



Being a Member of Council

Understanding the role and commitment

Council of the Town of Collingwood is comprised of nine members: Mayor (1), Deputy Mayor (1) and Councillors (7), each being elected at-large representing the municipality as a whole. The term of Council is four years (2026-2030), commencing on November 15, 2026.

The Town of Collingwood's governance structure includes: Council and Committee of the Whole. Committee of the Whole is made up of all Council members and provides the public with an additional opportunity to offer input prior to matters being considered by Council.

There are also a number of boards, advisory committees and special ad hoc committees established to provide recommendations and advice to Council. These committees and boards are mostly comprised of volunteers from the community who are passionate and have specific expertise and knowledge. A full list of committees and board can be found here: <https://www.collingwood.ca/council/council-committee-meetings/committees-boards>

Roles & Responsibilities.

The main roles and responsibilities of Council members are:

- to represent the public and to consider the well-being and interests of the municipality;
- develop and evaluate the policies and programs of the municipality;
- determine which services and level of service the municipality provides;
- ensure that policies, practices and procedures are in place to implement the decisions of Council;
- ensure the accountability and transparency of the operations of the municipality, including the activities of the senior management of the municipality;
- maintain the financial integrity of the municipality; and
- to carry out the duties of Council under the Municipal Act or any other applicable Act.

The Mayor provides leadership to Council, is the representative of the municipality at official functions, and presides over Council meetings ensuring business is being carried out efficiently and effectively. The Deputy Mayor position generally acts in the absence of the Mayor. The Town of Collingwood has also been designated Strong Mayor Powers. For more information visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-municipal-councillors-guide/10-strong-mayor-powers-and-duties>

The Mayor also represents the Town of Collingwood as a member of the County of Simcoe Council. An alternate Council member is also selected to sit on County Council when the Mayor is not able to attend.

Generally one (*or more) member of Council is required to be appointed to another body or organization such as the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority Board of Directors, Collingwood OPP Detachment Board, Collingwood Public Library Board, Business Improvement Area Board of Management, Affordable Housing Task Force, Economic Development Roundtable, Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, Joint Physician Retention Action Group and the Sports Hall of Fame. These appointments occur at the beginning of the Term, with an effort to share the additional duties equally from among the elected Council members.



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Accountability, Transparency and Ethical Behaviour.

Council and Staff uphold a high level of ethical behaviour towards its colleagues and the public. Please be sure to review the [Code of Conduct](#) and [Municipal Conflict of Interest Act](#) to better understand your obligations.

When are Committee of the Whole and Council meetings held.

Committee of the Whole and Council meetings are generally held on Mondays (*Wednesday's if there is a statutory holiday). Council recesses for the month of August, except in an election year, allowing for one additional meeting, if required. Regular meetings are held in Council Chambers at Town Hall with a hybrid option for remote participation. All Council members attend in-person, unless there is a special circumstance that would require remote participation. The 2026 Meeting Calendar is available on-line here: <https://www.collingwood.ca/media/file/2026-council-meeting-calendar-finalpdf>

Committee of the Whole/Council: first and third Monday of the month at 2:00pm

Council/In-Camera Meetings: second and fourth Monday of the month at 2:00pm

Special Meetings: At the call of the Chair (or petition signed by a majority of Council members)

Time commitment of a Council member.

The length of a meeting can vary and is affected by the contents of the agenda. In 2025, a total of 172 hours were spent attending Committee of the Whole and Council meetings, with a total of 42 meetings held. It is also the responsibility of Council members to ensure they are prepared for the meeting by reviewing the agenda materials provided.

Council members may be required to attend board and committee meetings, conferences or special events, business opening ceremonies. Council members are also in regular communications with their constituents.

How much does a Council member get paid.

Below is a summary of remuneration provided to members of Council. Additional reimbursement is provided for extra meetings/conferences (\$70 for a half day and \$140 for a full day) with medical and dental benefits available. Expense reimbursement for child and elder care may be provided. All members of Council are currently considered part-time, with the exception of the Mayor who is full-time. The Mayor is provided an office at Town Hall. Meeting space is available to all Council members to meet with colleagues, stakeholders or the public.

Council Position	Annual Salary	Professional Development	Travel	CPP/EHT	EHT
Mayor	\$67,221	\$3,500	\$7,000	5.95%	1.95%
Deputy-Mayor	\$36,486	\$6,500		5.95%	1.95%
Councillor	\$30,906	\$5,500		5.95%	1.95%

* additional compensation is provided by the County of Simcoe to the Mayor and Alternate Member as a member on County Council.