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**Council Meeting Highlights**

**March 5, 2025**

* Acting Public Works Manager presented a report to Council to request approval of the 2025 Township of Southgate Road Management Study to Triton Engineering Services Ltd in the amount of $27,500 plus HST.
* Deputy Mayor Dobreen provided an update to Council on the most recent County of Grey Council meeting. Highlights from the February 27, 2025 County Council meeting can be viewed [here](https://www.grey.ca/news/february-27-meeting-highlights-0).
* Councillor John noted that the events held during February for Black History Month were successful, mentioning that there was a lot of outreach to the community and surrounding areas.
* Councillor Singh Soares wished everyone a Happy International Women's Day, taking place on Saturday March 8, 2025.
* A Special Council/Committee of the Whole meeting was held to present the second draft of the 2025 Budget, where an overview of the proposed budget allocations, priorities and anticipated financial impact on the Township’s operations and capital projects. The second draft budget documents can be viewed [here](https://www.southgate.ca/municipal-services/finance-and-taxes/budgets/).
* Recreation Manager Kevin Green presented the recreation plans to Council, highlighting an overview of the programming available, the current available facilities and uses in the Township, and the overarching goals of the direction of recreation in the Township.
* The Township of Southgate is hosting a Public Open House to provide information and to allow the public the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed 2025 Budget. The proposed budget will be presented by staff and an open forum will follow to receive and discuss public comments/questions on Wednesday March 19, 2025 at 6:00PM and the Township of Southgate Council chambers, located at 123273 Southgate Rd 12, Holstein. For further information, or to submit written comments in advance, please contact [clerks@southgate.ca](mailto:clerks@southgate.ca).

**Upcoming Meetings:**

* Council Meeting – *Holstein Council Chambers* – March 19, 2025 @ **1:00PM**
* Special Council Meeting/COW – *Holstein Council Chambers* – March 19, 2025 @ **6:00PM**
* Southgate Public Library Board – *Mill Room* – March 20, 2025 @ **6:00PM**

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