	Payment Type	Account Number	Account Name	Transaction Description	Debit
ZAMBONI COMPANY LTD.	Aug-28-2026	EFT	1-720-4120-0000	ARENA - M & R VEHICLES	ZAMBONI CLOTH	220.00
						$ 220.00
Total						$ 2,006,722.14

The above report is for the period from Aug 1/26 through Aug 31/26 it includes 20 pages. This page is number 20 of 20. $2,006,722.14 was paid out in August of 2026.

What is Wrong With Men Editorial by Vic Whitcroft

Are todays men so out of touch with reality that they cannot find a woman for a date? Are they to be considered “incels,” pitied for being shunned by modern women?

Allow me to explain the word incel for you, in case you are unfamiliar with this term. Incel is a short form for involuntarily celibate. Many men who have unwillingly been celibate for a time, resort to slimy, illegal, tactics to get a woman.

At a wedding some years ago now, I observed young ladies on the dance floor, drinks in hand. My first thought was, are they so hooked on drinking they can’t make it through a dance without having a drink. My wife pointed out that they keep their drink with them to ensure it is not tampered with while it sits unattended on the table.

Fast forward to 2026, I see many ads for hair scrunchies that second as a drink cover. Simply taken from her hair and cover her drink with it. This prevents an unscrupulous suitor from spiking a girls drink as she is distracted to look away briefly. There is also a necklace that with the press of a button, can signal friends, telling them your location and that you need help.

As my wife and I discussed this she made me aware that a group of men, obviously taking the moral high road, have developed a nail polish that turns colour. The woman simply polishes her nails with her favourite colour polish, everything appears normal. If in doubt about the status of her drink, with a quick dip of a finger into her drink, if her finger nail turns colour the drink is undrinkable. It contains the date rape drug.

The men who spike a woman’s drink, are the lowest of the low, so low in fact they resort to a drug induced rape of a young lady who thought she was at the club for a fun evening.

There is an “I need help signal” being promoted, using a one hand signal. Thumb in hand then close the hand over the thumb.



I need help signal

Food for thought

Sexual assault by strangers occurs less often than sexual assault by acquaintances. We naturally treat strangers with caution.

While sexual assault is never the fault of the victim, there are steps a person can take to avoid unwanted sexual contact and protect themselves while dating.

- Know your date.
- If you do not know your date well, meet them and stay in public, populated areas.
- Tell someone you trust where you are going and when you expect to return. Make this fact known to your date. Contact this person once you are safely home.
- Communicate clearly what you want and what your limits are with confidence.
- Be assertive. Act immediately when something happens that you do not like.
- Trust your feelings. If you feel pressured or uneasy, remove yourself from the situation.
- Be aware of anyone who is domineering or manipulative who attempts to impose their will on you or who shows a lack of respect for your feelings.

- Limit your use of alcohol and drugs. They reduce your ability to think clearly and make sound decisions.
- Use the methods described in this article.

Remember that you do not have to accept unwanted sexual attention. You have the right to set your own limits and change these limits over time or with different people.

Finally, if you are at a bar or restaurant you can order an “angel shot”.

The Coded Variations
Depending on how the order is phrased, it tells the bartender what specific kind of help is required

- **Neat / Straight Up:** The customer needs an escort to their vehicle or a safe space away from the person.

- **On the Rocks / With Ice:** The customer needs staff to call a taxi, Uber, or rideshare service for them.

- **With Lime / Lemon / Twist:** The customer is in immediate danger and needs the staff to call the police right away

Ladies be safe out there, at no other time has it been so dangerous for women. Even the president of the United States is a self proclaimed sexual deviant, pedophile and a danger to women old and young alike.

I worry it may get worse.

Norwich United Church Events

The following two pages were too late to make the events issue, I have included them here.



Norwich Baptist Church Events



