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BREAKING GROUND

Officials mark construction of Courtright Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion

Provincial representatives and municipal leaders officially broke ground on the Courtright Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion Project last month, marking an important milestone for the community and the future growth of St. Clair Township.

This essential expansion is funded in part by a significant \$33,872,000 investment from the Government of Ontario's Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program's Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund (MHIP-HEWSF) and will enable wastewater system capacity for 624 new housing units, while also increasing capacity to support future economic development and industrial investment throughout the Township.

"Through our government's \$4 billion Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program, we are protecting Ontario by investing in local infrastructure that drives economic growth, creates jobs and strengthens communities," said Todd McCarthy, Ontario's Acting Minister of Infrastructure. "For the Township of St. Clair, this project will help enable 624 new homes and support long-term growth within the community."

The project will be led by North America Construction (1993) Ltd. and WSP Canada, along with partners at Colliers and B.M. Ross. The project is expected to last 22 months.

"Today's groundbreaking is an important moment for St. Clair Township and the broader Sarnia-Lambton region," said Bob Bailey, MPP for Sarnia-Lambton. "Not only will this investment by the Ontario government help to get new homes built, but it will also create significant new wastewater system capacity to support large-scale industrial development in St. Clair Township in the years ahead."

"This investment in the Courtright Wastewater Treatment Plant reflects our commitment to future residential and industrial growth — providing strong, sustainable, and critical infrastructure for years to come," said St. Clair Township Mayor Jeff Agar. "We want to thank our provincial partners and all those involved in helping this important project move forward."

For more information about the Courtright Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion, visit www.stclairtownship.ca/wastewater-treatment-plan-expansion/ or contact the Township offices.



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ST. CLAIR TOWNSHIP VOTES



MUNICIPAL ELECTION 2026

For the first time, St. Clair Township will conduct its Municipal Election using internet voting.

Registered voters will receive a Voter Information Kit by mail with a secure personal PIN to cast their ballot online. Make sure you're ready to vote! Check that you're on the Voters' List at **RegisterToVoteON.ca**.

For more information, visit
www.stclairtownship.ca/2026-municipal-election

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IC&I'S RECYCLING

Circular Materials Ontario (CMO) recycling collection (that transitioned in 2023) does not collect blue box materials from non-eligible properties after Jan 1, 2026, as the province has not included them in the program. Non-eligible properties include all Industrial, Commercial or Institutional (IC&I's) properties such as:

- Industrial and commercial properties and Business Improvement Areas not including residential units on the property)
- Commercial farms (not including a residential home on the farm property)
- Places of Worship (not including a residential home on the property)
- Daycares
- Campgrounds & trailer parks for temporary stay
- Municipal buildings or facilities
- Not for profit organizations, shelters
- Post-Secondary Institutions (public or private)



In order to continue collection of blue box materials for IC&I properties, St. Clair Township has entered into an agreement with Emterra Environmental to collect recycling materials through a separate program and schedule. The new pickup date for these properties will be every other Friday starting January 16, 2026.

STORM CLEAN-UP



St. Clair Township crews were busy last month after a severe storm caused significant damage in parts of Mooretown and Courtright. We appreciate your patience as we managed a high volume of service requests and prioritized the most critical safety hazards first.

A FEW REMINDERS FOR RESIDENTS:

Township Property vs. Private Property

- The Township is responsible for clearing fallen trees located on public property, parks, and municipal road allowances. Please contact us directly to report these issues.
- Homeowners are responsible for property cleanup. This includes clearing fallen limbs from your own trees, as well as any neighbour's debris that may have landed in your yard. Residents are encouraged to contact local arborist companies for professional removal support.

The Township does not provide brush collection.

Brush can be disposed of at Curran Recycling, Transco, Waste Depot and St. Andrews Compost site for a fee. We do not clean up brush that is brought from private property to the boulevard.

ROADSIDE REMINDERS

GRASS CLIPPINGS

When mowing your lawn this summer please refrain from throwing/spreading grass clippings on the road surface.

Dangers of grass clippings include:

- Poor gravel road conditions
- Difficulties in road grading
- Rotting organic matter

Dangers of grass clippings on a hard surface include:

- Plugged catch basins
- Rotting organic matter

Please help protect the Township infrastructure, equipment and your neighbours, by directing yard waste inwards toward your private property.

CLEAR THE STREET

It's that time of year again when the streetsweeper is out clearing the roads of debris.

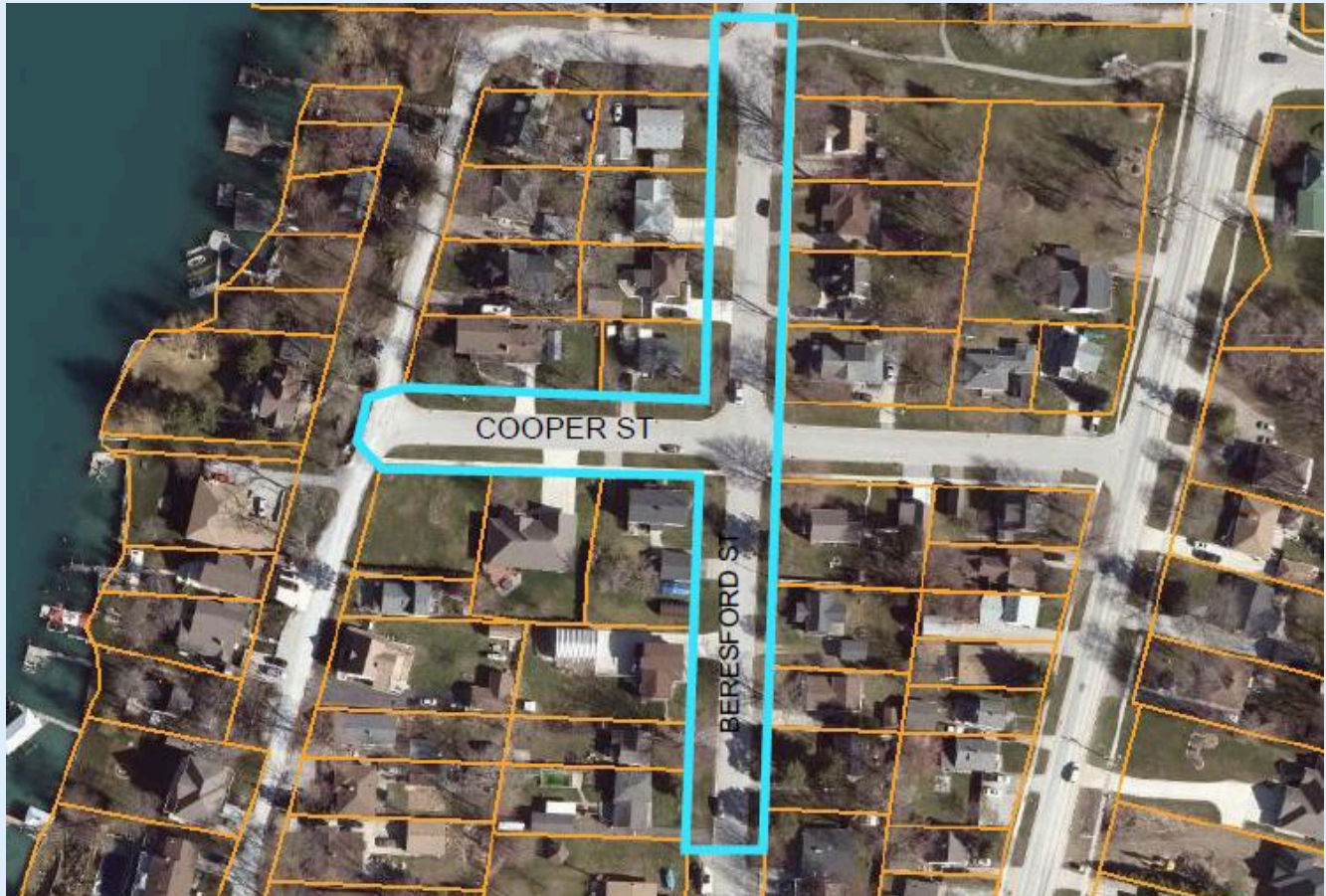
We are reminding all homeowners to clear **recreational sports equipment** (e.g. basketball nets, goalie nets, etc.) from roads and streets. This includes sports nets that are located on the street surface near the back of the curb.

A verbal and/or written warning will be issued to homeowners with sports nets on or near the road.

Failure to remove sports nets and other equipment from roads and streets will result in this equipment being collected by the Public Works Department and stored at the Public Works Operational Centers.



CONSTRUCTION NOTIFICATION – Corunna Beresford and Cooper Street Sanitary Sewer



PROJECT DETAILS

The contract for the Beresford and Cooper Street Sanitary Sewer project has been awarded to Henry Heyink Construction Ltd., with work scheduled to begin July 13, 2026 and anticipated to be complete by October 31, 2026.

• Beresford Street

- Removal of asphalt from nearly the south end of Beresford to Cameron Street
- Short storm sewer replacement
- New sanitary sewer and services
- Construction of a new curb and asphalt road at the same location
- Boulevard areas that are disturbed during the construction activities will be restored to existing conditions at the end of the project.

• Cooper Street

- Removal of asphalt from Tom Street to Beresford Street
- New sanitary sewer and services
- Construction of a new curb and asphalt road at the same location

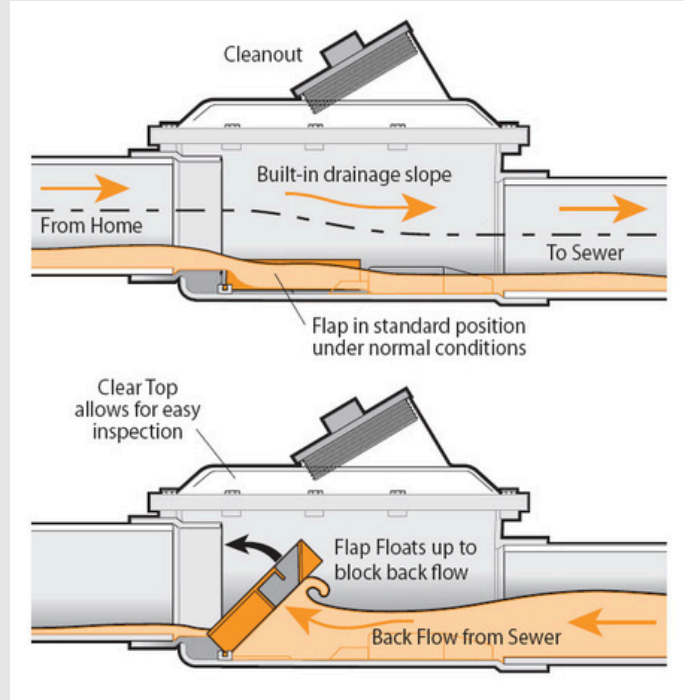
For more information, including a list of frequently asked questions, [CLICK HERE](#).

UNDERSTANDING BACKWATER VALVES

A backwater valve or backflow prevention device is equipped with a check valve that will close when the sanitary sewer system is surcharged. During this time, the residence will be cut off from the sanitary sewer. When the sanitary sewer is able to accept flow from the lateral, the valve will open and the lateral will drain into the sanitary sewer.

Homeowners who have experienced sanitary backup in their home are encouraged to install a backwater valve on their sanitary laterals as a solution to future sanitary sewer backups or flooded basements.

The diagram (right) depicts how the valve stops the sewage from coming back into your home:



BACKWATER VALVE ASSISTANCE POLICY

The Township of St. Clair Council has approved a Sanitary Backwater Valve Financial Assistance Policy for existing buildings within the Municipality. Please refer to the township website for detailed information and a link to the application form.

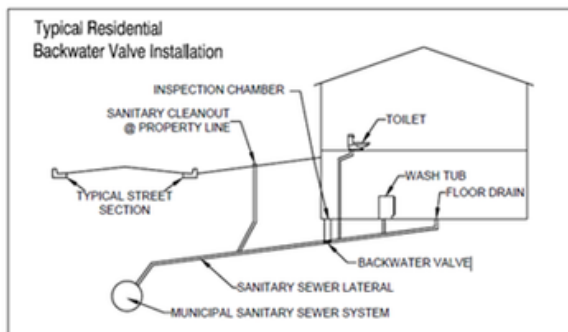
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BACKWATER VALVE OPTIONS

There are two options available for backwater valves and will depend on homeowner preference.

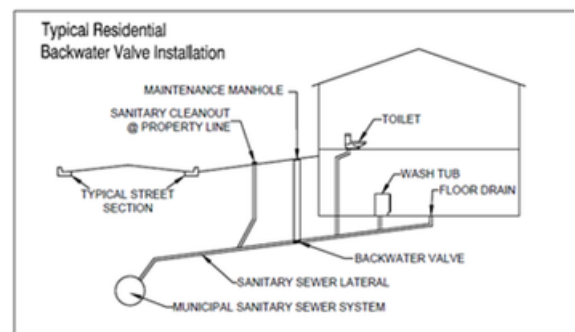
Option 1 Outlines how a backflow preventer would be installed within the foundation of the house.

Option 1: Backwater valve installation inside the foundation of the house



Option 2 Outlines the backflow preventer installed outside the home.

Option 2: Backwater valve installation outside the foundation of the house



SLWC PROGRAM FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. CLAIR

In addition to the backwater valve financial assistance program, the Township has also approved the National Service Line Warranty Program. This is a voluntary warranty protection plan for sewage lines in the event of a failure. This warranty is offered at affordable rates, and covers more than traditional policies. For more information or to enroll, visit our website or call SLWC at 1-844-616-8444 or visit www.slwofc.ca.

FLOODING SURVEY



WE ARE ASKING RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE A SHORT ONLINE FORM IF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED FLOODING ON YOUR PROPERTY OR INSIDE YOUR HOME.

Please take a few minutes to share your experience by scanning the QR code on this page, or [CLICK HERE](#).

WHY COMPLETE THE SURVEY?

The information collected will help us map flood locations within our Geographic Information System (GIS) and better understand how flooding is occurring across the Township's stormwater catchment areas. This data will support future planning, infrastructure improvements, and potential funding applications.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU SUBMIT?

Residents who have experienced a basement flood can expect a follow-up from Township staff in **one to two business days**.

Residents who have experienced yard flooding or flooding in the roadway at their property can expect a follow-up from Township staff in **three to four business days**.

Response times may vary due to frequency and severity of flooding events.

WATER & WASTEWATER UPDATES

HYDRANT FLUSHING

St. Clair Township Public Works will conduct annual fire hydrant flushing on the Township's water distribution system from **April to October 2026, Monday to Friday, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** During this routine maintenance, residents may notice temporary water discolouration due to sediment being stirred up in the water mains. This may occur when using taps, flushing toilets, or doing laundry.

SEWER MAIN FLUSHING

Public Works will be flushing sewer mains connected to the St. Clair Township Sewer System **from April to October 2026, Monday to Friday, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.** During this maintenance procedure, residents may notice some gurgling noises from their drains. If conditions persist after 24-48 hours of normal use, please notify Public Works at 519-867-2993.

WATER UTILITY APPOINTMENTS

Under St. Clair Township By-Law 11 of 2025, appointments with the Public Works Department must be booked at least 48-hours in advance to avoid service fees. Appointments are available on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.



QUESTIONS?

Contact Public Works
519-867-2993 | stclairpw@stclaiirtownship.ca

FOODCYCLER PROGRAM

St. Clair Township continues to offer the Food Cycler Appliances (food waste processing units) at subsidized rates.

The ECO 3 (3.5L) is priced at \$175.00, while the Eco 5 (5L) is priced at \$325.00. Each product includes additional filters, you can also purchase reusable filters through the FoodCycler website.

This product aims to reduce the amount of food waste diverted to landfills and make composting available to everyone.

There are limited quantities of both so get them while they last!



This is an easy to use, odourless closed-loop compost alternative that speeds up the decomposition process that you can use a fertilizer and add to your garden, lawn or existing composting system. Both units feature the powerful Vortech Grinding System that can process nearly all food waste.

PRODUCTS ECO 3 AND ECO 5 SPECIFICATIONS

ECO 3

Product Specifications	
Bucket Capacity	3.5L
Processing Time	4-9 hours
Dimensions (WxDxH)	9" x 13" x 11" (230mm x 331mm x 282mm)
Progress Indicators	4-Phase LED
Power Consumption	~0.9kWh per cycle
Filtration	1 refillable filter
Vent Location	Top
Transmission Torque	20 ft lbs (max)
Color Options	Grey Pure white

ECO 5

Product Specifications	
Bucket Capacity	5L
Processing Time	4-9 hours
Dimensions (WxDxH)	13.5" x 10.9" x 13.8" (342mm x 276mm x 350mm)
Progress Indicators	Real-time progress tracking LEDs
Power Consumption	~1.5kWh per cycle
Filtration	1 refillable filter
Vent Location	Top
Transmission Torque	24 ft lbs (max)
Color Options	Grey White