



TOWN UPDATES

September 3 | The Town received notice that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) has extended the existing 110 km/h speed zone on Highway 401 from Essex County Road 46 in Tecumseh easterly to Highway 427 in Toronto, and from Highway 404 in Toronto easterly to 1.7km west of County Road 23 in South Glengarry. This encompasses Northumberland County and is meant to help improve efficiency for drivers, align posted speed limits with other jurisdictions and better reflect typical traffic conditions.

September 9 | The Help and Legal Centre celebrated their 35th anniversary. Congratulations to them on 35 years of strengthening our community by helping individuals and families access justice, support, and essential services.

September 11 | The Town proclaimed September Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and held a flag raising ceremony to commemorate the occasion.

September 12 | The Art Gallery of Northumberland opened their latest exhibition featuring Luke Despatie. Luke's work offers us an opportunity to look at our surroundings in new ways—to notice the places, people and stories that make our region distinctive. It is a beautiful exhibit, and I was pleased to attend the opening.

September 14

Horizon's of Friendship hosted their Annual General Meeting. I was pleased to be invited to attend. It is always inspiring to hear about their work locally and internationally. They have been committed to the community for over 50 years.

The Northumberland Photography Club celebrated their 30th anniversary. Such a momentous milestone for this group. Congratulations to them on three decades of creating an environment where photographers of all skill levels can come together to share their passion, learn from one another, and develop their craft.

Lastly – I was also pleased to attend and drop the puck for the opening game for the Cobourg Cougars. Wishing them a great season ahead!

September 15

The United Way of Northumberland held their Campaign Kick Off Breakfast. Congratulations to them for surpassing their fundraising target and raising over \$850,000. I look forward to hearing about their progress towards their 2026/2027 goal of \$875,000.

Soluroc Inc. celebrated their Grand Opening. As a Canadian manufacturer specializing in innovative, engineered solutions for demanding industrial environments, Soluroc brings valuable expertise, investment, and employment opportunities to our region.

September 16 | We received notice that VIA Rail is choosing to discontinue train 641 in Cobourg. Access to reliable transportation is important for so many people in our community. I have joined other representatives from across Northumberland County in signing an open letter to VIA Rail, calling for greater transparency and asking them to reconsider their decision. In addition, I am working to arrange a meeting directly with VIA Rail to gain a better understanding of the situation and the reasons behind this decision.

September 19 | It was a beautiful weekend for a community BBQ. Always a great experience connecting with residents in beautiful Victoria Park and sharing in some food, drink, and great conversations.

COMING UP

September 24 | National Peace Officers' Memorial Run Ceremony will be held to honour Canada's fallen officers. The run will conclude at Chris Garrett Memorial Park where a moment of reflection will be observed.

September 26 | Grace Church is celebrating its 70th Anniversary! Congratulations to Grace Church on 70 wonderful years! Here's to celebrating the past, cherishing the present, and looking forward to many more years of faith, fellowship, and service.

September 27 | The annual Hike, Bike, & Bark for Hospice event is taking place to raise funds for Ed's House Northumberland Hospice Care Centre Foundation. Such a special event raising money for such an important cause.

September 30 | Alderville First Nation is organizing an Every Child Matters Walk. They have invited representatives from the Town of Cobourg to attend.

COUNTY UPDATES

County releases first digital Annual Report

Northumberland County is continuing its commitment to transparency and open government with the release of the 2025 Annual Report - its first fully digital Annual Report.

Designed with accessibility and ease of use in mind, the new digital format makes it easier for residents, businesses and community partners to access audited financial statements for the County, while also exploring related work, investments and accomplishments over the past year, and key priorities for the current year.

Council adopts modernized governance framework

The County's Procedural By-law governs the calling, conduct, and administration of meetings of County Council and its committees. Council voted today to adopt an updated by-law following a recent review by staff, resulting in modernization and enhancement of a number of the governance provisions. These changes enhance transparency, accountability, accessibility, meeting efficiency and governance effectiveness.

Physician Recruitment initiative marks one-year of impact

On September 22, 2025, the County-Wide Physician Recruitment Pilot kicked-off, with the objective of attracting primary care providers to Northumberland County to support greater access for residents. Results came through early, with the first physician recruited in March 2026. Since then, a total of 5 physicians have committed to practice in Northumberland County: 2 are assuming the practices of retiring physicians and 3 are establishing new practices. 2 will practice in Cobourg, 2 in Port Hope and 1 in Colborne. Collectively, these five physicians are expected to provide access for approximately 6000 patients.

Strong financial oversight keeps County on budget

Each year at approximately the half-way mark, staff provides Council with an analysis of the year-to-date variance from the County Budget. This analysis ensures transparency and identifies potential financial opportunities, threats, ongoing monitoring and/or corrective actions, allowing for responsive decision making. The year-to-date results as of July 31, 2026, indicate that the County remains on budget for this fiscal year, with a favourable variance of \$4.067M.

Analysis of 2025 activity across Northumberland reveals continued interest in development

There is continued interest in residential and non-residential development across Northumberland. While the number of new residential units proposed and

registered in 2025 was below recent historical averages, active applications continue to represent a strong foundation for future growth and investment throughout Northumberland County. A report presented today to Council provides an overview of development applications at various stages of the planning process.

Successful grant applications at over \$300k in first half of 2026

Northumberland County continues to unlock funding to enhance services while minimizing the impact on taxpayers. Between January and June 2026, the County successfully secured \$331,230 in external grant funding through competitive application processes. These funds are supporting key projects and initiatives aligned with the County's 2023-2027 Community Strategic Plan.

Upcoming dates of recognition

- September 28 has been proclaimed National British Home Child Day
- September 30 has been proclaimed National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- The week of October 5 to 11 has been proclaimed Ontario Agriculture Week
- October 10 has been proclaimed World Mental Health Day
- October 10 has been proclaimed World Homeless Day
- The month of October has been proclaimed Cybersecurity Awareness Month
- The month of October has been proclaimed Hispanic Heritage Month